

## Kingdom's annual inflation rate reaches 2.3% in April 2025 compared to April 2024

The annual inflation rate in the Kingdom reached 2.3% in April 2025 compared to April 2024. This increase is primarily attributed to the rise in the prices of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels by 6.8%, food and beverages by 2.2%, and personal goods and services by 3.5%. On the other hand, transportation prices decreased by 1.0% (Figure1).

### Rental prices main driver of inflation in April 2025 compared to April 2024

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels section increased by 6.8%, mainly driven by an 8.1% rise in rents paid for housing in April 2025, attributed to an 11.9% increase in apartment rental prices. This growth had a substantial effect on the overall annual inflation rate for April 2025 due to the section's weight, which amounted to 25.5%.

Food and beverage prices increased by 2.2%, driven by a 9.4% rise in vegetable prices. Similarly, personal goods and services prices increased by 3.5%, influenced by a 21.9% rise in the prices of jewelry, watches, and precious antiques. The restaurants and hotels section also rose by 2.0%, driven by a 2.0% rise in catering service prices.

Meanwhile, the education section witnessed a 1.3% increase, primarily due to a 5.6% rise in non-university post-secondary education.

On the other hand, furnishing and home equipment prices decreased by 1.8%, influenced by a 3.5% decline in furniture, carpets, and flooring prices. Similarly, clothing and footwear prices decreased by 1.2%, due to a 2.1% drop in ready-made clothing prices. Transportation prices also decreased by 1.0%, affected by a 1.8% decrease in vehicle purchase prices (Figure 2).

### Prices remain stable monthly in April 2025 compared to March 2025

On a monthly basis, CPI recorded relative stability in April 2025 compared to March 2025, rising by 0.3% due to the increase of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels section by 0.3%, driven by a 0.4% increase in actual housing rent prices. The index also recorded a 0.4% increase in the prices of food and beverage, driven by a 0.7% rise in meat and poultry prices.

Similarly, the prices of personal goods and services section increased by 0.8%, restaurants and hotels prices by 0.7%, furnishing and home equipment prices by 0.4%, education by 0.2%, and clothing and footwear by 0.2%.

However, the index witnessed a decrease in the prices of recreation and culture by 0.4%, and transportation, communication and health section also recorded a decrease of 0.1%.

On the other hand, the prices of tobacco division products showed no significant change in April 2025.

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

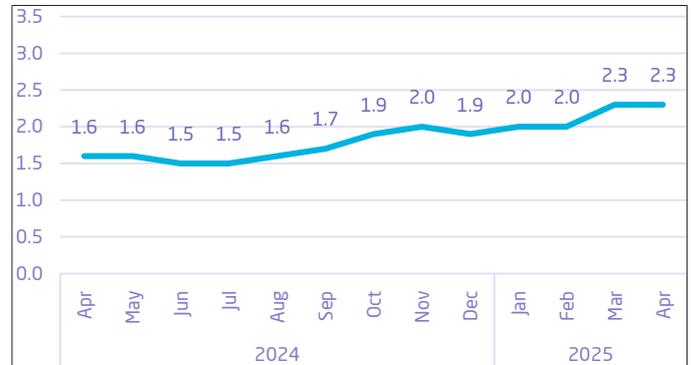
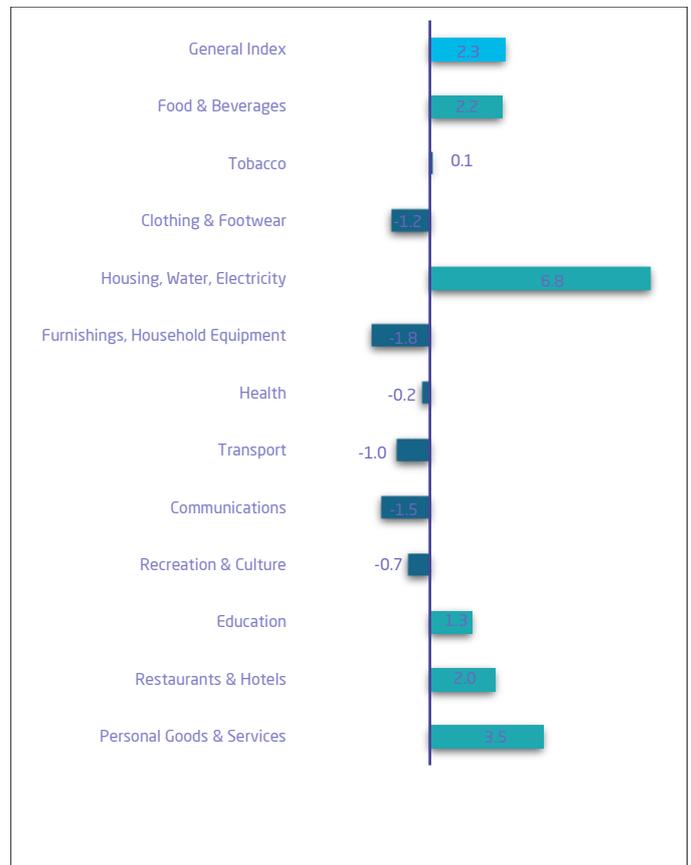


Figure2 . Annual change in CPI by category (April 2025) (%)



### CPI Methodology and Quality

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 490 items. The basket was selected based on the results of the household income and expenditure survey conducted in 2018, according to which the items and their weights were determined. The prices are collected through field visits to points of sale. CPI statistics are published monthly. For more details, click [Methodology and Quality and Table](#).