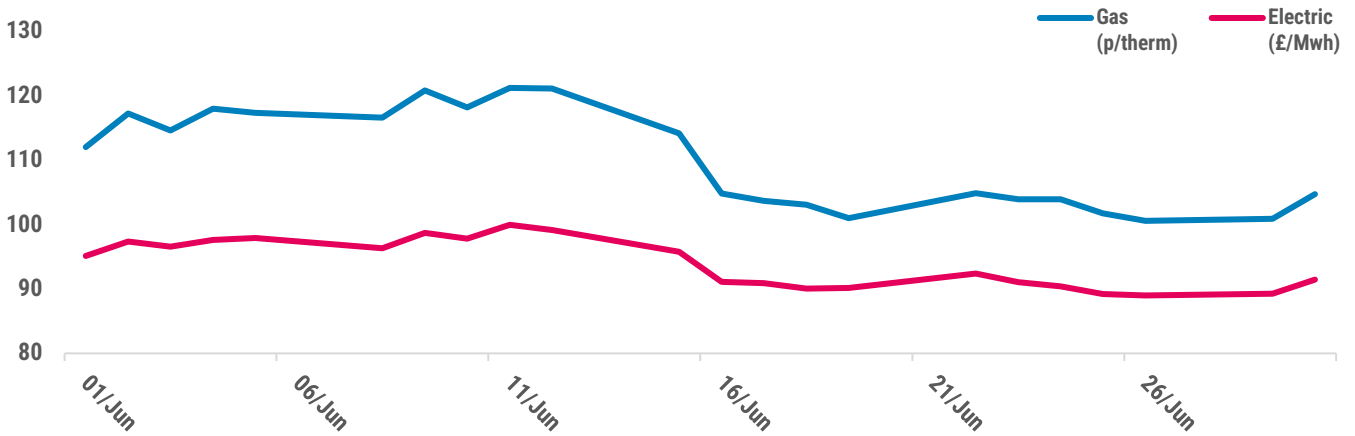


ENERGY MARKET UPDATE

JUNE 2026



YEAR AHEAD WHOLESALE GAS AND ELECTRICITY PRICE

UK wholesale gas and power markets experienced increased volatility throughout June 2026, with both commodities rising during the first half of the month before falling sharply and stabilising at lower levels towards month-end.

At the beginning of June, energy prices strengthened steadily, continuing the upward momentum seen at the end of May. Markets remained focused on developments in the Middle East and the potential impact on global gas and LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) supplies. Concerns over possible disruption to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz supported wholesale prices, with

both gas and power reaching their monthly highs around 10–11 June.

During the middle of the month, sentiment shifted as immediate concerns over supply disruption began to ease. Energy prices fell sharply over a short period, with gas declining by around 15 p/therm from its monthly peak and power contracts following a similar downward trend. Improved confidence in global LNG supplies, together with stable Norwegian gas flows and strong renewable generation, helped reduce the geopolitical risk premium.

For the remainder of June, wholesale

markets traded within a relatively narrow range as supply conditions remained comfortable across the UK and EU due to strong renewable output, reducing the need for thermal generation. Energy prices edged higher during final trading but remained below the earlier peaks in the month.

Overall, June had two distinct phases: an early-month rally driven by geopolitical uncertainty, followed by a sharp market correction and a period of consolidation. While tensions in the Middle East remained an important influence, easing concerns over immediate supply disruption resulted in lower wholesale prices and reduced volatility.

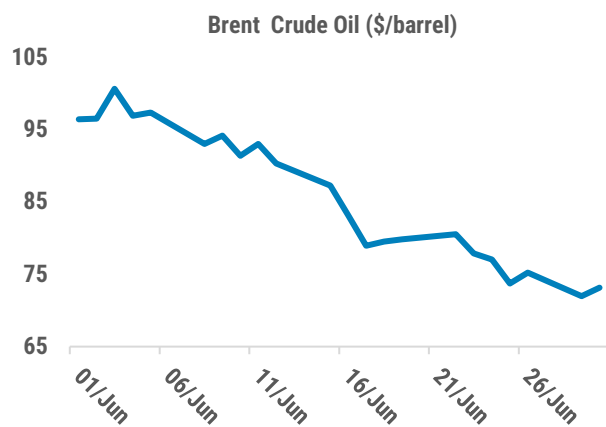
BRENT CRUDE OIL

Brent crude oil prices declined steadily through June 2026, beginning at around \$96 per barrel, before falling consistently to finish the month near \$73 per barrel.

Brent prices moved steadily lower, falling from the mid-\$90s to below \$80 per barrel by mid-June. Prices then stabilised briefly, trading within a relatively narrow range as market participants assessed developments in the Middle East and monitored the outlook for global oil demand.

Selling pressure returned during the second half of June, with Brent resuming its downward trend and reaching a monthly low of around \$72 per barrel during the final week.

Overall, June was characterised by sustained downward price movement rather than sharp volatility. While geopolitical developments continued to influence market sentiment, improving supply confidence and weaker demand expectations outweighed concerns over potential disruption.



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