

## WPI in Kingdom increases by 1.5% in March 2025

The Kingdom's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) rose by 1.5% on an annual basis in March 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. This increase is mainly attributed to a 3.2% rise in the prices of other transportable goods, as well as a 3.6% increase in the prices of agriculture and fishery products (Figure1).

### Prices of other transportable goods increase in March 2025

On an annual basis, the prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment section recorded a 3.2% increase in March 2025 compared to March 2024. This increase was primarily driven by an 8.2% rise in the prices of refined petroleum products. Meanwhile, the prices of furniture and other transportable goods n.e.c. rose by 9.5%.

In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products also increased by 3.6%, driven by a 5.5% rise in the prices of agricultural products.

The prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles rose by 0.1%, mainly due to a 2.1% increase in the prices of grain mills, starch and other food products as well as a 1.2% increase in the prices of leather and leather products footwear.

On the other hand, the prices of metal products, machinery and equipment decreased by 0.2%, driven by a 3.5% decline in the prices of general-purpose machinery, and a 5.5% decrease in the prices of radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus.

Similarly, the prices of ores and minerals fell by 1.9%, mainly due to a 1.9% decrease in the prices of stone and sand.

### Wholesale prices increase in March 2025 compared to February 2025

On a monthly basis, WPI increased by 0.4% in March 2025 compared to February 2025, due to a 0.4% rise in the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment. This was driven by a 2.9% increase in the prices of fabricated metal products, and a 0.6% rise in the prices of electrical machinery and apparatus.

In the same context, the prices of other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 0.4%, driven by a 2.9% rise in basic chemicals, and a 1.2% increase in furniture and other transportable goods n.e.c.

The prices of food products, beverages, tobacco and textiles increased by 0.2%, mainly due to a 0.5% rise in the prices of grain mills, starch and other food products, as well as a 0.1% increase in meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats prices.

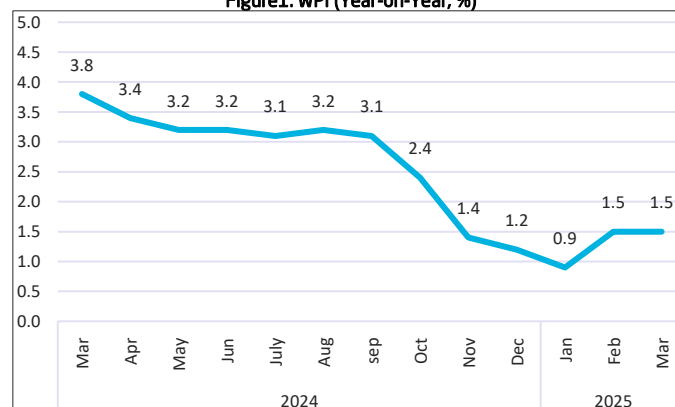
The prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 0.1%, due to a 0.3% rise in the prices of agricultural products.

Meanwhile, the prices of ores and minerals remained stable, showing no significant change. (Table1)

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

General Index, Sections	Percentage change in March 2025 compared to	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2025
<b>General Index</b>	1.5	0.4
Agriculture and Fishery Products	3.6	0.1
Ores and Minerals	-1.9	0.0
Food Products, Beverages, Tobacco, and Textiles	0.1	0.2
Other Transportable Goods, Except Metal Products, Machinery, and Equipment	3.2	0.4
Metal Products, Machinery, and Equipment	-0.2	0.4

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 and Table](#).