

Newsletter Producer Price Index (PPI) November, 2019



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Producer Price Inflation Rate in November 2019 is 9.9%

The Producer Price Index

The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over time in the prices received by domestic producers for the production of their goods and services. The PPI for Ghana reports the producer price indices with reference to September 2006, the base period. This release shows the annual (year-on-year) and monthly producer inflation rates for all industry and three major subsectors of industry (Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing and Utilities) for the last twelve months. The figures for the month of November 2019 are provisional, and are subject to revision when additional data become available. All other indicators are final.

November 2019 Producer Inflation

The Producer Price Inflation rate for November 2019 was 9.9 percent. This rate indicates that between November 2018 and November 2019 (year-on-year), the PPI increased by 9.9 percent. This rate represents a 1.0 percentage point increase in producer inflation relative to the rate recorded in October 2019 (8.9%). The month-on-month change in producer price index between October 2019 and November 2019 was 0.3 percent (Table1)

Table1: PPI for Sept., October & November 2019

| | Index level | Change rate (%) | |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| Month | Sept 2006=100 | Monthly | Yearly |
| September, 2019 | 655.0 | -0.5 | 9.1 |
| October, rev. 2019 | 664.5 | 1.5 | 8.9 |
| November, 2019 | p666.8 | p0.3 | p9.9 |

p = Provisional

The producer price inflation in the Mining and Quarrying sub-sector decreased by 0.5 percentage points over the October 2019 rate of 34.4 percent to record 33.9 percent in November 2019. The producer inflation for Manufacturing which constitutes more than two-thirds of total industry increased by 1.4 percentage points to record 4.5 percent. The utilities sub-sector recorded inflation rate of 12.7 percent for November 2019 indicating a slight increase of 0.1 percentage point over the October 2019 rate of 12.6 percent.

Table 2: PPI and Inflation by Sector, November 2019 (September 2006= 100)

| Sector | Index level | Change | rate (%) |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
| | Sept 2006=100 | Monthly | Yearly |
| Mining & Quarrying | 1,552.0 | 0.0 | 33.9 |
| Manufacturing | 513.7 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Utilities | 896.5 | 0.1 | 12.7 |
| ALL INDUSTRY | 666.8 | 0.3 | 9,9 |

The data in this table are provisional.

Trends

In November 2018, the producer price inflation rate for all industry was 6.5 percent. The rate declined to 3.4 percent in January 2019. Thereafter, it resumed an upward trend to record 7.1 percent in April 2019 but declined to 6.7 percent in May

2019. Since then, it increased consistently to record 10.2 percent in August 2019 but declined to 8.9 percent in October, 2019. The rate increased to 9.9 percent in November 2019.

Manufacturing Sector

During the month of November 2019, eight out of the sixteen major groups in the manufacturing subsector recorded inflation rates higher than the sector average of 4.5 percent. Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. recorded the highest inflation rate of 24.7 percent, while Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel recorded the least inflation rate of -1.7 percent (Fig. 2).

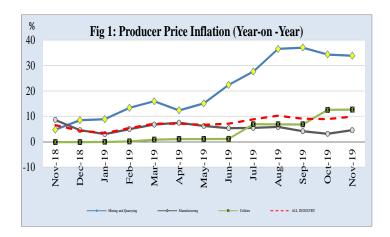
Petroleum Price Index

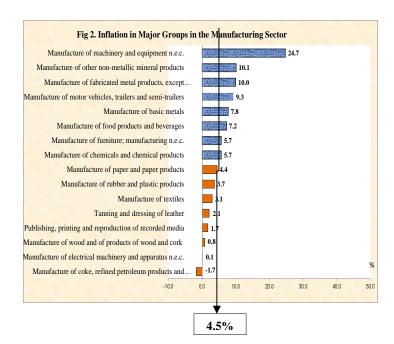
The producer inflation rate in the petroleum subsector was 30.6 percent in November 2018. The rate decreased continuously to record 3.8 percent in January 2019. Thereafter, the rate increased consistently to record 17.2 percent in April 2019, but declined to 1.2 percent in June 2019. However, it increased to 3.1 percent in August 2019 but declined consistently to record -5.7 percent in October 2019. The rate increased to record -1.7 percent in November 2019. (Fig 3).

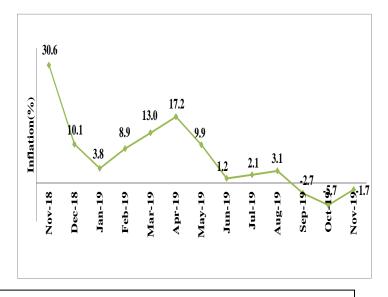
Highlights

The year-on-year producer inflation for all industry was 9.9 percent in November 2019; the monthly change rate was 0.3 percent. The Mining and Quarrying sub-sector recorded the highest year-on-year producer price inflation rate of 33.9 percent, followed by Utilities sub-sector with 12.7 percent. The Manufacturing sub-sector recorded the lowest year-on-year producer inflation of 4.5 percent.

With respect to the monthly changes, manufacturing recorded the highest inflation rate of 0.5 percent, followed by utilities sub-sector with 0.1 percent. The mining and quarrying sub-sector recorded no change.







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