

## WPI in Kingdom increases by 0.9% in January 2025

The Kingdom's wholesale price index rose on an annual basis by 0.9% in January 2025 compared to its counterpart in 2024. This increase is mainly attributed to a 1.5% increase in the prices of other transportable goods, and a 4.6% increase in the prices of agriculture and fishery products (Figure1).

### Increase of other transportable goods in January 2025

On an annual basis, other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment section recorded, on an annual basis, a 1.5% increase in prices in January 2025 compared to January 2024, due to an 8.2% increase in the refined petroleum products. Meanwhile, the prices of furniture and other transportable goods n.e.c. rose by 8.1%.

In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products rose by 4.6%, as a result of a 7.0% increase in the products of agriculture.

The prices of fish and other fishing products rose by 1.3%.

On the other hand, the prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles decreased by 0.3%, as a result of a decrease in the prices of meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, oils and fats by 2.7%, and dairy products by 1.6%. The prices of metal products, machinery and equipment also decreased by 0.2%, due to a 3.2% decrease in prices of general-purpose machinery, and a 6.1% decrease in prices of radio, television and communications equipment and apparatus.

Ores and minerals prices also decreased by 2.2%, due to a 2.2% decrease in stone and sand.

### Increase of wholesale prices in January 2025 compared to December 2024

On a monthly basis, the wholesale price index increased by 1.7% in January 2025 compared to December 2024, due to a 4.1% increase in other transportable goods excluding mineral products, as a result of an 8.2% increase in refined petroleum products prices, and a 0.2% increase in furniture and other transportable goods n.e.c..

In the same context, the prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles increased by 0.2%, as a result of a 0.5% increase in the prices of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats, and a 0.9% increase in the prices of leather, leather products and footwear.

On the other hand, the prices of metal products, machinery and equipment decreased by 0.2% as a result of a 0.2% decrease in prices of basic metals, and a 0.3% decrease in prices of general-purpose machinery.

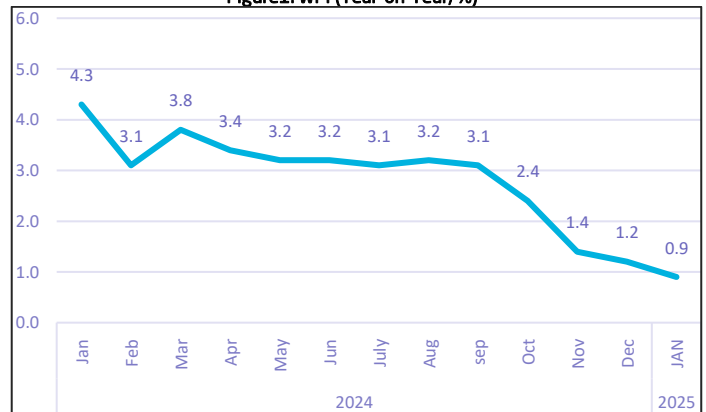
Ores and minerals prices also decreased by 0.1%, due to a 0.1% decrease in stone and sand.

While the prices of agricultural and fishery products stabilized and did not record any relative change In January 2025. (Table1)

Table1. Annual and monthly change in WPI by main product category (January 2025)(%)

General Index, Sections	Percentage change in January 2025 compared to	
	Jan 2024	Dec 2024
<b>General Index</b>	0.9	1.7
Agriculture and Fishery Products	4.6	0.0
Ores and Minerals	-2.2	-0.1
Food Products, Beverages, Tobacco, and Textiles	-0.3	0.2
Other Transportable Goods, Except Metal Products, Machinery, and Equipment	1.5	4.1
Metal Products, Machinery, and Equipment	-0.2	-0.2

Figure1. WPI (Year-on-Year, %)



### WPI Methodology and Quality

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) reflects the development of pre-retail prices of goods in a fixed basket including 343 items. Prices are collected on a monthly basis from points of sale in three main cities: (Riyadh, Jeddah, and Dammam). The year 2014 was determined as the base year. WPI statistics are published on a monthly basis. For more details, click [Methodology and Quality](#) , [Table](#)