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**Key findings as at May 2023**

**Final manufactured goods – headline PPI**

Annual producer price inflation (final manufacturing) was 7,3% in May 2023, down from 8,6% in April 2023. The producer price index (PPI) increased by 0,6% month-on-month in May 2023.

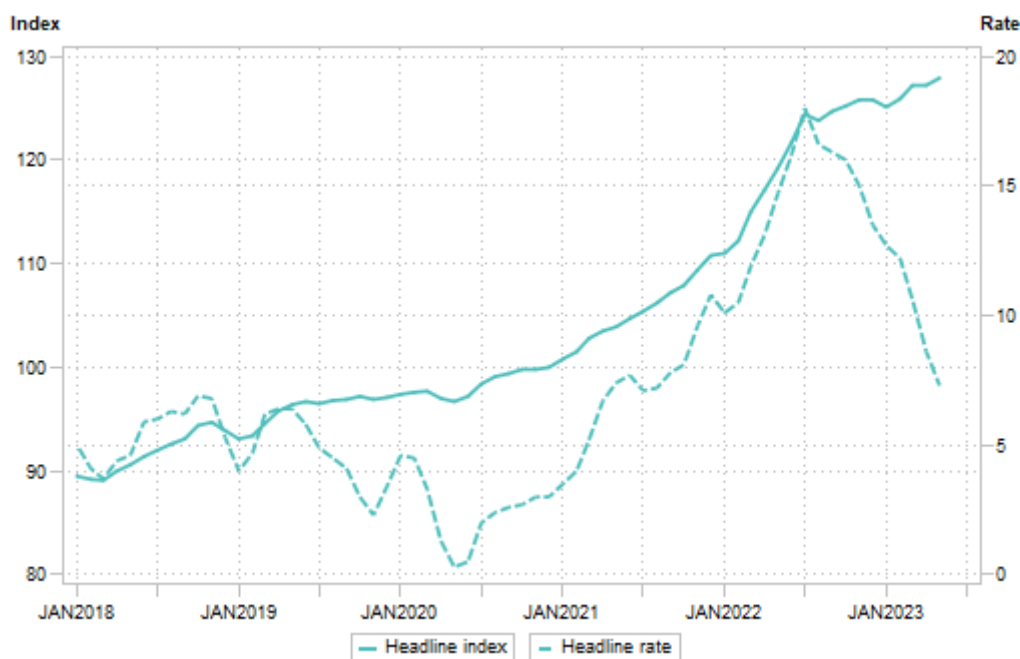
The main contributors to the headline PPI annual inflation rate were:

- food products, beverages and tobacco products (increased by 7,0% year-on-year and contributed 1,8 percentage points);
- paper and printed products (increased by 15,5% year-on-year and contributed 1,2 percentage points);
- transport equipment (increased by 12,8% year-on-year and contributed 1,1 percentage points);
- coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (increased by 3,6% year-on-year and contributed 1,0 percentage point); and
- metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment (increased by 6,1% year-on-year and contributed 0,9 of a percentage point) – see Figure 1.1.

The contributors to the headline PPI monthly increase were:

- metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment (increased by 1,2% month-on-month and contributed 0,2 of a percentage point);
- food products, beverages and tobacco products (increased by 0,2% month-on-month and contributed 0,1 of a percentage point);
- coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (increased by 0,4% month-on-month and contributed 0,1 of a percentage point);
- furniture and other manufacturing (increased by 2,1% month-on-month and contributed 0,1 of a percentage point); and
- non-metallic mineral products (increased by 1,9% month-on-month and contributed 0,1 of a percentage point) – see Figure 1.2.

**Figure 1 – PPI headline index numbers and year-on-year rate of change**



### **Intermediate manufactured goods**

The annual percentage change in the PPI for intermediate manufactured goods was 4,4% in May 2023 (compared with 4,6% in April 2023). The index increased by 2,0% month-on-month.

The main contributors to the annual rate were:

- chemicals, rubber and plastic products (1,5 percentage points);
- basic and fabricated metals (1,5 percentage points); and
- sawmilling and wood (0,7 of a percentage point) – see Figure 2.1.

The main contributor to the monthly rate was basic and fabricated metals (1,9 percentage points) – see Figure 2.2.

### **Electricity and water**

The annual percentage change in the PPI for electricity and water was 15,5% in May 2023 (compared with 13,1% in April 2023). The index increased by 3,8% month-on-month.

Electricity contributed 14,4 percentage points and water contributed 1,1 percentage points to the annual rate – see Figure 3.1.

Electricity contributed 3,8 percentage points to the monthly rate – see Figure 3.2.

### **Mining**

The annual percentage change in the PPI for mining was 7,2% in May 2023 (compared with 10,5% in April 2023). The index increased by 0,2% month-on-month.

The main contributors to the annual rate were gold and other metal ores (3,9 percentage points) and coal and gas (2,8 percentage points) – see Figure 4.1.

The main contributor to the monthly rate was non-ferrous metal ores (1,0 percentage point) – see Figure 4.2.

### **Agriculture, forestry and fishing**

The annual percentage change in the PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing was 4,5% in May 2023 (compared with 6,0% in April 2023). The index decreased by 0,3% month-on-month.

The main contributors to the annual rate were fishing (2,0 percentage points) and agriculture (1,9 percentage points) – see Figure 5.1.

The main contributor to the monthly rate was agriculture (-0,5 of a percentage point) – see Figure 5.2.

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## Key figures and analytical series

### Table A – Key figures

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change	
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022
Final manufactured goods	100,00	119,2	127,2	127,9	0,6	7,3
Intermediate manufactured goods	100,00	129,8	132,9	135,5	2,0	4,4
Electricity and water	100,00	120,7	134,3	139,4	3,8	15,5
Mining	100,00	127,8	136,7	137,0	0,2	7,2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	100,00	115,2	120,8	120,4	-0,3	4,5

### Table B – Analytical series

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change	
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022
Final manufactured goods excluding petroleum products	87,80	113,5	122,2	123,1	0,7	8,5
Final manufactured goods excluding food	83,11	120,7	128,3	129,0	0,5	6,9
Intermediate manufactured goods excluding basic metals	78,95	123,8	130,7	133,4	2,1	7,8
Mining excluding precious metals and stones	79,29	136,8	140,4	139,5	-0,6	2,0
Precious metals and stones	20,71	97,8	126,1	131,0	3,9	33,9

## Main index numbers and annual percentage changes

**Table C – Main index numbers (Dec 2020=100)**

**Table C1 – Final manufactured goods**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2019	Index	93,1	93,4	94,6	95,8	96,4	96,7	96,5	96,8	96,9	97,2	96,9	97,1	96,0
	Rate	4,1	4,7	6,2	6,5	6,4	5,8	4,9	4,5	4,1	3,0	2,3	3,4	4,6
2020	Index	97,4	97,6	97,7	97,0	96,7	97,2	98,4	99,1	99,4	99,8	99,8	100,0	98,3
	Rate	4,6	4,5	3,3	1,2	0,4	0,5	1,9	2,4	2,5	2,7	3,0	3,0	2,6
2021	Index	100,8	101,5	102,8	103,5	103,9	104,7	105,4	106,2	107,2	107,9	109,4	110,8	105,3
	Rate	3,5	4,0	5,2	6,7	7,4	7,7	7,1	7,2	7,8	8,1	9,6	10,8	7,1
2022	Index	111,0	112,2	115,0	117,1	119,2	121,7	124,4	123,8	124,7	125,2	125,8	125,8	120,5
	Rate	10,1	10,5	11,9	13,1	14,7	16,2	18,0	16,6	16,3	16,0	15,0	13,5	14,4
2023	Index	125,1	125,9	127,2	127,2	127,9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	12,7	12,2	10,6	8,6	7,3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C2 – Intermediate manufactured goods**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2019	Index	93,6	93,3	94,8	95,8	95,9	96,2	95,0	95,8	96,1	96,1	95,2	93,6	95,1
	Rate	3,8	3,9	6,3	6,7	6,4	4,5	1,7	1,9	0,5	-0,6	-1,1	-1,5	2,6
2020	Index	94,3	95,0	94,8	97,0	97,5	97,5	97,3	98,9	99,0	99,4	99,1	100,0	97,5
	Rate	0,7	1,8	0,0	1,3	1,7	1,4	2,4	3,2	3,0	3,5	4,1	6,8	2,5
2021	Index	102,4	104,4	105,4	108,1	112,3	113,5	114,4	116,4	118,3	119,7	122,0	123,1	113,3
	Rate	8,6	9,9	11,2	11,4	15,2	16,4	17,6	17,7	19,5	20,4	23,1	23,1	16,2
2022	Index	123,9	124,5	125,0	127,1	129,8	130,7	131,2	132,0	134,5	133,1	132,5	133,0	129,8
	Rate	21,0	19,3	18,6	17,6	15,6	15,2	14,7	13,4	13,7	11,2	8,6	8,0	14,6
2023	Index	130,8	130,7	131,3	132,9	135,5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	5,6	5,0	5,0	4,6	4,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C3 – Electricity and water**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2019	Index	80,5	83,2	81,3	86,0	86,1	114,2	129,7	128,5	101,1	93,3	93,3	92,4	97,5
	Rate	5,5	7,5	5,9	9,8	9,8	9,3	14,5	14,3	17,1	13,4	13,4	13,8	11,4
2020	Index	91,0	93,2	93,4	99,3	98,2	130,0	140,2	137,1	105,5	100,4	100,4	100,0	107,4
	Rate	13,0	12,1	15,0	15,5	14,0	13,8	8,1	6,7	4,3	7,7	7,7	8,2	10,3
2021	Index	98,9	101,8	100,7	105,2	106,9	143,6	159,7	161,1	130,1	114,9	117,2	115,4	121,3
	Rate	8,7	9,2	7,8	5,9	8,9	10,5	13,9	17,5	23,3	14,4	16,7	15,4	12,9
2022	Index	114,8	114,9	114,6	118,7	120,7	165,4	172,4	175,0	128,8	126,5	126,5	126,7	133,8
	Rate	16,1	12,9	13,8	12,8	12,9	15,2	8,0	8,6	-1,0	10,1	7,9	9,8	10,3
2023	Index	126,1	127,8	126,2	134,3	139,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	9,8	11,2	10,1	13,1	15,5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C4 – Mining**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2019	Index	64,2	65,3	68,6	69,9	69,6	70,5	72,5	77,2	75,4	78,0	78,9	79,8	72,5
	Rate	7,7	10,6	20,2	21,1	18,1	14,6	15,7	22,2	15,2	17,7	20,8	24,2	17,4
2020	Index	84,9	97,3	97,9	100,6	89,2	88,8	93,9	97,7	102,8	100,9	98,2	100,0	96,0
	Rate	32,2	49,0	42,6	43,9	28,2	26,0	29,6	26,6	36,4	29,5	24,5	25,3	32,5
2021	Index	104,3	108,5	111,8	111,5	108,6	107,1	108,3	108,4	104,9	105,7	105,1	105,9	107,5
	Rate	22,9	11,5	14,2	10,8	21,7	20,6	15,3	11,0	2,0	4,8	7,0	5,9	12,0
2022	Index	111,0	115,4	120,4	123,7	127,8	129,8	131,3	127,1	136,5	134,5	130,6	134,8	126,9
	Rate	6,4	6,4	7,7	10,9	17,7	21,2	21,2	17,3	30,1	27,2	24,3	27,3	18,0
2023	Index	133,1	137,9	141,0	136,7	137,0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	19,9	19,5	17,1	10,5	7,2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C5 – Agriculture, forestry and fishing**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2019	Index	92,0	91,4	88,8	87,3	86,2	86,8	87,8	86,6	86,0	88,6	89,4	91,6	88,5
	Rate	-3,0	-2,2	-0,4	0,3	-3,0	-1,9	-1,1	-2,4	-4,1	-1,6	-1,1	-0,6	-1,8
2020	Index	91,2	90,4	90,6	90,4	88,6	87,8	90,0	92,2	93,0	98,1	100,1	100,0	92,7
	Rate	-0,9	-1,1	2,0	3,5	2,8	1,1	2,5	6,5	8,1	10,8	12,0	9,1	4,7
2021	Index	101,5	99,4	97,1	96,8	96,9	99,5	100,2	100,1	101,9	106,5	107,3	108,4	101,3
	Rate	11,3	10,0	7,2	7,1	9,4	13,3	11,3	8,6	9,6	8,6	7,2	8,4	9,3
2022	Index	108,5	107,4	111,6	114,0	115,2	114,3	115,2	118,2	122,2	126,0	125,7	125,7	116,1
	Rate	6,9	8,0	14,9	17,8	18,9	14,9	15,0	15,1	16,0	14,7	17,4	16,0	14,6
2023	Index	121,2	122,7	120,0	120,8	120,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	11,7	14,2	7,5	6,0	4,5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

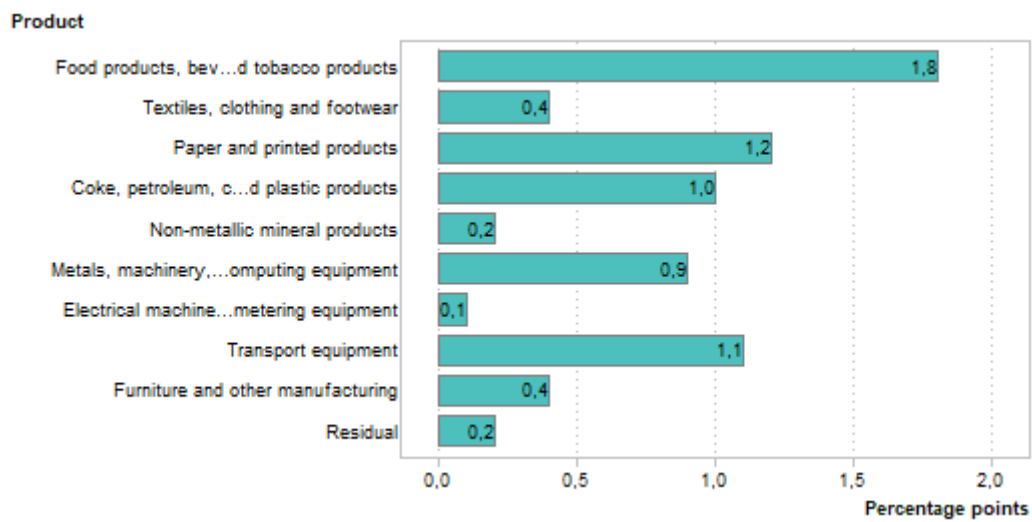
## Detailed index numbers and rates of change, and contributions

Table 1 – PPI for final manufactured goods

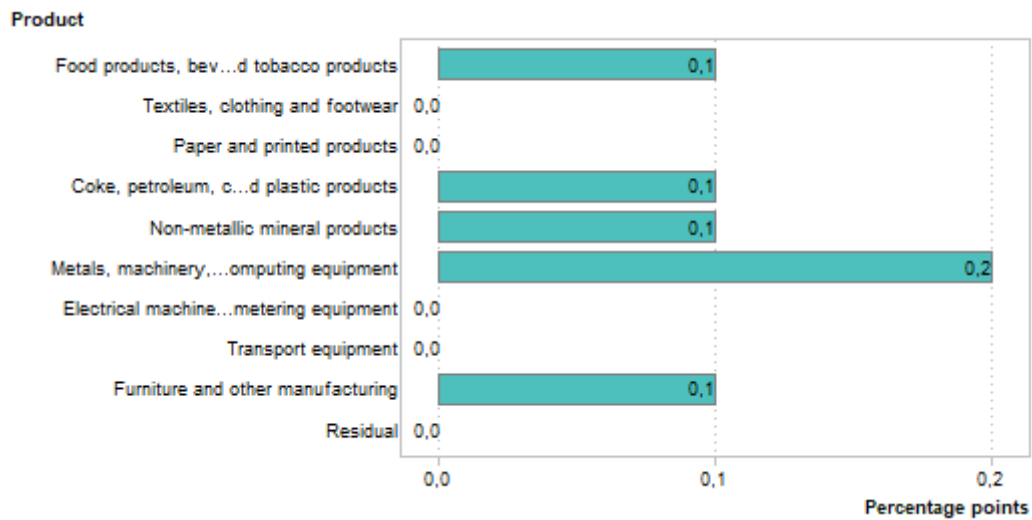
Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change	
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022
Final manufactured goods	100,00	119,2	127,2	127,9	0,6	7,3
Food products, beverages and tobacco products	27,39	112,6	120,2	120,5	0,2	7,0
Food products	16,89	115,3	125,0	125,5	0,4	8,8
Meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats	4,17	123,4	125,4	124,5	-0,7	0,9
Meat and meat products	2,05	114,5	117,7	116,4	-1,1	1,7
Fish and fish products	0,42	112,5	128,4	128,8	0,3	14,5
Fruit and vegetables	1,12	111,2	122,3	124,0	1,4	11,5
Oils and fats	0,58	195,2	163,7	158,5	-3,2	-18,8
Dairy products	1,78	117,3	133,3	131,9	-1,1	12,4
Grain mill products, starches and starch products, and animal feeds	2,08	117,1	135,7	135,1	-0,4	15,4
Grain mill products	1,09	117,0	134,4	135,2	0,6	15,6
Starches, starch products and animal feeds	0,99	118,7	138,3	136,2	-1,5	14,7
Other food products	8,86	110,2	120,2	122,1	1,6	10,8
Bakery products	3,04	107,9	119,7	121,4	1,4	12,5
Sugar	1,37	114,2	124,5	129,5	4,0	13,4
Other food	4,45	111,2	119,7	120,9	1,0	8,7
Beverages	8,36	105,5	109,5	109,5	0,0	3,8
Tobacco products	2,15	110,7	115,9	115,9	0,0	4,7
Textiles, clothing and footwear	5,95	108,4	116,0	116,0	0,0	7,0
Textiles	1,51	107,4	114,1	114,1	0,0	6,2
Clothing	3,98	108,5	116,0	116,0	0,0	6,9
Footwear	0,46	108,1	119,5	119,5	0,0	10,5
Paper and printed products	8,79	108,0	124,9	124,7	-0,2	15,5
Coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products	22,70	145,5	150,1	150,7	0,4	3,6
Coal and petroleum products	12,41	168,7	171,9	171,6	-0,2	1,7
Petrol	4,29	159,8	168,2	171,3	1,8	7,2
Diesel	4,41	179,4	169,6	164,6	-2,9	-8,2
Other	3,71	167,0	179,7	181,1	0,8	8,4
Chemical products	7,75	123,0	131,3	133,4	1,6	8,5
Rubber and plastic products	2,54	125,8	128,2	128,2	0,0	1,9
Non-metallic mineral products	2,92	109,0	116,9	119,1	1,9	9,3
Metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment	14,90	120,3	126,1	127,6	1,2	6,1
Structural and fabricated metal products	6,46	129,4	125,0	127,0	1,6	-1,9
General and special purpose machinery	6,93	114,4	128,2	128,8	0,5	12,6
Household appliances and office machinery	1,51	110,2	120,5	123,8	2,7	12,3
Electrical machinery and communication and metering equipment	3,37	106,5	110,2	111,6	1,3	4,8
Transport equipment	9,87	108,2	121,8	122,0	0,2	12,8
Motor vehicles	3,12	100,8	116,9	116,2	-0,6	15,3
Parts for transport equipment	6,75	112,6	125,3	125,9	0,5	11,8
Furniture and other manufacturing	4,11	113,0	121,5	124,1	2,1	9,8



**Figure 1.1 – Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for final manufactured goods**



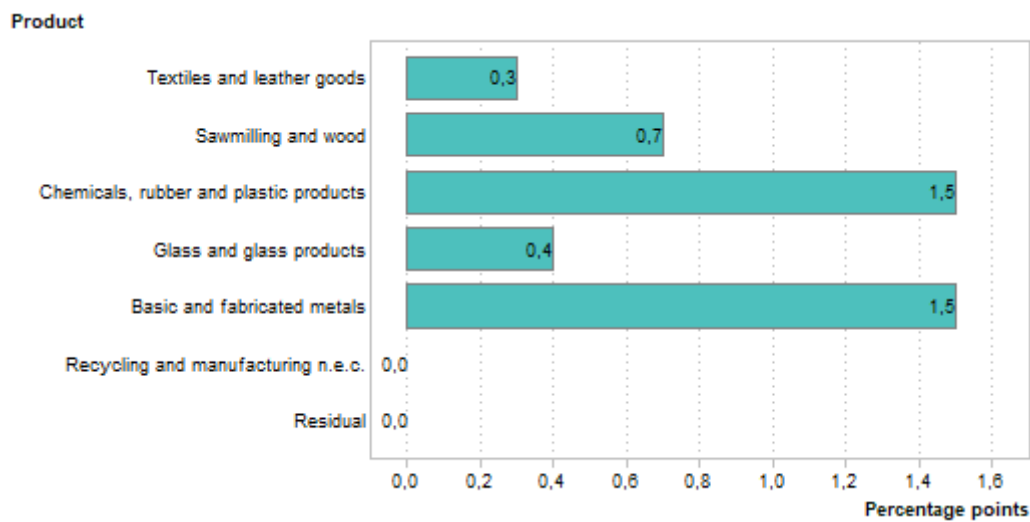
**Figure 1.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for final manufactured goods**



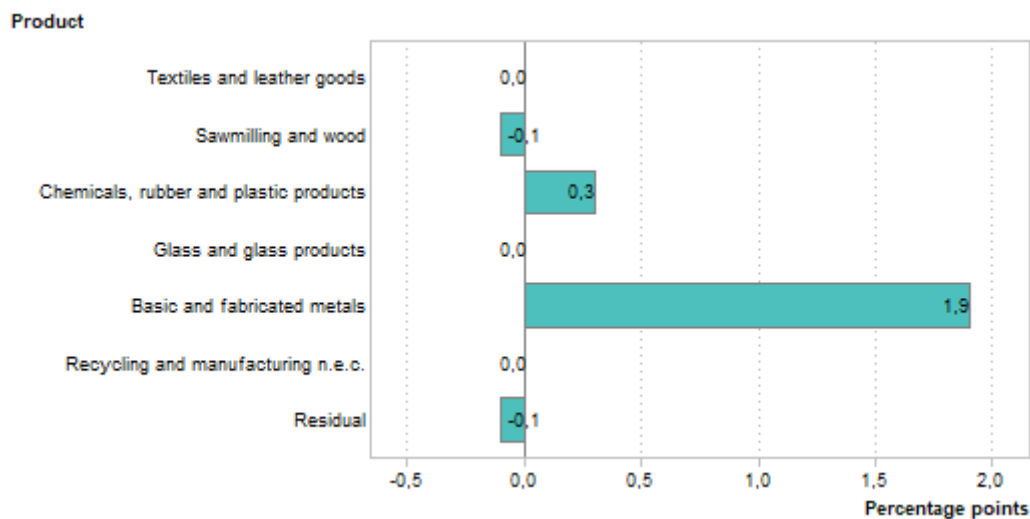
**Table 2 – PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change		
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022	
Intermediate manufactured goods	100,00	129,8	132,9	135,5	2,0	4,4	
Textiles and leather goods	1,71	104,5	126,6	128,0	1,1	22,5	
Sawmilling and wood	11,99	119,3	127,7	126,8	-0,7	6,3	
Chemicals, rubber and plastic products	34,81	132,0	136,5	137,5	0,7	4,2	
	Basic and other chemicals	23,96	146,3	154,9	156,4	1,0	6,9
	Plastic products	9,31	126,5	119,4	119,6	0,2	-5,5
Rubber products	1,54	120,1	133,5	133,5	0,0	11,2	
Glass and glass products	3,39	108,3	124,6	125,0	0,3	15,4	
Basic and fabricated metals	42,52	142,1	141,0	146,8	4,1	3,3	
	Basic iron and steel	21,05	156,3	142,2	144,3	1,5	-7,7
	Basic precious and non-ferrous metals and castings	21,47	123,0	132,9	141,9	6,8	15,4
Recycling and manufacturing n.e.c.	5,58	119,3	119,0	119,3	0,3	0,0	

**Figure 2.1 – Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**



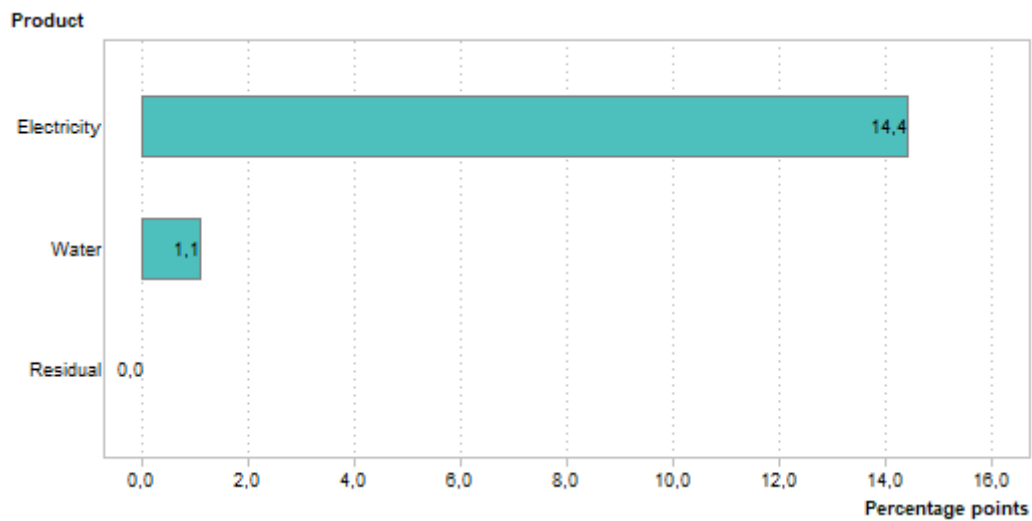
**Figure 2.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**



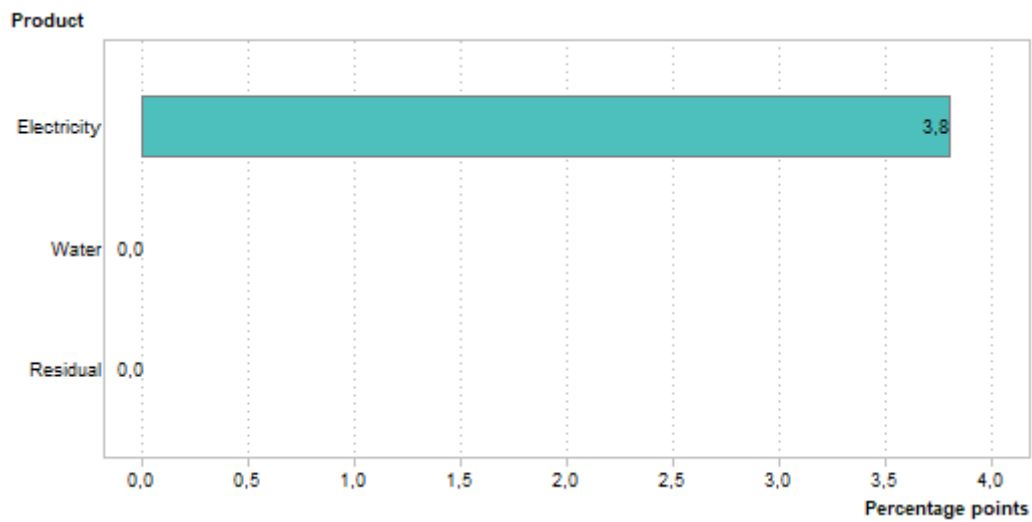
**Table 3 – PPI for electricity and water**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change	
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022
Electricity and water	100,00	120,7	134,3	139,4	3,8	15,5
Electricity	84,17	123,0	137,7	143,7	4,4	16,8
Water	15,83	106,4	115,0	115,0	0,0	8,1

**Figure 3.1 – Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for electricity and water**



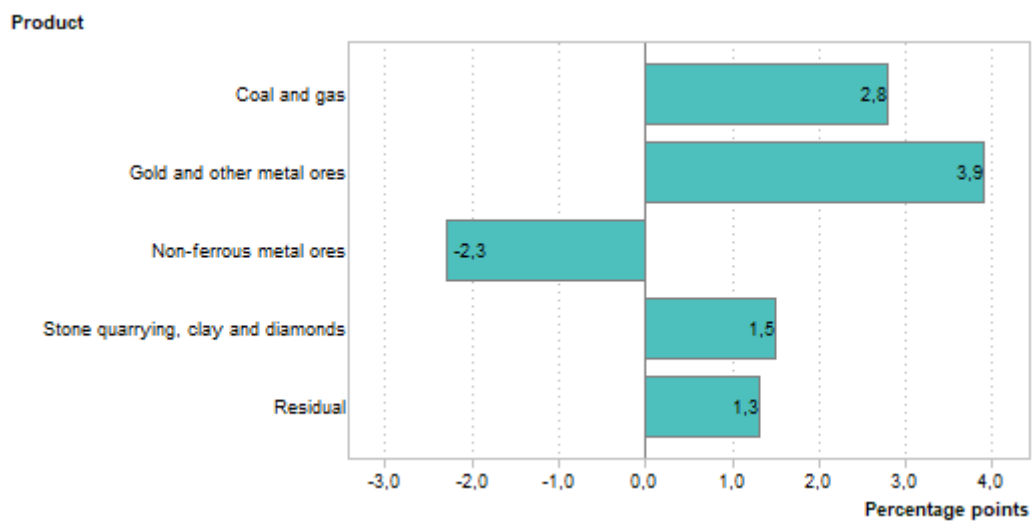
**Figure 3.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for electricity and water**



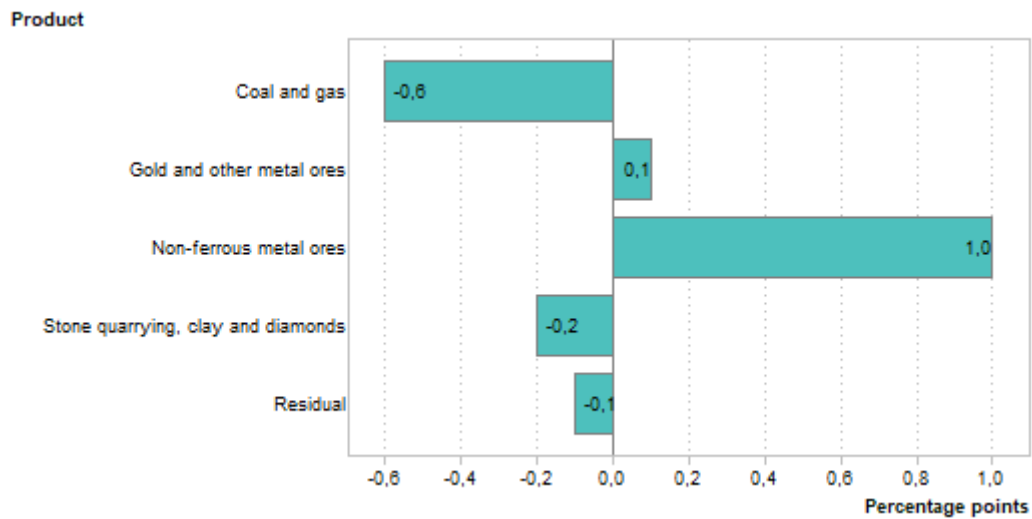
**Table 4 – PPI for mining**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change	
		May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022
Mining	100,00	127,8	136,7	137,0	0,2	7,2
Coal and gas	24,90	138,1	155,7	152,3	-2,2	10,3
Gold and other metal ores	26,77	106,4	124,4	124,8	0,3	17,3
Non-ferrous metal ores	42,45	141,3	131,2	134,5	2,5	-4,8
Stone quarrying, clay and diamonds	5,88	91,4	128,2	122,9	-4,1	34,5

**Figure 4.1 – Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for mining**



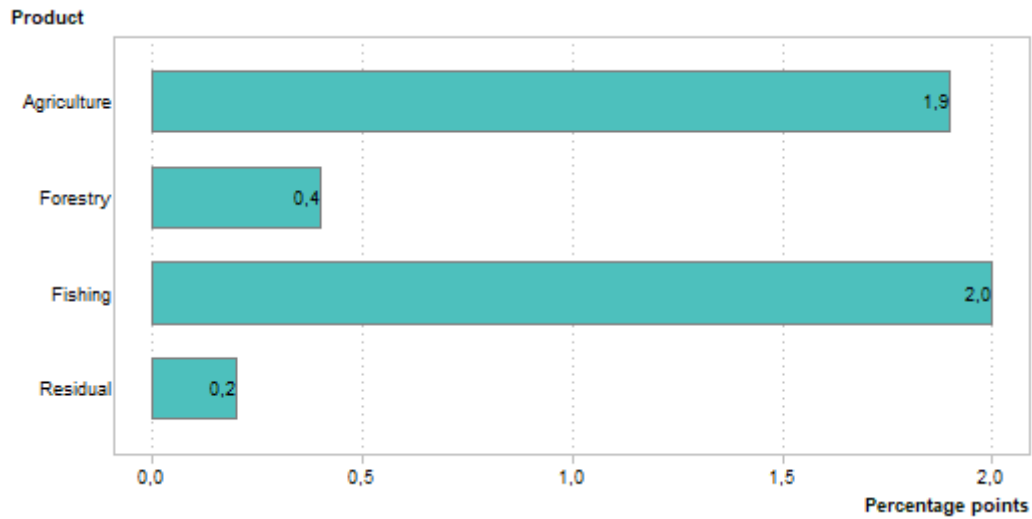
**Figure 4.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for mining**



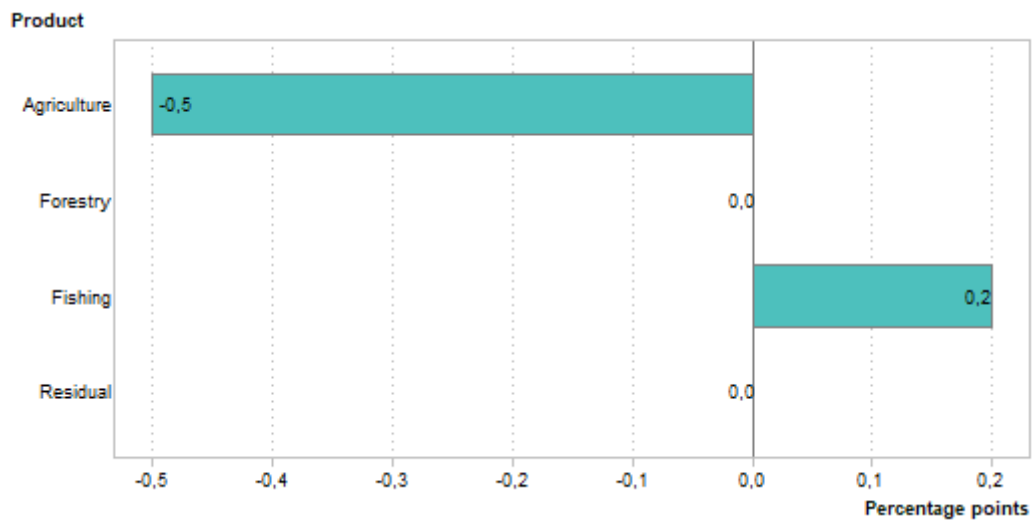
**Table 5 – PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**

Product		Weight	Index (Dec 2020=100)			% change		
			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	May 2023 vs. Apr 2023	May 2023 vs. May 2022	
<b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>		100,00	115,2	120,8	120,4	-0,3	4,5	
<b>Agriculture</b>		84,38	115,6	118,9	118,2	-0,6	2,2	
	<b>Products of crops and horticulture</b>		48,90	108,6	105,9	105,3	-0,6	-3,0
		<b>Cereals and other crops</b>	24,36	133,8	115,8	111,9	-3,4	-16,4
		<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>	24,54	87,2	98,9	101,6	2,7	16,5
	<b>Live animals and animal products</b>		35,48	123,1	134,9	134,0	-0,7	8,9
		<b>Live animals</b>	26,53	123,7	134,2	132,5	-1,3	7,1
		<b>Milk and eggs</b>	7,72	123,3	140,6	142,1	1,1	15,2
<b>Other animal products</b>		1,23	111,8	108,4	108,0	-0,4	-3,4	
<b>Forestry</b>		5,19	115,9	124,7	124,7	0,0	7,6	
<b>Fishing</b>		10,43	111,1	131,7	133,7	1,5	20,3	

**Figure 5.1 – Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**



**Figure 5.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**



## Explanatory notes

<b>Purpose and results of the survey</b>	<p>The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures changes in the prices of locally produced commodities. A sample of producers is surveyed each month and the results of this survey are used to compile the producer price indices for final manufactured goods, intermediate manufactured goods, electricity and water, mining, and agriculture, forestry and fishing. PPI can be used as an economic indicator of inflation, as an escalator in contracts and as a deflator in the calculation of the national accounts.</p> <p>Further information on the weighting structure, sources of information and methods of compilation of PPI can be found in the PPI sources and methods document, available on the Stats SA website.</p>
<b>Response rate</b>	The response rate for May 2023 was 94,2%.

## Glossary

<b>Annual inflation rate</b>	The annual inflation rate per specific PPI is the change in the specific PPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the specific PPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Annual percentage change</b>	The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual inflation rate</b>	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average specific PPI for all items of one year compared with the average specific PPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual percentage change</b>	The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Contribution</b>	The monthly (annual) contribution of a specific product or group of products to the specific PPI is calculated by multiplying the weight of this product or group of products with the difference of the current index and the previous month (year) index for this product or group of products, divided by the index for the specific index, for the previous month (year).
<b>Monthly percentage change</b>	The monthly percentage change is the change in the specific PPI of the relevant month compared with the specific PPI of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
<b>Producer Price Index</b>	PPI is defined as "A measure of the change in the prices of goods either as they leave their place of production or as they enter the production process" (OECD, 2006)."

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