

PRODUCER PRICES INDEX

First quarter, 2026

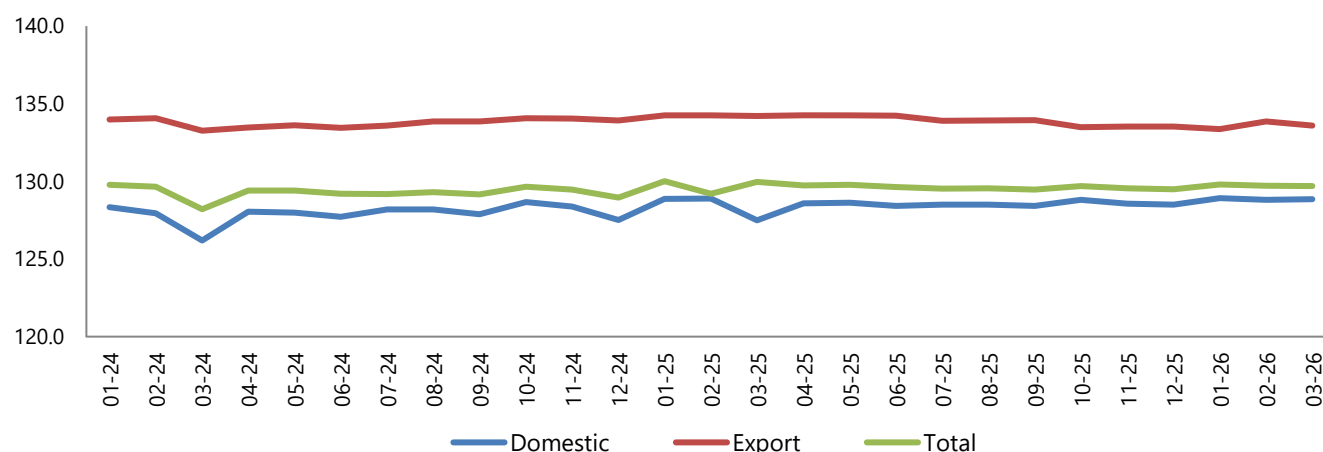
In the first quarter 2026, Producer Price Index (PPI) reached 129.7 against 2021, compared to year 2021(2021=100). Compared to the first quarter of 2025, the PPI increased by 0.02 %.

The highest annual growth was recorded in the section 'Manufacturing' with 0.4 %, while the section 'Water supply, treatment and management activities of waste, waste' recorded an increase of 0.3 %. On the other hand, the 'Electricity,gas, steam and air conditioning' section recorded a decrease of 0.9 %.

In the domestic market ,PPI increased by 0.3 % compared to the same quarter of 2025, while for export decreased by 0.5 %.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2025, PPI increased by 0.1 %. The highest annual growth was recorded in the section 'Manufacturing' with 0.4 %, followed by the section 'Water supply, treatment and management activities of waste, waste' section with 0.3 %. Within the section 'Manufacturing' the highest price increase is observed in the activities 'Manufacture of woods and products of wood and oak,except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and reed', "Manufacture of beverages", "Paper printing and regroupin of recorded media" and 'Manufacture of rubbers and plastic products' with 1.2 % each. While the largest price decrease is observed in the activity 'Manufacture of electrical equipment ' with 0.9 % and activity 'Metallurgy ' with 0.6 %. On the other side 'Electricity,gas, steam and air conditioning' section recorded a decrease of 0.9 %.

FIG. 1 PRODUCER PRICE INDEX



Note to users:

Detailed annual data by economic activity are available in the INSTAT statistical database: [Producer Prices Index](#) as well as in the tables section of the website on the topic: [Producer Prices Index](#)

Methodology

INSTAT calculates and publication of Producer Price Index in Albania include:

- Producer Price Index in Total
- Producer Price Index for Domestic Production
- Export Price Index

Covers following economic activities:

- Section B - Extracting industry
- Section C - Manufacturing industry
- Section D - Electric power, water and gas
- Section E - Water supply, treatment activities and waste management

Index calculation

The indices are calculated for each product classified according to the Nomenclature of Products (NP 2008) at the 6-digit level and published by sectors of the economy at the 2-digit level. The renewal of the enterprise sample and the basket of products is carried out every year using the results of the Structural Survey of Non-Agricultural Economic Enterprises. The determination of the weights of products intended for the domestic market is based on the results of this survey, while the weights of products intended for export are based on statistical data from Foreign Trade.

Producer Price Index (PPI) is calculated taking into consideration 2021 as base year (2021 = 100). Calculation's method used in compiling of this index is Laspeyres chain – index. It means that each transaction will be compared with its previous year December price (y -1).

$$I_{Corent}^{y,m} = \frac{100}{\frac{1}{12} \sum^{Dec} I_{Y-1,Dec}^{Y,M}} + \prod_{Y=Base\ year}^{y-1} I_{Y-1,Dec}^{Y,M} * I_{y-1,Dec}^{y,m}$$

- The first part of the formula shows the change in prices for the month of December of the previous year compared to the average prices in the base year.
- The second part of the formula shows the chain movement of the price index from December of the previous year to the period y-1.
- The last part is showing the movement from December y-1 to month m year y.

Measures of index

The annual change measures the price change between the current quarter and the same quarter of the previous year.

This change is a result of annual changes in price levels, but it can also be influenced by the non-recurring effects of any quarter.

The quarterly change compares the price levels of the last two quarters.