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# Consumer Price Index

December 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 December 2018 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results 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 of 2018 was 3.3% compared with the 2017, as shown by the increase in the CPI to 111.6% during of 2018, up from 108.1% during 2017.
- Abu Dhabi region contributed 41.3% of the total increase of 3.3% during of 2018 compared with 2017, with the prices increasing by 2.3% in the Abu Dhabi region, while the Al-Ain region contributed 50.9% and Al Dhafra region 7.8%.
- The CPI increased by 1.2% in December 2018 compared with December 2017 where the index reached 110.7% during December 2018, while it was 109.4% in December 2017.
- The CPI increased in December 2018 by 0.03% compared with November 2018. Where the index reached 110.7% during December 2018, while it was 110.6% in November 2018.
- The rise in consumer prices of 2018 compared with 2017, contributed to an increase of 2.7% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 3.1% for the middle welfare level, and 3.5% for the top welfare level over the same period of comparison.
- Consumer prices of 2018 compared with 2017, contributed to an increase of 3.8% for citizen households, followed by 2.9% for non-citizen households and 2.6% for share households.
- The “Transport” group contributed 35.8% to the overall increase in the CPI of 2018 compared with 2017. Prices of this group increased by 8.4% over the same period.
- The “Clothing and footwear” group contributed 31.5% to the overall increase in the CPI of 2018 compared with 2017. Prices of this group increased by 20.8% over the same period.

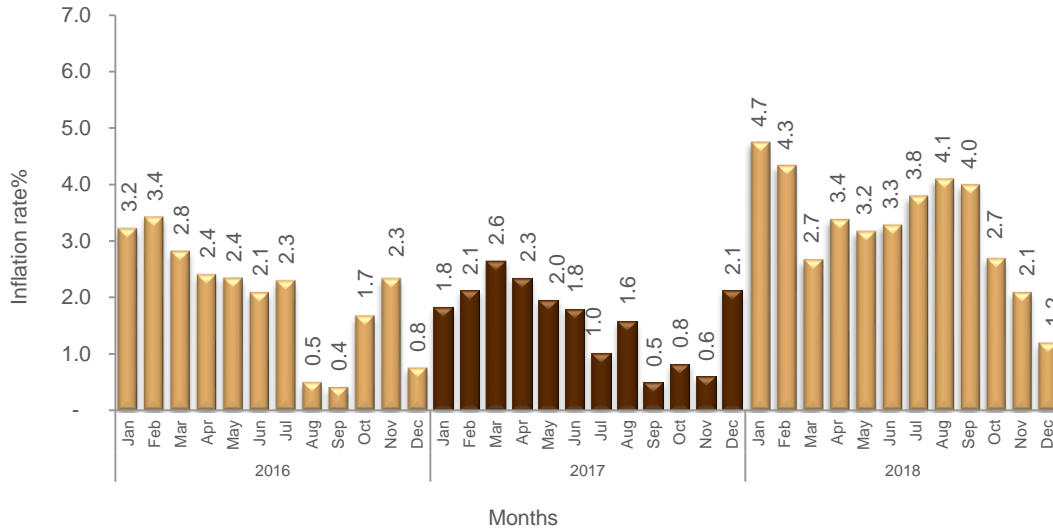
- The group of “Recreation and culture” contributed 15.9% to the overall increase in the CPI of 2018 compared 2017. Prices of this group increased by 12.5% over the same period.
- Prices of the “Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel” group decreased by 3.6% during 2018 compared with 2017, and contributed 37.6% in reducing the overall increase in the CPI.
- The CPI estimates for the first quarter of 2019 expected an increase of 0.7% compared with the same period of 2018.

**Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution of 2018 compared with 2017**

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	2.5	8.9
Tobacco	0.2	65.4	4.8
Clothing and footwear	5.4	20.8	31.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	-3.6	-37.6
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	5.2	10.8
Health	1.6	-0.1	0.0
Transport	14.7	8.4	35.8
Communication	5.0	2.6	3.5
Recreation and culture	4.8	12.5	15.9
Education	6.9	4.7	9.9
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	6.1	6.9
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	4.5	9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

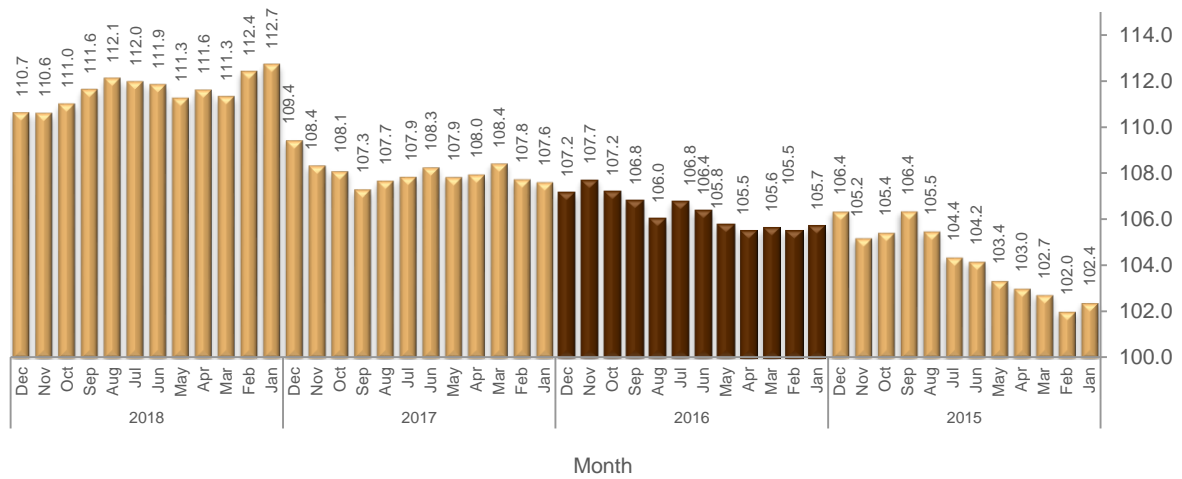
Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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



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**Figure (2): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2016 -2018**



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## 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](http://www.scad.gov.abudhabi)

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The CPI is compiled on a monthly basis, within 12 working days from the end of the reference month. The results of CPI calculations are considered final. Therefore, the CPI figures are not subjected to future revisions because of new data becoming available. When an error is discovered, there are transparent procedures taken with a request sent to the Project Management Office to correct the error. These procedures are in line with the policy of the Statistics Center - Abu Dhabi. The base year of the Consumer Price Index is updated as recent data from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) become available, usually updated every five years.

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