

Annual average inflation for consumer prices increases by 2.0% in 2025

The annual average inflation for CPI in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reached 2.0% in 2025, compared to the annual average of 2024. This increase is mainly driven by a 6.1% increase in prices of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels, and a 1.1% increase in food and beverage prices, reflecting their significant relative weight in the CPI basket (Figure 1).

Most affected sections in 2025

The annual average prices for housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels section increased by 6.1% driven by an 8.2% increase in actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence. The increase in this section had a significant impact on the rise of annual inflation.

The annual average prices for food and beverages section increased by 1.1% driven by a 1.1% increase in food prices.

The annual average prices for restaurants and accommodation services section increased by 1.8% influenced by a 2.4% increase in accommodation services prices.

Meanwhile, the annual average prices for personal care, social protection and other goods and services section increased by 5.1% due to an increase of 18.6% in other personal belongings prices.

The annual average prices for the recreation, sports, and culture

Sections record decrease in annual average prices in 2025

The annual average prices for furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance section dropped by 0.8% influenced by a 3.5% decrease in the prices of furniture, furnishings, and carpets.

Similarly, the annual average prices for Information and communication section fell by 0.7% influenced by a 6.8% decline in information and communication equipment prices.

Meanwhile, the health prices decreased by 0.2% influenced by a 2.2% drop in inpatient therapeutic and rehabilitative services prices (Table 1).

Table 1. Change in the annual average of CPI by sections for 2025 (%)

General Index, sections	Average index during 2025		
	2025	2024	Percentage change %
General Index	103.6	101.5	2.0
Food and beverages	101.8	100.7	1.1
Tobacco	99.5	98.9	0.6
Clothing and footwear	96.7	96.8	0.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	113.0	106.5	6.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	98.0	98.8	-0.8
Health	99.8	100.0	-0.2
Transportation	100.7	100.2	0.4
Information and communication	97.6	98.3	-0.7
Recreation, sport and culture	103.4	100.8	2.5
education services	101.6	101.3	0.3
Restaurants and accommodation services	106.1	104.2	1.8
Insurance and financial services	104.7	98.5	6.3
Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	107.5	102.3	5.1

Table

Figure 1. Annual average of CPI for 2025

