



WPI inflation falls to 27-month low in Oct.

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Wholesale price inflation fell to a 27-month low of (-) 1.21% in October, led by a sharp deflation in food items like pulses and vegetables, and lower prices of fuel and manufactured items, government data showed on Friday. Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was 0.13% in September and 2.75% in October last year. The decline was primarily driven by a sharp fall in the prices of food items, crude petroleum & natural gas, electricity, and manufactured goods

Key Data for October 2025

Commodity Group	Annual Inflation Rate (YoY)	Month-over-Month Change
All Commodities	-1.21%	-0.06%
Primary Articles	N/A	-0.42%
Food Articles	-5.04%	0.00%
Fuel & Power	-2.55%	1.12%
Manufactured Products	1.54%	-0.07%

Key Drivers of the October 2025 Data

Food Items Deflation: Prices of food articles experienced significant deflation, especially vegetables (-34.97%), potatoes (-39.88%), and onions (-65.43%).

Fuel & Power: This category continued to see deflation on an annual basis, with prices for electricity and mineral oils also falling in comparison to the previous year.

Manufactured Products: The inflation rate in this category eased to 1.54% from 2.33% in September, with price decreases noted in basic metals, chemicals, and motor vehicles

About WPI in India

The WPI measures price changes of goods at the producer or wholesale level and is published monthly by **the Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry**. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) uses the consumer price index (CPI) as its primary measure for monetary policy decisions and inflation targeting, not the WPI. However, the WPI is still an important indicator for analyzing price movements in industry, manufacturing, and construction, and serves as a GDP deflator.