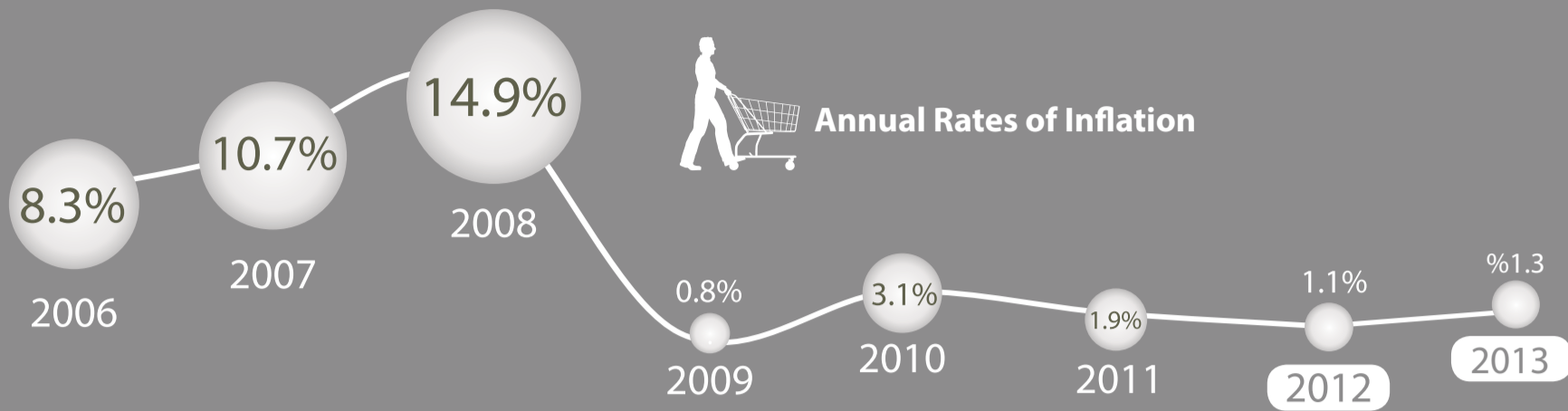


Inflation in Abu Dhabi

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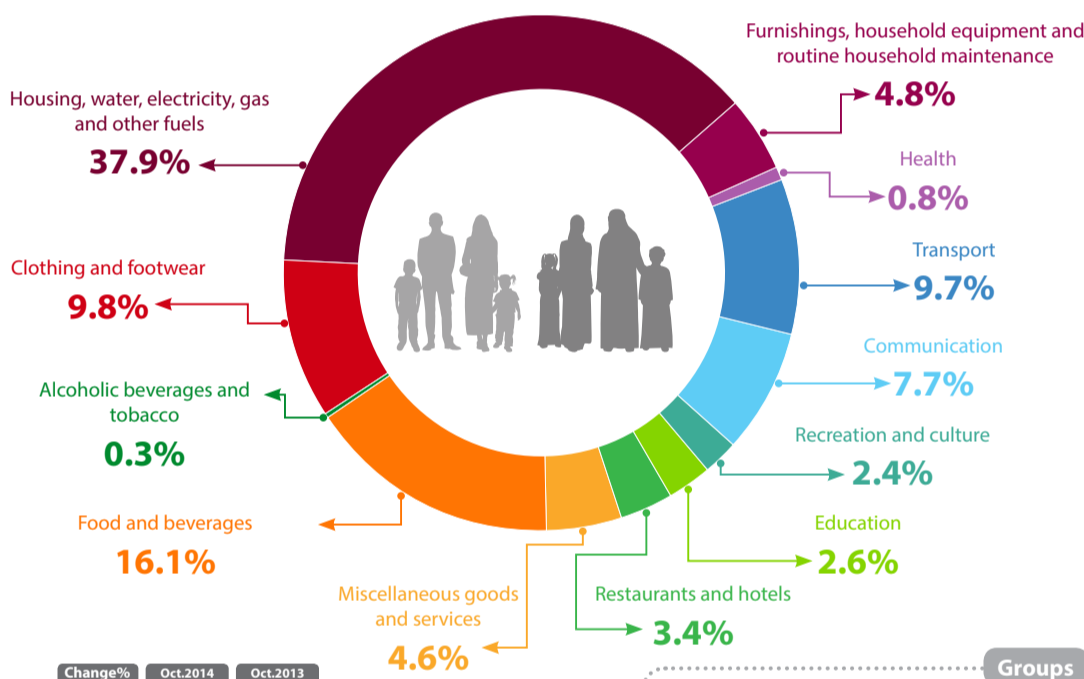
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

CPI during 2013 & 2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Dec
2013	123.5	123.2	123.5	123.2	123.6	124.1	124.7	125.0	125.9	125.7	125.9	126.0
2014	126.0	126.3	126.4	126.8	127.0	128.8	128.8	129.3	130.6	130.6		
Change%	1.2%▲	2.6%▲	2.4%▲	2.9%▲	2.8%▲	3.8%▲	3.2%▲	3.5%▲	3.7%▲	4.0%▲		

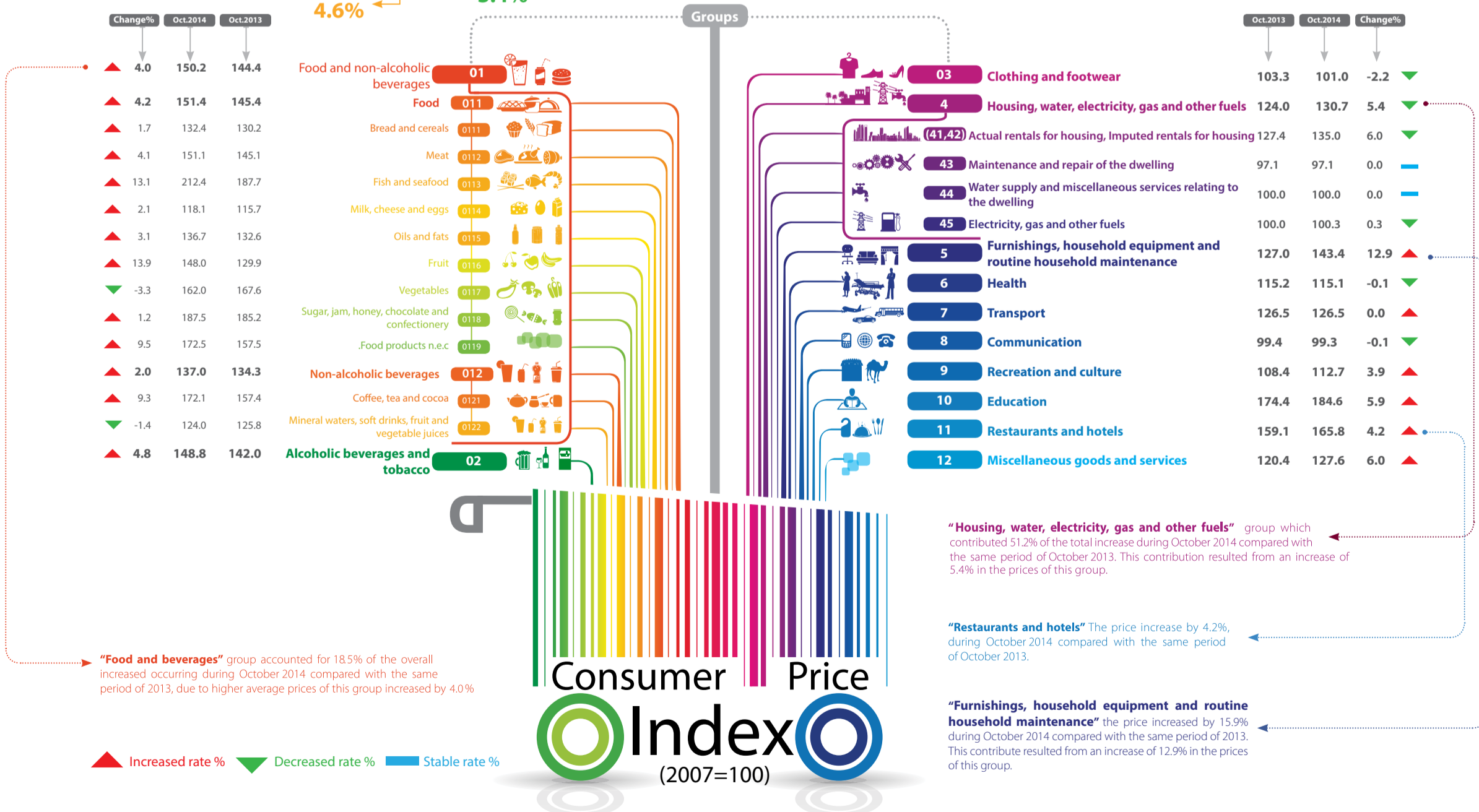
Each month, across Abu Dhabi, SCAD collects the prices of hundreds of goods and services (collectively called the 'basket'). The total cost of this basket for a given month is calculated as an index number (e.g. 123.5). This index number is called the Consumer Price Index or CPI.

Groups of Commodities & Services



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.



"Food and beverages" group accounted for 18.5% of the overall increased occurring during October 2014 compared with the same period of 2013, due to higher average prices of this group increased by 4.0%

"Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels" group which contributed 51.2% of the total increase during October 2014 compared with the same period of October 2013. This contribution resulted from an increase of 5.4% in the prices of this group.

"Restaurants and hotels" The price increase by 4.2%, during October 2014 compared with the same period of October 2013.

"Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance" the price increased by 12.9% during October 2014 compared with the same period of 2013. This contribute resulted from an increase of 12.9% in the prices of this group.

Key points: • The Consumer Price Index (inflation) was 4.0% in October 2014 compared with same month in 2013.
• The Consumer Price Index increase by 0.1% in October 2014 compared with September 2014.

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