

## Press release

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Producer and Import Price Index in May 2022

# **Producer and Import Price Index rose in May by 0.9%**

The Producer and Import Price Index rose in May 2022 by 0.9% compared with the previous month, reaching 109.4 points (December 2020 = 100). In particular, petroleum products, petroleum and natural gas as well as chemical products saw higher prices. Compared with May 2021, the price level of the whole range of domestic and imported products rose by 6.9%. These are the results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

In particular, higher prices for petroleum products, plastic products, plastics in primary forms, basic metals and semi-finished metal products, paper and paper products were responsible for the growth in the **producer price index** compared with the previous month. Rising prices were also seen in printing, composition and binding, gas, meat and meat products, other chemical products and timber products. Pharmaceutical products and scrap, on the other hand, became cheaper.

The **import price index** registered higher prices compared with April 2022, particularly for petroleum and natural gas, petroleum products and chemical products. Plastic products, timber products, paper and paper products, basic iron and steel, glass and glass products, basic pharmaceutical products, processed steel and other non-metallic mineral products also became more expensive. In contrast, non-ferrous metals and products made therefrom, as well as computers, showed falling prices.

Main results May 2022	Index level (Base Dec. 2020 = 100)	Change in % compared to previous month May 2021		
Producer and Import Price Index (Total) - Producer Price Index - Import Price Index	109.4	0.9	6.9	
	105.8	0.4	4.4	
	117.2	2.0	11.9	
Manufactured products - Domestic sales - Exports	108.6	1.0	7.1	
	103.1	0.2	2.1	

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## Applicable prices

The prices of domestic products are surveyed for the domestic market at the first marketing stage (i.e. ex works). These ex works prices include neither valued added tax nor consumption tax (e.g. on tobacco, alcohol or petroleum products).

For exports, net sales prices are surveyed FOB (free on board) which, pursuant to definition, do not include valued added tax.

For imports, prices are surveyed at the Swiss border minus valued added, consumption and customs taxes.

In general, the market prices (transaction prices) for products are surveyed at the time of ordering. Price reductions (discounts) are deducted. Prices in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate on the first working day of the survey reference period in Swiss francs. The reference period always covers the period from the 1st to 8th of the survey month. This provision allows the results for the reference month to be calculated and published in the course of the subsequent month.

## Producer price index for selected services

Over a period of several years, the producer price index has gradually been extended to the service sector. The latest results are available at (in German):

https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/statistics/prices/producer-prices-import-prices/services.html

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## Statistical key figures in May 2022

Main product groups	Weight	Index	Change compared to prev. month		Change
	in %		in %	Contribution to	compared to
				monthly change	prev. year in %
Producer Price Index: Total	100.0000	105.8	0.4	0.415	4.4
Agricultural and forestry products	2.0714	103.1	0.1	0.002	3.4
Stone, sand and gravel, salt	0.5816 92.7394	101.5	0.6	0.003	0.8
Manufactured products Food products, beverages, tobacco products	92.7394	105.4 102.3	0.5 0.4	0.487 0.034	4.2 1.5
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather and related products, shoes	0.8706	102.8	0.0	0.000	1.9
Timber products	2.3191	112.1	1.1	0.027	11.1
Paper and paper products, printing	1.6073	114.8	6.1	0.101	13.0
Petroleum products Chemical and pharmaceutical products	0.7139 29.8095	261.2 99.3	6.5 0.0	0.108 -0.010	97.4 -0.1
Rubber and plastic products	2.2682	112.4	3.5	0.082	6.7
Non-metallic mineral products	1.9258	105.8	3.1	0.058	5.3
Basic metals, metal products	7.2602	123.5	1.0	0.082	17.6
Computer, electronic and optical products, watches	14.5092	103.2	0.0	0.000	2.2
Electrical equipment	5.8293 9.6393	105.3 103.7	0.1 0.0	0.003 0.001	3.7 2.5
Machinery  Motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, other transport equipment	1.0376	103.7	0.0	0.001	0.9
Furniture and other manufacturing	3.7788	100.5	0.0	0.001	-0.7
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	1.4076	100.3	0.0	0.000	0.2
Electricity and gas supply	3.2092	113.2	1.1	0.036	12.8
Water treatment and distribution, waste collection, recovery	1.3984	120.2	-6.7	-0.114	4.1
Manufactured products: domestic sales	41.4213	108.6	1.0	0.817	7.1
Manufactured products: exports	58.5787	103.1	0.2	0.203	2.1
Agricultural and forestry products	2.0714	103.1	0.1	0.002	3.4
Intermediate goods Capital goods	28.0695 27.5147	109.5 104.5	1.5 0.0	0.436 0.010	7.2 3.2
Consumer durables	1.9576	102.9	0.0	0.000	2.3
Consumer non-durables	35.0655	99.6	-0.2	-0.063	0.0
Energy	4.1181	138.2	2.7	0.144	30.5
Core inflation 1)	90.4465	103.1	0.3	0.286	2.5
Import Price Index: Total	100.0000	117.2	2.0	1.989	11.9
Agricultural products	1.8769	124.6	1.6	0.033	14.8
Mining and quarrying products Manufactured products	1.5903 96.5328	342.9 113.4	17.5 1.3	0.706 1.250	145.2 8.9
Food products, beverages, tobacco products	5.0468	106.3	0.5	0.025	4.4
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather and related products, shoes	7.0884	101.9	0.0	0.000	1.3
Timber products	1.1761	124.3	6.0	0.072	17.4
Paper and paper products	1.4007	118.5	4.4	0.061	14.9
Petroleum products Chemical and pharmaceutical products	2.6323 28.1239	291.7 105.5	9.4 1.4	0.572 0.367	107.1 3.0
Rubber and plastic products	3.3334	115.8	3.0	0.096	9.5
Non-metallic mineral products	1.6343	118.3	7.2	0.113	12.9
Basic metals, metal products	7.5282	148.6	0.2	0.016	28.7
Computer, electronic and optical products	9.1448	98.8	-1.0	-0.078	-1.2
Electrical equipment Machinery	4.9474 8.1482	103.8 104.5	0.0 0.1	0.000 0.005	1.3 1.9
Motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, other transport equipment	10.8729	104.5	0.1	0.005	1.9
Furniture and other manufacturing	5.4554	101.9	0.0	0.000	-0.7
Agricultural products	1.8769	124.6	1.6	0.033	14.8
Intermediate goods	27.0753	125.8	2.4	0.685	15.9
Capital goods	28.9669	102.5	-0.3	-0.072	1.2
Consumer durables Consumer non-durables	4.9830 33.0429	103.4 99.9	0.0 0.2	0.000 0.063	1.0 -0.4
Energy	4.0550	319.7	12.8	1.280	-0.4 124.9
Core inflation 1)	89.4018	105.1	0.8	0.633	2.9
Price Index Total Supply: Total 2)	100.0000	109.4	0.9	0.949	6.9
Core inflation 1)	90.1118	103.7	0.5	0.404	2.6
Price Index Total Supply, Domestic Supply: Total 3)	100.0000	113.0	1.4	1.431	9.6

<sup>1)</sup> Total excluding raw materials and any product groups close to raw materials whose prices are subject to high volatility (in particular agricultural products, meat, petroleum products, metals, gas).

Total of producer price index (67.0869%) and import price index (32.9131%).

Total of producer price index, domestic supply (45.7786%), and import price index (54.2214%).

## Most important contributions to the change in the total index in May 2022

Position	Contribution to the change of the total index compared to the previous survey	Weight in %	Index	Change compared to April 2022 in %	Change compared to previous year in %
Producer Price Index					
Petroleum products	0.108	0.7139	261.2	6.5	97.4
Plastic products	0.082	2.1274	112.9	3.7	6.8
Plastics in primary forms	0.081	0.6377	114.1	13.3	15.3
Basic metals, semi-finished metal products	0.073	1.5702	164.4	3.1	41.2
Paper and paper products	0.060	0.7403	119.5	7.7	17.1
Printing, composition, binding	0.041	0.8670	110.9	4.7	9.5
Gas	0.036	0.7231	144.8	3.8	47.1
Meat and meat products	0.031	1.9800	101.8	1.7	0.6
Other chemical products	0.030	1.4435	105.5	2.1	4.0
Timber products	0.027	2.3191	112.1	1.1	11.1
Articles of asphalt and bitumen	0.017	0.1473	119.9	11.2	16.7
Perfumes and toilet preparations	0.013	0.7522	102.2	1.8	1.9
Articles of concrete, cement and plaster	0.012	0.6664	103.7	1.8	4.0
Slaughter pigs	0.011	0.2344	92.8	5.7	-13.5
Glass and glass products	0.010	0.3843	106.8	2.6	4.3
Scrap	-0.116	0.4150	157.2	-15.8	9.3
Pharmaceutical products	-0.152	23.0476	98.0	-0.7	-1.1
Import Price Index					
Petroleum and natural gas	0.708	1.4128	371.6	18.3	156.8
Petroleum products	0.572	2.6323	291.7	9.4	107.1
Chemical products	0.343	8.3448	123.9	4.0	14.2
Plastic products	0.094	2.6117	118.8	3.6	10.7
Timber products	0.072	1.1761	124.3	6.0	17.4
Paper and paper products	0.061	1.4007	118.5	4.4	14.9
Basic iron, steel	0.058	1.1182	217.4	2.8	60.9
Glass and glass products	0.040	0.5556	123.0	7.1	19.3
Basic pharmaceutical products	0.039	3.2557	100.3	1.4	0.6
Processed steel	0.033	0.4457	192.9	4.6	47.8
Other non-metallic mineral products	0.025	0.2282	128.9	10.8	16.5
Cutting, shaping and finishing of stone	0.018	0.1298	114.5	16.3	13.4
Fish and fish products	0.016	0.4069	108.5	4.4	8.5
Green coffee	0.013	0.3363	165.7	2.8	52.2
Meat and meat products	0.013	0.5286	112.6	2.5	7.9
Non-perennial crops	0.012	0.7342	122.5	1.5	10.9
General-purpose machinery	0.011	2.0979	104.2	0.6	1.3
Articles of concrete, cement and plaster	0.010	0.2855	110.3	3.9	4.2
Pharmaceutical preparations	-0.014	16.5234	97.2	-0.1	-2.7
Computers  Non-ferrous metals and products made therefrom	-0.078	2.3555	98.2	-3.7	-0.9
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