

Textile Services Cost Index - Bulletin

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Cost Pressures Continue to Impact the Commercial Laundry Sector

Ongoing uncertainty in the Middle East continues to affect global energy markets and wider supply chains, with resulting cost pressures being felt by businesses across the UK.

Since our previous update in July, energy markets have remained volatile. Higher oil, gas and fuel prices have contributed to increased costs for UK businesses, adding further pressure to an already challenging operating environment.

The latest Textile Services Cost Index is based on official published data and therefore reflects changes in costs with an inherent reporting lag. While some of the recent pressures are beginning to appear in UK economic data, the full impact may not yet be reflected within the latest Index.

TSA will continue to provide relevant context alongside future Textile Services Cost Index updates where appropriate.

For more information on the Textile Services Cost Index, please visit our website.

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2026/2027 FYQ2*

Annual Increase from 2025/2026 FYQ2 to 2026/2027 FYQ2

Cost Centre	Increase	Weighting	Total
Labour	4.10%	40%	1.64%
Textiles **	10.04%	15%	1.51%
Energy	3.24%	10%	0.32%
Diesel	35.13%	4%	1.48%
Other Transport **	4.51%	8%	0.35%
Other	3.41%	23%	0.78%
TOTAL		100%	6.08%

* FYQ2 constitutes data for Jul-Sept 2026 months and as per the latest release of quarterly energy prices by Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (Apr, May & Jun2026). Additionally, please note all the numbers reflect the data at the time of publication.

Increase in the Last Three Years (Q2 2023/2024 to Q2 2026/2027)

Cost Centre	Increase	Weighting	Total
Labour	25.08%	40%	10.03%
Textiles**	17.05%	15%	2.56%
Energy	-14.15%	10%	-1.42%
Diesel	20.82%	4%	0.87%
Other Transport**	7.98%	8%	0.62%
Other	11.95%	23%	2.75%
TOTAL		100%	15.41%

Sources:

For the purpose of all calculations, the latest available quarterly or monthly numbers have been applied.

Labour: UK Government

<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Textiles: Office for National Statistics (Textile costs)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/g6sn/ppi>

Energy and Diesel: Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Gas and Electricity: Table 3.1.1 - Gas is weighted 75% and Electricity 25%:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-energy-prices-september-2026>



Diesel: Table 4.1.1:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-energy-prices-september-2026>

Other costs: Office for National Statistics

www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/chaw

Other Transport: Office for National Statistics

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/g6wh/ppi>

* Please note that the ONS has now reinstated indices for “Textiles” and for “Other Transport ” that were previously on hold since January 2025.