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**Key findings as at May 2026**

**Final manufactured goods – headline PPI**

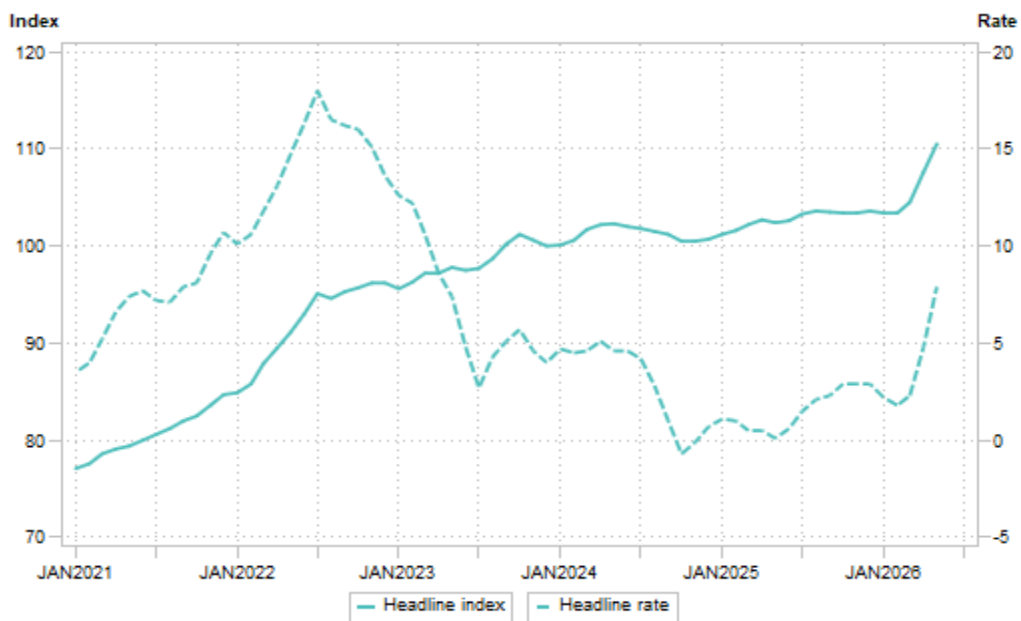
Annual producer price inflation (final manufacturing) was 7,8% in May 2026, compared with 4,8% in April 2026. The producer price index (PPI) increased by 2,6% month-on-month in May 2026.

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

- coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (22,0% and contributing 4,7 percentage points);
- paper and printed products (8,7% and contributing 0,7 of a percentage point);
- food products, beverages and tobacco products (2,1% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point); and
- metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment (2,9% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point) – see Figure 1.1.

The main positive contributor to the headline PPI monthly inflation rate was coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (9,0% and contributing 2,0 percentage points) – 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 13,7% in May 2026, compared with 10,0% in April 2026. The index increased by 2,4% month-on-month.

The main positive contributors to the annual rate were:

- basic and fabricated metals (14,3% and contributing 6,9 percentage points);
- chemicals, rubber and plastic products (17,2% and contributing 5,2 percentage points); and
- sawmilling and wood (8,2% and contributing 0,8 of a percentage point) – see Figure 2.1.

The main positive contributor to the monthly rate was chemicals, rubber and plastic products (10,6% and contributing 3,0 percentage points) – see Figure 2.2.

### Electricity and water

The annual percentage change in the PPI for electricity and water was 12,3% in May 2026, compared with 12,5% in April 2026. The index increased by 1,1% month-on-month.

The contributors to the annual rate were electricity (12,4% and contributing 10,4 percentage points) and water (11,0% and contributing 1,8 percentage points) – see Figure 3.1.

The contributor to the monthly rate was electricity (1,3% and contributing 1,1 percentage points) – see Figure 3.2.

### Mining

The annual percentage change in the PPI for mining was 28,1% in May 2026, compared with 24,9% in April 2026. The index increased by 0,5% month-on-month.

The positive contributors to the annual rate were:

- non-ferrous metal ores (50,4% and contributing 22,0 percentage points);
- gold and other metal ores (11,6% and contributing 3,3 percentage points); and
- coal and gas (8,1% and contributing 1,8 percentage points) – see Figure 4.1.

The main positive contributor to the monthly rate was coal and gas (11,3% and contributing 1,9 percentage points) – see Figure 4.2.

### Agriculture, forestry and fishing

The annual percentage change in the PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing was -5,4% in May 2026, compared with -6,5% in April 2026. The index increased by 1,3% month-on-month.

The negative contributor to the annual rate was agriculture (-7,4% and contributing -6,4 percentage points) – see Figure 5.1.

The main contributor to the monthly rate was agriculture (1,3% and contributing 1,1 percentage points) – see Figure 5.2.



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## Key figures and analytical series

### Table A – Key figures

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025
Final manufactured goods	100,00	102,4	107,6	110,4	2,6	7,8
Intermediate manufactured goods	100,00	111,8	124,1	127,1	2,4	13,7
Electricity and water	100,00	118,3	131,4	132,8	1,1	12,3
Mining	100,00	105,9	135,0	135,7	0,5	28,1
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	100,00	103,2	96,3	97,6	1,3	-5,4

### Table B – Analytical series

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025
Final manufactured goods excluding petroleum products	88,23	104,4	107,6	108,5	0,8	3,9
Final manufactured goods excluding food	82,70	101,7	107,7	111,0	3,1	9,1
Intermediate manufactured goods excluding basic metals	79,58	114,9	131,0	134,2	2,4	16,8
Mining excluding precious metals and stones	76,51	97,2	113,7	115,6	1,7	18,9
Precious metals and stones	23,49	134,6	202,8	199,9	-1,4	48,5

**Main index numbers and annual percentage changes (Dec 2023=100)****Table C1 – Final manufactured goods**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2022	Index	84,9	85,8	87,9	89,5	91,1	93,0	95,1	94,6	95,3	95,7	96,2	96,2	92,1
	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	95,6	96,3	97,2	97,2	97,8	97,5	97,7	98,7	100,2	101,2	100,6	100,0	98,3
	Rate	12,7	12,2	10,6	8,6	7,3	4,8	2,7	4,3	5,1	5,8	4,6	4,0	6,7
2024	Index	100,1	100,6	101,7	102,2	102,3	102,0	101,8	101,5	101,2	100,5	100,5	100,7	101,3
	Rate	4,7	4,5	4,6	5,1	4,6	4,6	4,2	2,8	1,0	-0,7	-0,1	0,7	3,1
2025	Index	101,2	101,6	102,2	102,7	102,4	102,6	103,3	103,6	103,5	103,4	103,4	103,6	102,8
	Rate	1,1	1,0	0,5	0,5	0,1	0,6	1,5	2,1	2,3	2,9	2,9	2,9	1,5
2026	Index	103,4	103,4	104,5	107,6	110,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	2,2	1,8	2,3	4,8	7,8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C2 – Intermediate manufactured goods**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2022	Index	95,2	95,7	96,1	97,7	99,8	100,5	100,8	101,5	103,4	102,3	101,8	102,2	99,8
	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	100,5	100,5	100,9	102,2	104,2	102,8	100,8	101,0	100,4	99,3	99,5	100,0	101,0
	Rate	5,6	5,0	5,0	4,6	4,4	2,4	-0,1	-0,5	-2,9	-2,9	-2,3	-2,2	1,2
2024	Index	100,7	101,5	102,6	104,0	104,6	105,2	105,0	105,2	105,2	104,8	105,2	105,8	104,2
	Rate	0,2	1,0	1,7	1,8	0,4	2,3	4,2	4,2	4,8	5,5	5,7	5,8	3,2
2025	Index	108,1	110,1	110,2	112,8	111,8	111,0	111,7	112,0	113,2	116,2	116,5	116,5	112,5
	Rate	7,3	8,5	7,4	8,5	6,9	5,5	6,4	6,5	7,6	10,9	10,7	10,1	8,0
2026	Index	119,5	118,7	120,2	124,1	127,1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	10,5	7,8	9,1	10,0	13,7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C3 – Electricity and water**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2022	Index	78,5	78,5	78,3	81,1	82,5	113,1	117,8	119,6	88,0	86,5	86,5	86,6	91,4
	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	86,2	87,4	86,3	91,8	95,3	128,4	139,4	141,0	102,5	100,4	100,4	100,0	104,9
	Rate	9,8	11,2	10,1	13,1	15,5	13,6	18,3	17,9	16,4	16,1	16,1	15,5	14,7
2024	Index	100,7	101,4	99,8	105,0	106,8	140,2	153,6	151,0	112,5	111,6	111,6	110,3	117,0
	Rate	16,8	16,0	15,6	14,4	12,1	9,2	10,2	7,1	9,8	11,2	11,2	10,3	11,5
2025	Index	110,8	112,4	109,8	116,8	118,3	155,2	161,1	158,0	129,3	129,6	128,7	128,9	129,9
	Rate	10,0	10,8	10,0	11,2	10,8	10,7	4,9	4,6	14,9	16,1	15,3	16,9	11,0
2026	Index	129,3	129,7	129,5	131,4	132,8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	16,7	15,4	17,9	12,5	12,3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

**Table C4 – Mining**

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2022	Index	89,2	92,7	96,7	99,4	102,7	104,3	105,5	102,1	109,6	108,0	104,9	108,3	102,0
	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	106,9	110,8	113,3	109,8	110,0	107,1	105,0	104,9	104,3	105,6	100,9	100,0	106,6
	Rate	19,9	19,5	17,1	10,5	7,2	2,8	-0,5	2,8	-4,8	-2,2	-3,8	-7,6	4,6
2024	Index	100,6	100,8	98,9	103,8	103,0	102,8	102,8	103,1	99,3	100,5	100,7	98,5	101,2
	Rate	-5,9	-9,0	-12,7	-5,5	-6,4	-4,0	-2,1	-1,7	-4,8	-4,8	-0,2	-1,5	-5,1
2025	Index	101,3	103,3	104,7	108,1	105,9	107,7	110,5	111,9	115,2	119,0	120,7	123,8	111,0
	Rate	0,7	2,5	5,9	4,1	2,8	4,8	7,5	8,5	16,0	18,4	19,9	25,7	9,7
2026	Index	130,1	134,6	139,3	135,0	135,7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	28,4	30,3	33,0	24,9	28,1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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

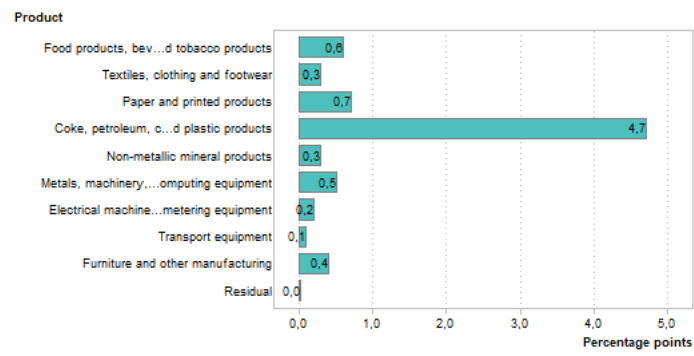
Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	
2022	Index	80,8	80,0	83,2	84,9	85,8	85,2	85,8	85,8	88,1	91,1	93,9	93,7	86,5
	Rate	6,9	8,0	14,9	17,8	18,9	14,9	15,0	15,1	16,0	14,7	17,4	16,0	14,6
2023	Index	90,3	91,4	89,4	90,0	89,7	90,5	91,4	91,3	95,4	102,0	101,4	100,0	93,6
	Rate	11,7	14,2	7,5	6,0	4,5	6,2	6,5	6,3	8,3	12,0	8,0	6,8	8,2
2024	Index	96,3	94,0	96,3	98,7	97,4	98,6	96,0	96,9	98,8	101,7	105,1	104,7	98,7
	Rate	6,6	2,8	7,7	9,7	8,6	9,0	5,0	6,1	3,6	-0,3	3,6	4,7	5,4
2025	Index	103,5	101,1	98,6	103,0	103,2	103,5	102,2	99,8	97,7	99,9	102,6	99,5	101,2
	Rate	7,5	7,6	2,4	4,4	6,0	5,0	6,5	3,0	-1,1	-1,8	-2,4	-5,0	2,5
2026	Index	97,5	95,9	95,7	96,3	97,6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	-5,8	-5,1	-2,9	-6,5	-5,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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

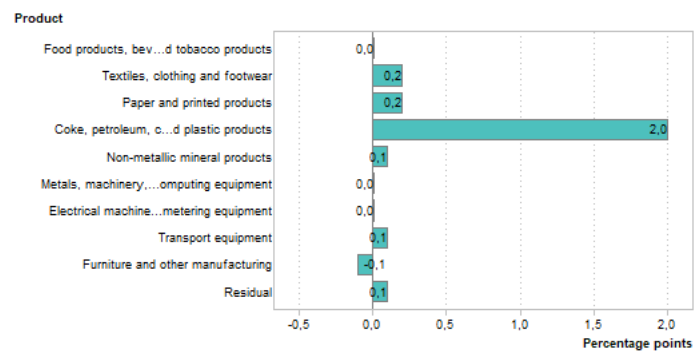
Table 1 – PPI for final manufactured goods

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change		
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025	
<b>Final manufactured goods</b>		100,00	102,4	107,6	110,4	2,6	7,8
<b>Food products, beverages and tobacco products</b>		29,22	106,6	108,8	108,8	0,0	2,1
<b>Food products</b>		17,30	105,7	106,6	106,7	0,1	0,9
	<b>Meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats</b>	4,48	107,5	109,7	109,9	0,2	2,2
	<b>Meat and meat products</b>	2,11	106,9	107,1	107,0	-0,1	0,1
	<b>Fish and fish products</b>	0,49	112,3	117,7	117,8	0,1	4,9
	<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>	0,96	109,6	109,6	110,5	0,8	0,8
	<b>Oils and fats</b>	0,92	101,2	108,4	108,6	0,2	7,3
	<b>Dairy products</b>	1,53	103,0	106,7	107,8	1,0	4,7
	<b>Grain mill products, starches and starch products, and animal feeds</b>	2,33	104,8	97,1	96,5	-0,6	-7,9
	<b>Grain mill products</b>	1,19	106,1	97,0	96,4	-0,6	-9,1
	<b>Starches, starch products and animal feeds</b>	1,14	103,1	97,1	96,5	-0,6	-6,4
	<b>Other food products</b>	8,96	105,8	108,1	108,0	-0,1	2,1
	<b>Bakery products</b>	3,07	108,5	111,0	111,1	0,1	2,4
	<b>Sugar</b>	1,35	90,7	84,7	84,0	-0,8	-7,4
	<b>Other food</b>	4,54	108,9	113,6	113,6	0,0	4,3
<b>Beverages</b>		9,73	107,7	111,2	111,3	0,1	3,3
<b>Tobacco products</b>		2,19	108,3	115,5	115,5	0,0	6,6
<b>Textiles, clothing and footwear</b>		5,14	108,7	110,8	114,3	3,2	5,2
	<b>Textiles</b>	1,46	112,9	119,0	131,0	10,1	16,0
	<b>Clothing</b>	3,21	106,8	107,8	107,9	0,1	1,0
	<b>Footwear</b>	0,47	110,5	107,6	107,6	0,0	-2,6
<b>Paper and printed products</b>		8,40	98,9	104,9	107,5	2,5	8,7
<b>Coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products</b>		22,69	96,6	108,2	117,9	9,0	22,0
	<b>Coal and petroleum products</b>	12,11	89,4	108,8	125,4	15,3	40,3
	<b>Petrol</b>	4,41	90,6	99,6	116,1	16,6	28,1
	<b>Diesel</b>	4,24	85,9	117,5	143,2	21,9	66,7
	<b>Other</b>	3,46	92,4	109,9	115,5	5,1	25,0
	<b>Chemical products</b>	7,87	103,7	106,1	107,0	0,8	3,2
	<b>Rubber and plastic products</b>	2,71	109,9	113,4	118,4	4,4	7,7
<b>Non-metallic mineral products</b>		2,74	104,8	113,5	115,8	2,0	10,5
<b>Metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment</b>		15,84	103,6	106,4	106,6	0,2	2,9
	<b>Structural and fabricated metal products</b>	6,45	103,3	110,2	110,5	0,3	7,0
	<b>General and special purpose machinery</b>	8,55	103,6	104,9	105,0	0,1	1,4
	<b>Household appliances and office machinery</b>	0,84	106,2	91,7	93,9	2,4	-11,6
<b>Electrical machinery and communication and metering equipment</b>		3,45	98,4	105,1	105,2	0,1	6,9
<b>Transport equipment</b>		8,53	98,6	98,3	99,3	1,0	0,7
	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	2,62	100,8	100,4	100,3	-0,1	-0,5
	<b>Parts for transport equipment</b>	5,91	97,6	97,4	98,7	1,3	1,1
<b>Furniture and other manufacturing</b>		3,99	111,4	121,9	120,5	-1,1	8,2

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



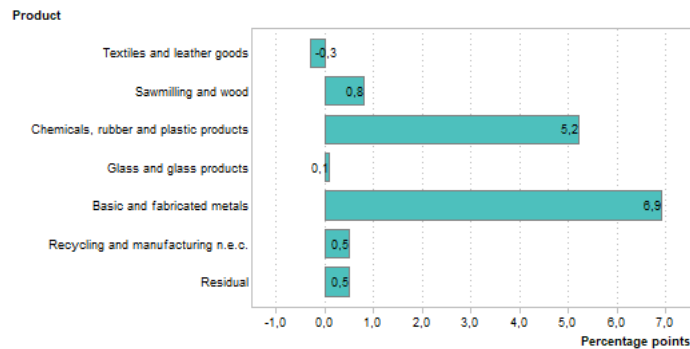
**Figure 1.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for final manufactured goods**



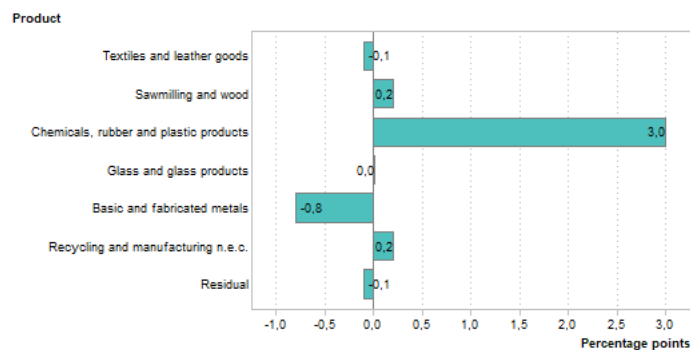
**Table 2 – PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change		
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025	
<b>Intermediate manufactured goods</b>	100,00	111,8	124,1	127,1	2,4	13,7	
Textiles and leather goods	2,43	103,7	94,9	91,5	-3,6	-11,8	
Sawmilling and wood	10,52	104,7	111,4	113,3	1,7	8,2	
Chemicals, rubber and plastic products	31,05	108,0	114,5	126,6	10,6	17,2	
	Basic and other chemicals	23,37	109,7	117,8	131,4	11,5	19,8
	Plastic products	6,14	104,1	104,4	113,6	8,8	9,1
Rubber products	1,54	99,9	107,5	107,5	0,0	7,6	
Glass and glass products	3,78	107,4	109,6	109,3	-0,3	1,8	
Basic and fabricated metals	46,19	116,2	135,0	132,8	-1,6	14,3	
	Basic iron and steel	20,42	99,7	98,7	101,1	2,4	1,4
	Basic precious and non-ferrous metals and castings	25,77	129,2	163,5	157,7	-3,5	22,1
Recycling and manufacturing n.e.c.	6,03	110,8	116,1	119,3	2,8	7,7	

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



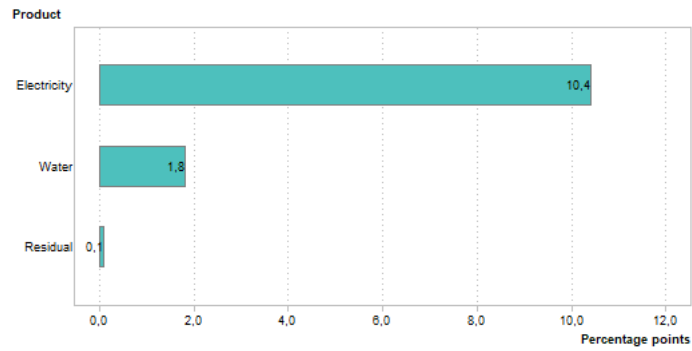
**Figure 2.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**



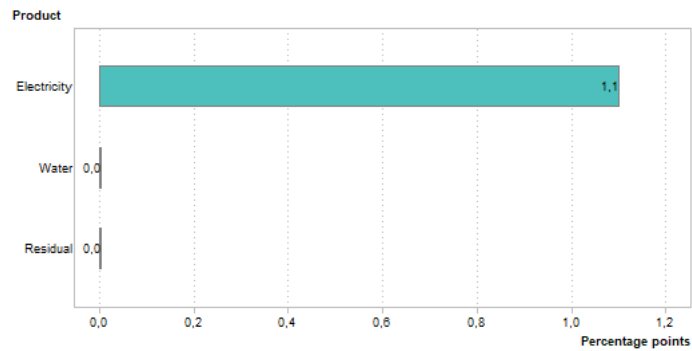
**Table 3 – PPI for electricity and water**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025
<b>Electricity and water</b>	100,00	118,3	131,4	132,8	1,1	12,3
<b>Electricity</b>	81,64	120,5	133,8	135,5	1,3	12,4
<b>Water</b>	18,36	106,8	118,5	118,5	0,0	11,0

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



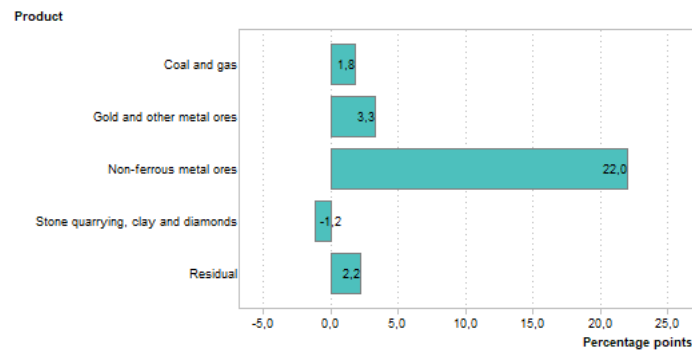
**Figure 3.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for electricity and water**



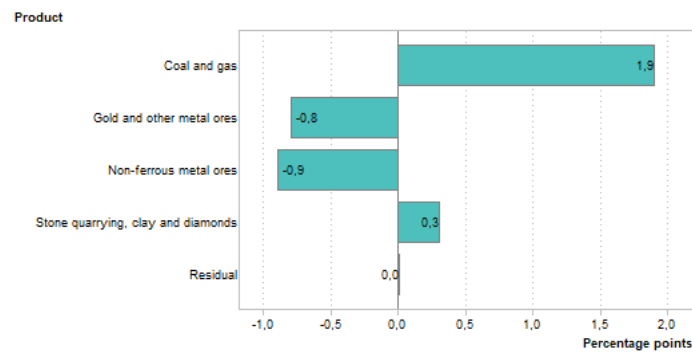
**Table 4 – PPI for mining**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025
<b>Mining</b>	100,00	105,9	135,0	135,7	0,5	28,1
Coal and gas	25,98	88,7	86,2	95,9	11,3	8,1
Gold and other metal ores	25,53	117,6	135,5	131,3	-3,1	11,6
Non-ferrous metal ores	43,71	105,6	161,7	158,8	-1,8	50,4
Stone quarrying, clay and diamonds	4,78	118,2	84,7	92,7	9,4	-21,6

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



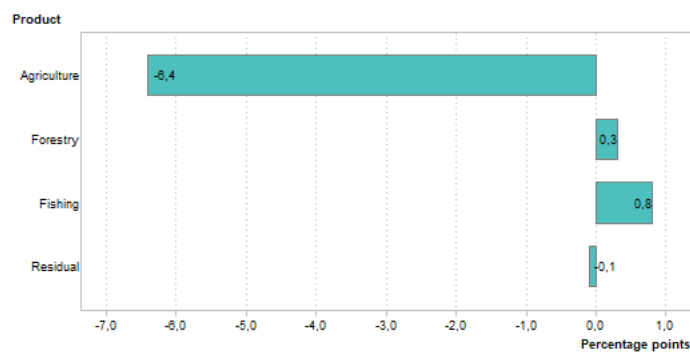
**Figure 4.2 – Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for mining**



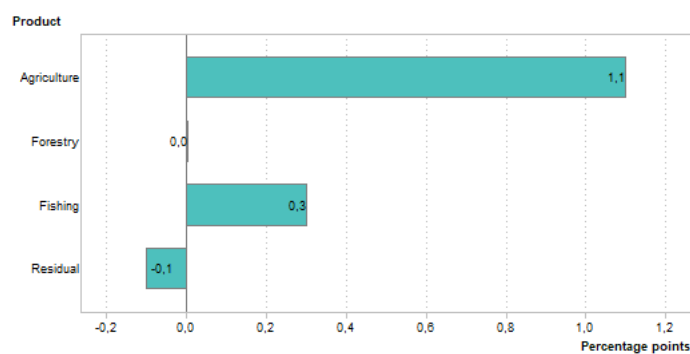
**Table 5 – PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		May 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2026 vs. Apr 2026	May 2026 vs. May 2025
<b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b>	100,00	103,2	96,3	97,6	1,3	-5,4
<b>Agriculture</b>	86,39	102,4	93,6	94,8	1,3	-7,4
<b>Products of crops and horticulture</b>	49,60	101,0	84,1	85,4	1,5	-15,4
<b>Cereals and other crops</b>	23,26	102,2	80,2	83,8	4,5	-18,0
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>	26,34	99,0	86,8	86,1	-0,8	-13,0
<b>Live animals and animal products</b>	36,80	103,9	106,2	107,2	0,9	3,2
<b>Live animals</b>	26,87	105,9	107,0	107,8	0,7	1,8
<b>Milk and eggs</b>	8,80	96,7	97,1	97,9	0,8	1,2
<b>Other animal products</b>	1,13	105,8	143,1	148,2	3,6	40,1
<b>Forestry</b>	5,47	111,3	115,9	116,1	0,2	4,3
<b>Fishing</b>	8,14	109,0	116,1	119,2	2,7	9,4

**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 2026 was 99,5%.

## 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).”

<b>Historical data</b>	Historical PPI data are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ( <a href="#">Time series data</a> ) to access the data electronically.
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