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Consumer Price Index

March 2017

(Base year 2014)

Detailed by:

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

Briefing

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for March 2017 with the base year 2014. In addition, the publication provides the results of the first quarter of 2017 CPI by household welfare levels, by household type and by region and percentage change in the main expenditure group and the Expected inflation over the next six months.

Key Points

- The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first quarter of 2017 was 2.2%, compared with the same period of 2016, as shown by the increase in the CPI to 107.9% during the first quarter of 2017, up from 105.6% during the same period of 2016.
- Abu Dhabi district contributed 56.7% of the total increase of 2.2% for the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016, while Al-Ain district contributed 37.5% and Al Dhafra district 5.8%.
- The CPI increased by 2.6% in March 2017 compared with March 2016.
- The CPI Increased by 0.6% in March 2017 compared with February 2017.
- The rise in consumer prices for the first quarter of 2017 compared with same period of 2016, contributed to an increase of 2.4% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level over the same period of comparison. Consumer prices rose by 2.7% and 1.9% for households of the middle and the top welfare levels respectively.
- Consumer prices for the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016, increased by 2.6% for citizen households, followed by 2.0% for non-citizen households and 1.5% for share households.
- Table (1) shows the 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' group accounted for the largest rise in the index during the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period 2016, which contributed 59.7% to the overall increase in the CPI. Prices of this group increased by 3.9% over the same period.
- The 'Transport' group contributed 34.9% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period of 2016. Prices of this group increased by 5.7% over the same period.

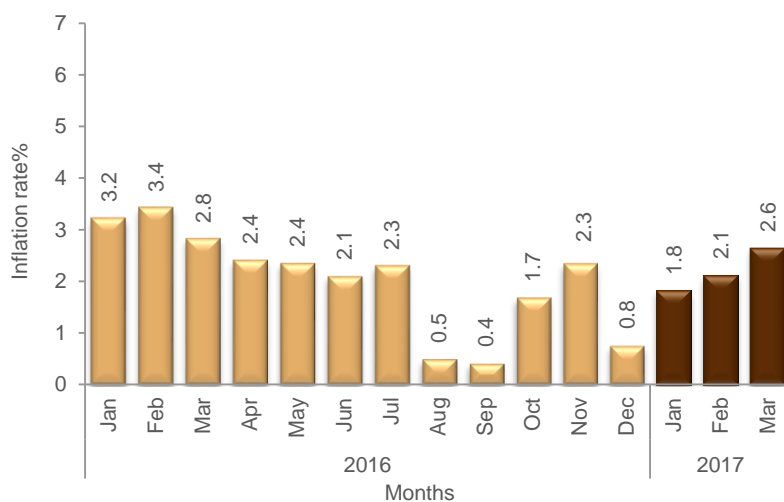
- While the prices of the 'Recreation and Culture' group decreased by 10.3% during the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period 2016, which contributed 22.0% in reducing the overall increase in the CPI.
- Data of the CPI estimates for the second quarter of 2017 increase of 2.5% compared with the second quarter of 2016 and 1.9% for third quarter of 2017 compared to third quarter of 2016.

Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weights, relative change and contribution for the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period 2016

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	1.0	5.3
Tobacco	0.2	3.6	0.3
Clothing and footwear	5.4	-0.7	-1.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	3.9	59.7
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	1.2	3.9
Health	1.6	10.6	7.5
Transport	14.7	5.7	34.9
Communication	5.0	0.0	0.1
Recreation and culture	4.8	-10.3	-22.0
Education	6.9	0.2	0.8
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	-1.4	-2.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	4.4	13.8
Total	100	2.2	100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2016 and 2017



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 Districts (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

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