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Consumer Price Index

September 2018

(Base year 2014)

Detailed by:

- Expenditure groups
- Household welfare levels
- Household type
- Regions

Briefing

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for September 2018 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results of the first nine months of 2018 CPI by household welfare levels, by household type, by Abu Dhabi region and provides the percentage contribution of the major expenditure groups in the annual price change.

Key Points

- The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first nine months of 2018 was 3.7% compared with the same period of 2017, as shown by the increase in the CPI to 111.9% during the first nine months of 2018, up from 107.9% during the same period of 2017.
- Abu Dhabi region contributed 44.9% of the total increase of 3.7% during the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, with the prices increasing by 2.8% in the Abu Dhabi region, while the Al-Ain region contributed 47.0% and Al Dhafra region 8.0%.
- The CPI increased by 4.0% in September 2018 compared with September 2017.
- The CPI decreased in September 2018 by 0.4% compared with August 2018.
- The rise in consumer prices for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, contributed to an increase of 3.2% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 3.5% for the middle welfare level, and 4.0% for the top welfare level over the same period of comparison.
- Consumer prices for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, contributed to an increase of 4.2% for citizen households, followed by 3.3% for non-citizen households and 3.2% for share households.
- The “Transport” group contributed 38.2% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 10.2% over the same period.
- The “Clothing and footwear” group contributed 25.2% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 19.0% over the same period.
- The group of “Recreation and culture” contributed 15.2% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 13.7% over the same period.

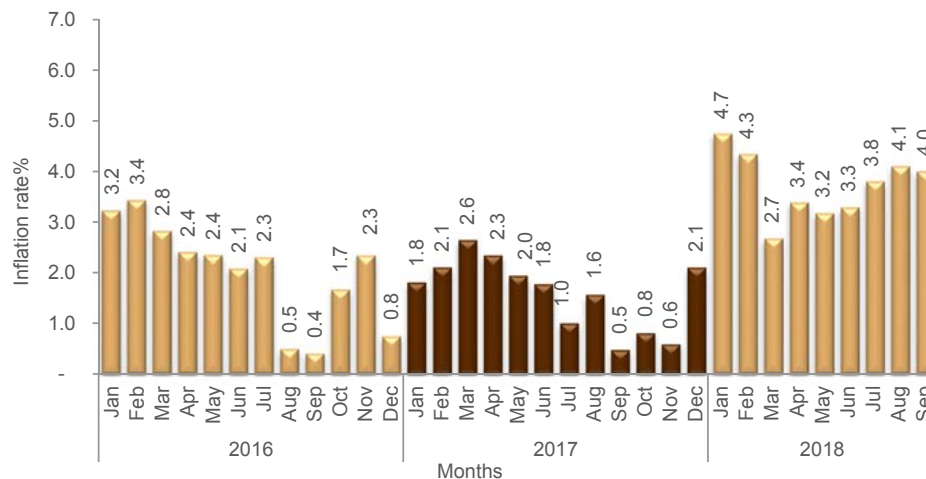
- Prices of the “Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel” group decreased by 3.6% during the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period 2017, and contributed 33.3% in reducing the overall increase in the CPI.
- The CPI estimates for the fourth quarter of 2018 expected an increase of 3.4% compared with the same period of 2017.

Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution for the first nine months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3		9.6
Tobacco	0.2	101.3	5.3
Clothing and footwear	5.4	19.0	25.2
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	-3.6	-33.3
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	5.4	9.9
Health	1.6	-0.1	0.0
Transport	14.7	10.2	38.2
Communication	5.0	2.4	2.8
Recreation and culture	4.8	13.7	15.2
Education	6.9	5.2	9.7
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	6.4	6.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	5.8	11.0
Total	100.00	3.7	100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2016 - 2018



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Notes

Technical notes

For better understanding of the statistical indicators mentioned in this summary, please refer to the accompanied technical notes on the SCAD website.

Data sources

Data are obtained through a field survey by collecting the prices from different outlets in Abu Dhabi Regions (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra) The data are processed and passed to the Prices and Income Section at Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

More information and detailed release

For more information about the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at www.scad.gov.abudhabi

Revision Statement

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