



Republic of Ghana

# Newsletter Producer Price Index (PPI) April, 2020



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## Producer Price Inflation Rate in April 2020 is 7.4%

### 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 sub-sectors of industry (Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, and Utilities) for the last twelve months. The figures for April 2020 are provisional and are subject to revision when additional data become available. All other indicators are final.

### April 2020 Producer Inflation

The Producer Price Inflation rate for April 2020 was 7.4 percent. This rate indicates that between April 2019 and April 2020 (year-on-year), the PPI increased by 7.4 percent. This rate represents a 0.6 percentage point increase in producer inflation relative to the rate recorded in March 2020 (6.8%). The month-on-month change in producer price index between March 2020 and April 2020 was 1.5 percent (Table 1)

**Table1: PPI for February, March & April 2020**

Month	Index level	Change rate (%)	
	Sept 2006=100	Monthly	Yearly
February, 2020	677.3	-1.5	10.5
March, rev. 2020	663.1	-2.1	6.8
<b>April, 2020</b>	<b>p 673.4</b>	<b>p1.5</b>	<b>p7.4</b>

p = Provisional

The producer price inflation in the Mining and Quarrying sub-sector increased by 14.3 percentage points over the March 2020 rate of 23.7 percent to record 38.0 percent in April 2020. The producer inflation for Manufacturing which constitutes more than two-thirds of the total industry decreased by 1.6 percentage points to record 0.5 percent. The utility sub-sector recorded an inflation rate of 12.1 percent for April 2020 indicating a decrease of 0.1 percentage point over the March 2020 rate of 12.2 percent.

**Table 2: PPI and Inflation by Sector, April 2020 (September 2006= 100)**

Sector	Index level	Change rate (%)	
	Sept 2006=100	Monthly	Yearly
Mining & Quarrying	1,786.5	8.9	38.0
Manufacturing	504.7	0.3	0.5
Utilities	897.6	0.1	12.1
<b>ALL INDUSTRY</b>	<b>673.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>

The data in this table are provisional.

### Trends

In April 2019, the producer price inflation rate for all industry was 7.1 percent. The rate declined to 6.7 percent in May 2019. Since then, the rate increased consistently to record 10.2 percent in August 2019 but declined to 8.9 percent in October

2019. The rate then increased again continuously to record 14.5 percent in January 2020 but declined to record 6.8 percent in March 2020. The rate increased again to record 7.4 percent in April 2020.

## Manufacturing Sector

During April 2020, fifteen out of the sixteen major groups in the manufacturing sub-sector recorded inflation rates higher than the sector average of 0.5 percent. Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. recorded the highest inflation rate of 24.7 percent, while the Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel recorded the least inflation rate of -15.3 percent (Fig. 2).

## Petroleum Price Index

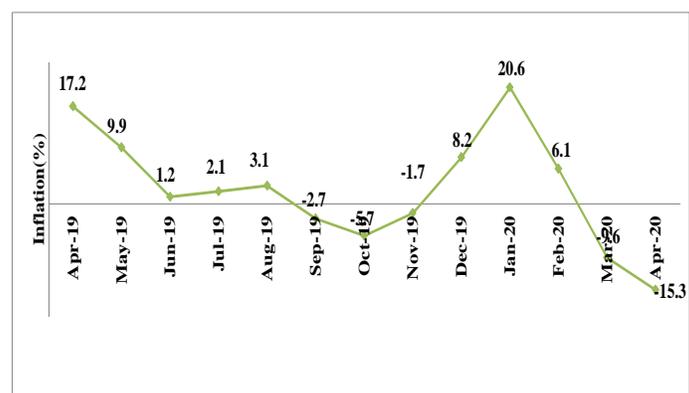
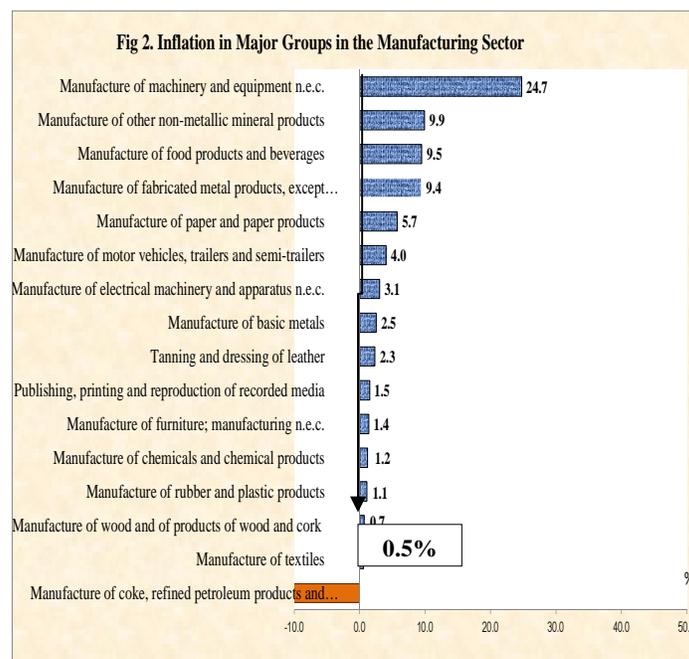
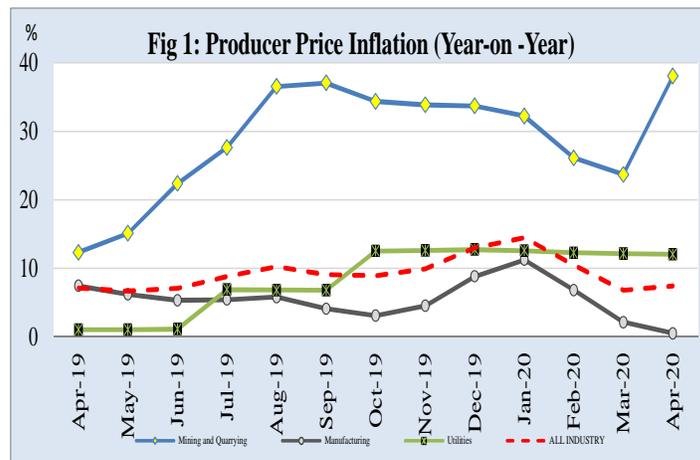
The producer inflation rate in the petroleum sub-sector was 17.2 percent in April 2019. The rate declined continuously to record 1.2 percent in June 2019. However, it increased to 3.1 percent in August 2019 but declined again to -5.7 percent in October 2019. Thereafter the rate increased consistently to record 20.6 percent in January 2020 but constantly declined to record -15.3 percent in April 2020. (Fig 3).

## Highlights

The year-on-year producer inflation for all industry was 7.4 percent in April 2020; the monthly change rate was 1.5 percent.

The Mining and Quarrying sub-sector recorded the highest year-on-year producer price inflation rate of 38.0 percent, followed by the utility sub-sector with 12.1 percent. The Manufacturing sub-sector recorded the lowest year-on-year producer inflation rate of 0.5 percent.

For the monthly changes, the mining and quarrying sub-sector recorded the highest inflation rate of 8.9 percent, followed by manufacturing sub-sectors with 0.3 percent. The Utility sub-sector recorded the least inflation rate of 0.1 percent.



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