



FAQ for the Price Variation Workbooks

- Q.1.** I am having difficulties downloading and opening the Inflation Calculation Workbooks.
- A.** This issue occurs when accessing the Inflation Calculation Workbooks using Internet Explorer, due to the fact that it is being discontinued. Please use another Internet Browser such as Google Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, etc.
- Q.2.** Will there be additional support provided for the use of the Price Variation Workbooks?
- A.** The OGP has prepared a detailed guidance document in order to assist practitioners with the use of the Price Variation Workbooks. This is available [here](#).
- Q.3.** Who is responsible for preparing the Inflation Calculation Workbook?
- A.** The Employer's Representative in conjunction with the Employer's Quantity Surveyor/Cost Consultant is responsible for preparing and maintaining the Price Variation Workbook(s).
- Q.4.** My Project has a Designated Date prior to 2024, where the Consumer Price Index Base: Year *Dec. 2016* = 100, and is misaligned with the current Consumer Price Index Base: Year *Dec. 2023* = 100. How can this be resolved?
- A.** The CSO provide a solution to this.
- Firstly, go to the Consumer Price Index page on the CSO website, which can be accessed via [this link](#).
 - Under 'Related Content', click on 'Rebase December 2023=100':



Related content

- > Methodology
- > CPI Inflation Calculator
- > CPI explained
- > Flash Estimate of Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
- > **Rebase December 2023=100**
- > Eurostat - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP)

- On the right-hand side of the page, under Contents select 'Data':

Contents

- > Infographic
- > Key Findings
- > **Rebase December 2023=100**
- > **Data**
- > Background Notes
- > Contact Details
- > Press Statement

- Under 'Datasets related to this release' click on 'CPM 18: Consumer Price Index by Detailed Sub Indices':

Datasets related to this release

- > CPM01: Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group
- > CPM02: Consumer Price Index by Selected Base Reference Period
- > CPM03: Consumer Price Index by Selected Sub Indices
- > CPM11: Contributions to changes in the Consumer Price Index
- > CPM12: National Average Prices
- > CPM15: Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
- > **CPM18: Consumer Price Index by Detailed Sub Indices**
- > CPM19: Consumer Price Index Goods and Services

[View all related tables on data.cso.ie >](#)

- Under 'Statistic', select 'Consumer Price Index (Base 2023=100)':



☐ **Statistic** 3

Filter

- Consumer Price Index (Base Dec 2023=100)
- Percentage Change over 1 month for Consumer Price I
- Percentage Change over 12 months for Consumer Pric

- Under the 'Detailed Sub-Indices' section, select all categories from 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' down to 'Solid fuels':

☐ **Detailed Sub Indices** 234

Filter

- Electricity
- Gas
- Natural gas
- Bottled gas
- Liquid fuels (home heating oil)
- Solid fuels
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine househc
- Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coveri

- Under 'Month' select the relevant month(s):

☐ **Month** 254

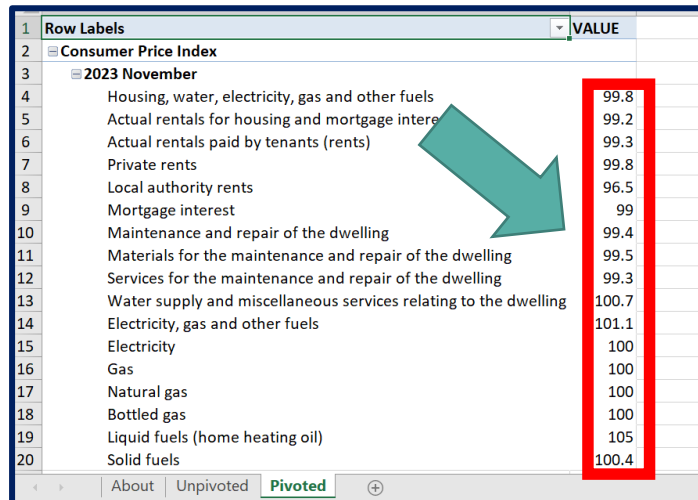
Filter

- 2024 February
- 2024 January
- 2023 December
- 2023 November
- 2023 October
- 2023 September
- 2023 August
- 2023 July

- Scroll to the bottom of the page, click 'Download' and select 'XLSX'.
- Wait for the file to download and then open it.
- Click 'Enable editing'.



- Go to the 'Pivoted' sheet and copy the rebased data for the categories from 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' down to 'Solid fuels':



Row Labels	VALUE
Consumer Price Index	
2023 November	
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	99.8
Actual rentals for housing and mortgage interest	99.2
Actual rentals paid by tenants (rents)	99.3
Private rents	99.8
Local authority rents	96.5
Mortgage interest	99
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.4
Materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.5
Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.3
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	100.7
Electricity, gas and other fuels	101.1
Electricity	100
Gas	100
Natural gas	100
Bottled gas	100
Liquid fuels (home heating oil)	105
Solid fuels	100.4

- Paste this data into the relevant space in the 'Electricity Consumer Price Index Movement' section of the '2. Indices' sheet of the Price Variation Workbook(s).

Q.5. My Project has a Designated Date prior to July 2023, where the Wholesale Price Index Base: Year Dec. 2015 = 100, and is misaligned with the current Wholesale Price Index Base: Year Dec. 2021 = 100. How can this be resolved?

A. The CSO provide a solution to this.

- Go to the CSO Wholesale Price Index, link [here](#).
- Select PxStat Tables.



Wholesale Price Index

Releases

- > Wholesale Price Index April 2025
- > Wholesale Price Index March 2025
- > Wholesale Price Index February 2025
- > Wholesale Price Index January 2025

[all releases >](#) [PxStat tables >](#)

Related content

- > Methodology
- > Information Note - Wholesale Price Index Revision 2020
- > Notice of Revisions to the Wholesale Price Index

- Wholesale Price Index from January 2021 with a Base Year 2021=100 is available in Table WPM39.

Current

WPM35

Industrial Price Index (Excl VAT)

[Industry Sector NACE Rev 2](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

WPM36

Industrial Price Index

[Broad Industrial Sector NACE Rev 2](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

WPM37

Wholesale Price Index (Excl VAT)

[Type of Energy](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

WPM38

Capital Goods Price Index

[Type of Capital Good](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

WPM39

Wholesale Price Index (Excl VAT) for Building and Construction Materials

[Type of Material](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

WPM40

Industrial Price Index (Domestic/Export)

[Industry Sector NACE Rev 2](#) [Month](#) 2021 January - 2025 April

- Select 'Type of Material' to access archived data for selection. Select 'Wholesale Price Index', tick 'Type of Materials' box and select the relevant year/month. Once you have made your selection use the download function to download an xlsx format file.



WPM39

Wholesale Price Index (Excl VAT) for Building and Construction Materials

Type of Material Month 2021 January - 2025 April

Table Chart

Statistic 3

Filter

Wholesale Price Index (Excl VAT) for Building and Construction Materials (Base 2021=100)
Percentage Change over 1 month in Wholesale Price Index (%)
Percentage Change over 12 month in Wholesale Price Index (%)

Type of Material 40

Filter

Materials
Stone, sand and gravel
Sand and gravel
Stone
Cement
Ready mixed mortar and concrete
Concrete blocks and bricks
Other concrete products including precast

Month 52

Filter

2025 April
2025 March
2025 February
2025 January
2025 December
2024 November
2024 October

NOTE: Due to the recategorization of material types “Other concrete products (excluding precast concrete)” and “Precast Concrete” have been omitted but present as blank spaces. Please take care when copying information to the Price Variation Workbook.

Construction Procurement Policy Unit