

# Inflation in Abu Dhabi

August 2013



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## Inflation

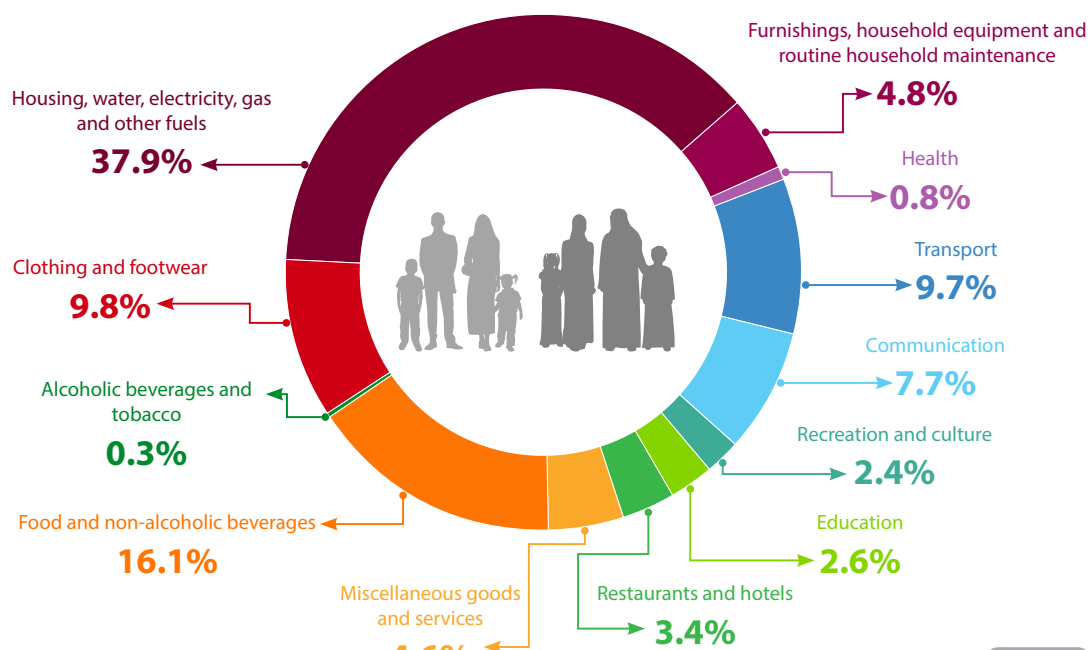
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

## CPI during 2012 & 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	July	July	Jul	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	122.0	121.9	122.2	122.5	122.8	123.0	123.4	123.3	123.7	123.7	123.6	123.3
2013	123.5	123.2	123.5	123.2	123.6	124.1	124.7	125.0				
Change%	1.2%▲	1.0%▲	1.0%▲	0.6%▲	0.7%▲	0.9%▲	1.1%▲	1.4%▲				

Each month, across Abu Dhabi, SCAD collects the prices of hundreds of goods and services (collectively called the 'basket'). The total cost of this basket for a given month is calculated as an index number (e.g. 123.5). This index number is called the Consumer Price Index or CPI.

## Main Expenditure Groups



## Weights

Households will spend more on some expenditure groups than other groups. To represent the average spending patterns of consumers, the calculation of the CPI uses weights. That is, the goods and services in the basket are weighted according to the share they constitute of the total consumer spending. In other words, if the household spending for a given month was AED 1,000, then, on average, "Food and beverages" might represent AED 161 (or 16.1 percent), while "Housing", would represent AED 379, or 37.9 percent of total expenditure.

Change% Aug. 2013 Aug. 2012

Change%	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2012
▲ 3.0	144.0	139.7
▲ 3.0	145.0	140.8
▲ 1.3	130.4	128.7
▼ -1.3	142.6	144.5
▲ 14.9	188.4	164.1
▲ 1.6	117.1	115.3
▲ 2.3	133.4	130.4
▲ 7.9	141.9	131.6
▲ 5.5	155.1	147.0
▲ 0.2	188.1	187.7
▲ 4.9	159.9	152.4
▲ 3.6	133.3	128.6
▲ 5.5	155.5	147.4
▲ 2.8	125.0	121.6
▲ 8.5	142.0	130.9

The prices of "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" increase by 8.5% during August 2013 compared with the same period of 2012.

▲ Increased rate % ▼ Decreased rate % ■ Stable rate %

Group	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Change%
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	123.4	123.3	-0.1
011 Food	126.7	126.6	-0.1
0111 Bread and cereals	114.5	115.2	0.6
0112 Meat	122.5	127.0	2.9
0113 Fish and seafood	114.5	115.2	0.6
0114 Milk, cheese and eggs	122.5	126.6	3.3
0115 Oils and fats	122.5	126.6	3.3
0116 Fruit	122.5	126.6	3.3
0117 Vegetables	122.5	126.6	3.3
0118 Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	122.5	126.6	3.3
0119 Food products n.e.c.	122.5	126.6	3.3
012 Non-alcoholic beverages	122.5	126.6	3.3
0121 Coffee, tea and cocoa	122.5	126.6	3.3
0122 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	122.5	126.6	3.3
02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	119.1	120.5	1.2

Consumer Price Index  
(2007=100)

Aug. 2012 Aug. 2013 Change%

Group	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Change%
03 Clothing and footwear	99.6	101.3	1.7
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	123.4	123.3	-0.1
42 41 Actual rentals for housing, Imputed rentals for housing	126.7	126.6	-0.1
43 Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	123.5	127.0	2.9
44 Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	114.5	115.2	0.6
45 Electricity, gas and other fuels	122.5	126.6	3.3
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	99.6	99.4	-0.1
06 Health	109.3	108.4	-0.9
07 Transport	162.9	167.9	3.0
08 Communication	155.3	159.1	2.4
09 Recreation and culture	119.1	120.5	1.2
10 Education	162.9	167.9	3.0
11 Restaurants and hotels	155.3	159.1	2.4
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	119.1	120.5	1.2

"Clothing and footwear" group 9.6% . this contribution resulted mainly from an increase of 1.7% in the prices of the group.

"Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance" group accounted for 10.1% of the overall increase occurring during August 2013 compared with the same period of 2012 . Due to higher average prices of this group increased by 2.9%

"Transport" group which contributed 23.3% of the total increase during August 2013 compared with the same period of 2012. This contribution resulted from an increase of 3.3% in the prices of this group.

**Key points:** • The inflation rate of consumer prices was 1.4% in August 2013 compared with same month in 2012.  
• The CPI increased by 0.2% in August 2013 compared with July 2013.

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