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The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) hereby releases the Producer Price Indices (PPI) for the first quarter of 2026. The PPI measures the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output.

The year-on-year producer inflation rate for March 2026 stood at -1.81 per cent, while the Producer Price Index (PPI) was recorded at 134.15 during the same period. Figure 1 and Table 1 below illustrate the trends in producer price indices and corresponding year on year inflation rates from December 2022 to March 2026. The highest inflation rate was 16.26 per cent recorded in December 2022.

Figure 1: Producer Price Indices and Year on Year Inflation Rates December 2022-March 2026

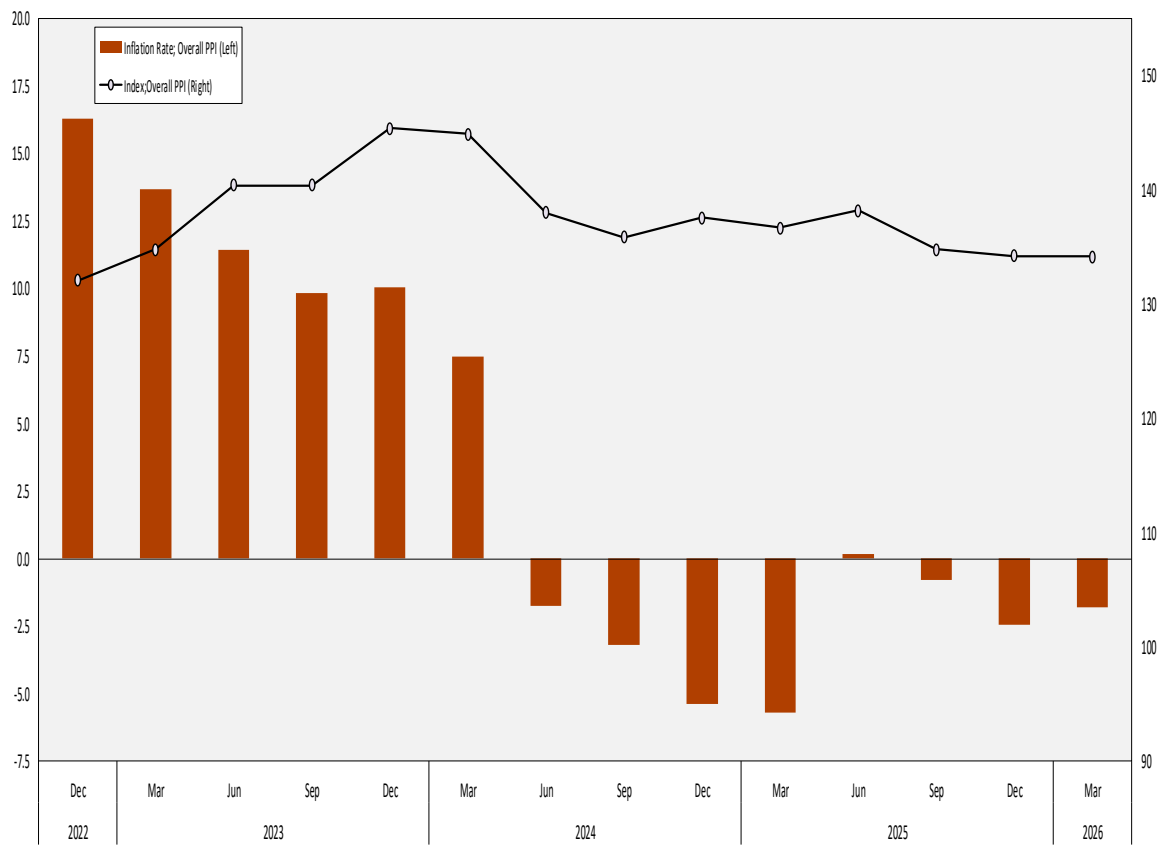


Table 1: Overall PPI and Inflation Rates, December 2022-March 2026

March 2019 = 100			
Year	Quarter ¹ Ending	Producer Price Indices	PPI-YOY Inflation Rate (%)
2022	December	132.07	16.26
2023	March	134.76	13.66
	June	140.39	11.44
	September	140.35	9.83
	December	145.32	10.03
2024	March	144.84	7.48
	June	137.95	-1.73
	September	135.85	-3.21
	December	137.56	-5.34
2025	March	136.62	-5.67
	June	138.16	0.15
	September	134.78	-0.79
	December	134.16	-2.44
2026	March	134.15	-1.81

¹ Prices are collected as at the mid of the quarter

The year-on-year industrial producer inflation rates across selected sectors from June 2024 to March 2026 are presented in Table 2. For the year ending March 2026, producer prices increased in Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management, and Remediation Activities sector by 0.92 per cent and by 1.28 per cent in the Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply sector. The Manufacturing sector producer prices recorded a decline by 2.21 per cent, while the Mining and Quarrying sector did not record any change in prices during the same period.

Table 2: Year-on-Year Industrial Producer Inflation rates by Sectors

Sector	June 2025 / June 2024	Sept 2025 / Sept 2024	December 2025 / December 2024	March 2026 / March 2025
Mining and quarrying	-7.55	-4.48	-3.56	0.00
Manufacturing	0.31	-0.52	-2.89	-2.21
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.26	-2.03	2.20	1.28
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	-2.69	-2.69	-1.51	0.92

Table 3 presents the quarter-on-quarter changes in producer prices between March 2025 to March 2026. The Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities sector recorded the highest quarter on quarter change by 9.03 per cent. Similarly, Manufacturing sector recorded an increase of 0.10 per cent, while the Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply producer prices decreased by 2.47 per cent. During the period under review Mining and Quarrying sector consecutively recorded no change over the period between March 2026 and December 2025.

Table 3: Quarter-to-Quarter Rate of Change in Producer Price Indices

Sector	June 2025/ March 2025	September 2025/ June 2025	December 2025/ September 2025	March 2026/ December 2025
Mining and quarrying	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manufacturing	1.03	-2.45	-0.88	0.10
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	4.36	-3.50	3.12	-2.47
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	-9.78	0.00	2.60	9.03

Producer price changes between the first quarter of 2026 and the previous quarter trends are shown in Table 4. Overall quarter on quarter prices decreased by 0.01 per cent between December 2025 and March 2026. The Water sub-sector recorded the highest quarter-on-quarter increase at 9.03 per cent. Manufacture of Electrical Equipment and Wearing apparel sector both recorded increases by 4.61 and 4.37 per cent respectively. In the same period the highest decline in producer prices was by 9.38 per cent recorded in the Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products.

The overall on year-on-year inflation rate between March 2026 and March 2025 was (-1.81%). With the Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products registering the most significant decrease in prices at 19.70 per cent.

Table 4: Percentage Changes of PPI over a Quarter and a Year Ago

March 2019=100				
2-Digit ISIC	ISIC Descriptions	Weights	% Change over three months ago (March 2026/ December 2025)	% Change over a year ago March 2026/March 2025)
	Mining and Quarrying			
7	Mining of metal ores	1.52	0.00	0.00
8	Other Mining and Quarrying	0.81	0.00	0.00
	Manufacturing			
10	Manufacture of food products	37.3	1.24	2.56
11	Manufacture of beverages	5.61	0.00	-8.79
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	1.01	0.10	-3.19
13	Manufacture of textiles	1.34	-0.80	-4.07
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	2.47	4.37	4.37
15	Manufacture of leather and related products	1.1	0.10	-2.13
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork except furniture	1.02	0.78	-4.41
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	3.74	-2.72	-5.98
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	2.64	0.10	0.14
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	6.41	-0.06	-3.74
21	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products	1.52	-9.38	-19.70
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	4.41	0.10	-3.19
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	5.91	0.10	-2.19
24	Manufacture of basic metals	6.99	-4.41	-14.57
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products except machinery and equipment	2.02	0.00	-6.50
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	1.3	4.61	4.61
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles	1.92	-0.10	-0.70
	Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply			
35	Electricity	9.23	-2.47	1.28
	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities			
36	Water	1.72	9.03	0.92
	Total	100	-0.01	-1.81

Quarterly Producer Price Indices from March 2025 to March 2026 are as presented in Table 5. Over this period, the overall Producer Price Index decreased to 134.15 in the period under review from 134.16 in December 2025, indicating a slight decline in overall producer prices during the period under review.

Table 5: Quarterly Producer Price Indices, March 2025- March 2026

2-Digit ISIC	Descriptions	Weights	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26
7	Mining of metal ores	1.52	127.05	127.05	127.05	127.05	127.05
8	Other Mining and Quarrying	0.81	172.37	172.37	172.37	172.37	172.37
10	Manufacture of food products	37.3	129.71	136.60	134.18	131.40	133.04
11	Manufacture of beverages	5.61	131.21	121.80	119.68	119.68	119.68
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	1.01	154.76	154.76	150.99	149.68	149.83
13	Manufacture of textiles	1.34	129.87	125.79	125.59	125.59	124.59
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	2.47	119.23	119.23	119.23	119.23	124.44
15	Manufacture of leather and related products	1.1	129.96	131.38	128.18	127.06	127.19
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork except furniture	1.02	106.06	104.02	101.49	100.60	101.38
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	3.74	126.83	113.37	118.14	122.58	119.24
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	2.64	126.50	123.98	126.56	126.56	126.68
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	6.41	208.70	209.82	200.92	201.02	200.90
21	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products	1.52	139.00	127.98	126.30	123.16	111.61
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	4.41	106.00	106.00	103.41	102.51	102.62
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	5.91	165.42	165.60	161.62	161.63	161.80
24	Manufacture of basic metals	6.99	148.97	148.97	133.12	133.14	127.27
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products except machinery and equipment	2.02	114.58	108.11	110.15	107.13	107.13
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	1.3	134.01	134.01	133.19	134.01	140.19
29	Manufacture of motor vehicles	1.92	124.77	126.76	124.00	124.02	123.90
35	Electricity	9.23	127.77	133.34	128.68	132.69	129.41
36	Water	1.72	121.37	109.50	109.50	112.35	122.49
	Total	100	136.62	138.16	134.78	134.16	134.15



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