

## Annual inflation rate in Saudi Arabia reaches 1.7% in April 2026 compared to April 2025

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded an annual increase of 1.7% in April 2026, compared to the same month of the previous year (April 2025). This increase was mainly driven by a rise in housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuel prices by 3.8% transport prices by 1.0% and prices of restaurant and accommodation services by 1.0% (Figure 1).

### Rental prices are the main driver of inflation in April 2026 compared to April 2025

Prices of the housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels division increased by 3.8% in April 2026, driven by a 4.8% rise in actual rentals for the housing group.

Similarly, the transport division rose by 1.0% influenced by a 5.2% increase in passenger transport services. The restaurant and accommodation services division rose by 1.0% driven by a 2.0% increase in accommodation services prices. The prices of personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services division increased by 6.3% driven by a 20.8% rise in the prices of other personal effects, mainly due to higher prices of jewelry and watches by 22.5%. The prices of insurance and financial services division also increased by 2.3%, driven by a 4.0% rise in the prices of the insurance group. The prices of entertainment, sport and culture division increased by 1.8% driven by a 2.3% increase in the prices of package holidays.

Additionally, the prices of education services increased by 1.4% affected by 1.6% increase in the prices of secondary education. The information and communications prices also increased by 1.3% driven by a 1.8% rise in the prices of the information and communications group. Food and beverages prices rose by 0.6% driven by a 1.8% increase in the prices of fresh, chilled or frozen meat.

On the other hand, the prices of furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance decreased by 0.5% affected by the decline in the prices of furniture, furnishings and loose carpets by 1.9%.

The prices of clothing and footwear also decreased by 0.3% affected by the decrease in the prices of the clothing group by 0.4% (Figure 2).

### Month-on-month price increase in April 2026 compared to March 2026

On a monthly basis, the CPI in April 2026 recorded a relative increase of 0.2% compared to March 2026, as the prices of the food and beverage division increased by 0.8% driven by a 0.9% increase in the food group. The prices of the housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels division increased by 0.3% the transportation division by 0.3% the health division by 0.2% the insurance and financial services division by 0.5% and the furniture, home appliances and periodic home maintenance division by 0.1%.

On the other hand, the prices of restaurants and accommodation services decreased by 0.3% personal care, social protection and other goods and services by 0.7% and clothing and footwear by 0.1%. The prices of education, entertainment and culture, information and communications, and tobacco services remained stable and did not record any significant relative change in April 2026.

Figure 1: Annual change in CPI

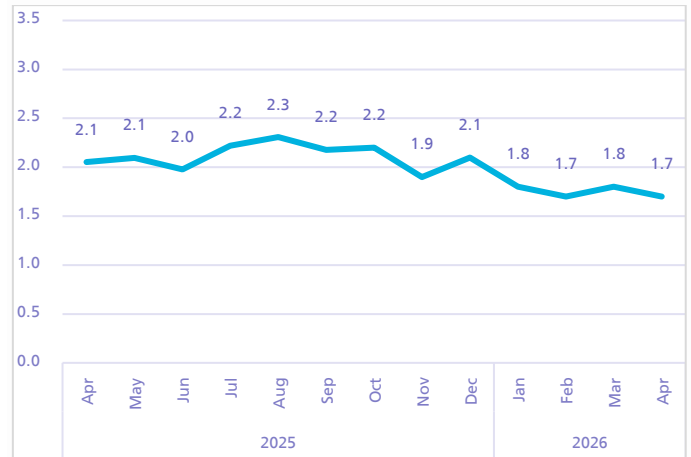
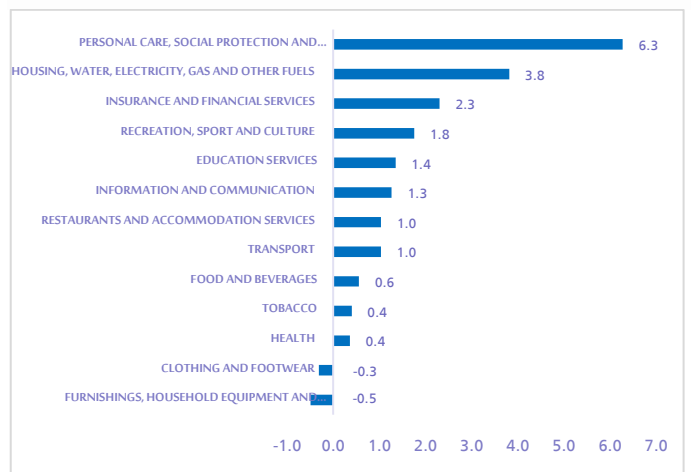


Figure 2: Annual change in CPI by division (April 2026)



## Methodology and quality

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) reflects changes in prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 582 items. The items of this basket were selected based on the results of the Household Expenditure and Income Survey conducted in 2023, and their weights were determined accordingly, in addition to other supplementary data sources related to household final consumption expenditure.

The General Authority for Statistics has adopted a new methodology for compiling the Consumer Price Index, aiming to improve data quality in line with the best international practices. This has been achieved through expanding geographical coverage, increasing the number of points of sale, broadening basket items, and adopting new data sources for regular price collection. Data has been published in accordance with the updated methodology starting from August 2025.

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