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Consumer Price Index

March 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 March 2018 with the base year 2014. In addition, this publication provides the results of first quarter of 2018 CPI by household welfare levels, by household type, by Abu Dhabi region and provides percentage of contribution of the major expenditure groups in annual price change. In addition, the Expected Inflation over the second quarter of 2018 will be presented in this report.

Key Points

- The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first quarter of 2018 was 3.9% compared with the same period of 2017, as shown by the increase in the CPI to 112.2% during the first quarter of 2018, up from 107.9% during the same period of 2017.
- Abu Dhabi region contributed 52.2% of the total increase of 3.9% during the first quarter of 2018 compared with same period of 2017, while Al-Ain region contributed 40.1% and Al Dhafra region 7.7%.
- The CPI increased by 2.7% in March 2018 compared with March 2017.
- The CPI decreased by 1.0% in March 2018 compared with February 2018.
- The rise in consumer prices for the first quarter of 2018 compared with same period of 2017, contributed to an increase of 3.9% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level over the same period of comparison. Consumer prices rose by 3.6% and 4.1% for households of the middle and the top welfare levels respectively.
- Consumer prices for the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, increased by 4.2% for citizen households, followed by 3.6% for non-citizen households and 4.4% for share households.
- The “Transport” group contributed 35.7% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 10.0% over the same period.
- The “Miscellaneous goods and services” group contributed 15.8% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 8.8% over the same period.
- The “Food and beverages” group contributed 15.7% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 5.3% over the same period.

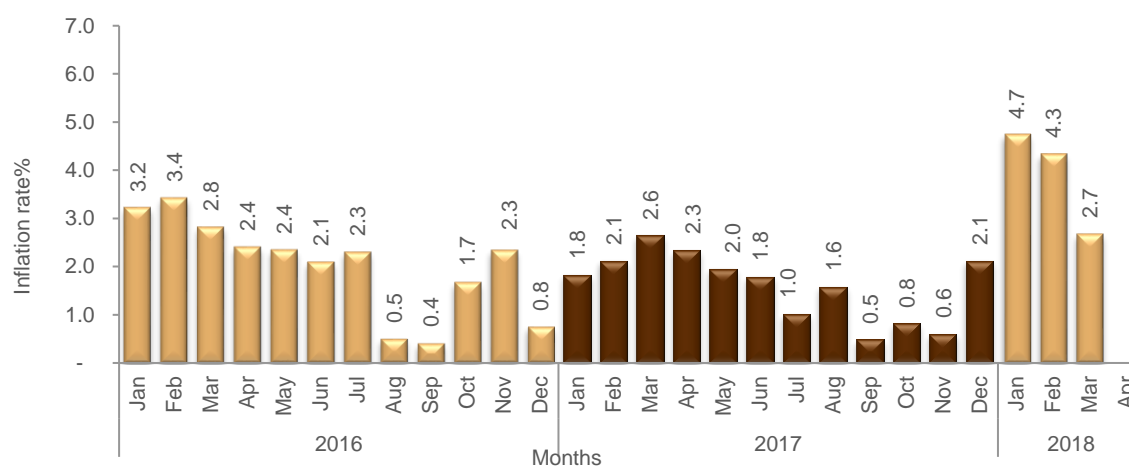
- While the prices of the “Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel” group decreased by 3.0% during the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same period 2016, which contributed 26.6% in reducing the overall increase in the CPI.
- The CPI estimates for the second quarter of 2018 expected an increase of 2.7% compared with the same period of 2017.

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

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	5.3	15.7
Tobacco	0.2	100.5	5.0
Clothing and footwear	5.4	9.7	12.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	-3.0	-26.6
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	5.0	8.7
Health	1.6	-0.2	-0.1
Transport	14.7	10.0	35.7
Communication	5.0	0.7	0.8
Recreation and culture	4.8	13.9	14.6
Education	6.9	5.1	8.9
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	9.8	9.3
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	8.8	15.8
Total	100	3.9	100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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

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