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Consumer Price Index

March 2019

(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 2019 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results of CPI by household welfare levels, by household type, by Abu Dhabi regions and provides the percentage contribution of the major expenditure groups in the annual price change.

Key Points

- The rate of decline in consumer prices was 0.8% during the period January-March of 2019 compared to the same period of 2018, the index reached 111.3% for the period January-March of 2019, while it was 112.2% for the same period of 2018.
- The CPI decreased by 0.8% in March 2019 compared with March 2018, where the index reached 110.5% during March 2019, while it was 111.3% in March 2018.
- The CPI decreased by 1.0% in March 2019 compared with February 2019, where the index reached 110.5% during March 2019, while it was 111.6% in February 2019.
- The decline in consumer prices during the period Jan-March 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, contributed to a decrease of 1.2% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 0.8% for the middle welfare level, and 0.7% for the top welfare level over the same period of comparison.
- Consumer prices during the period Jan-March of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, contributed to a decrease of 0.6% for citizen households, followed by 1.0% for non-citizen households and 1.6% for shared households.
- The “Transport” group contributed 166.7% to the overall decrease in the CPI during the period Jan-March of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018. Prices of this group decreased by 9.1% over the same period.
- Prices of the “Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel” group decreased by 3.5% during the period Jan-March of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, and contributed 140.1% to the overall decrease.
- The “Food and beverages” group contributed by 16.1% to the overall decrease in the CPI during the period Jan-March of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018. Prices of this group decreased by 1.1% over the same period.

- Prices of the “Clothing and footwear” group increased by 14.6% during the period Jan-March 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, and contributed 96.3% in reducing the overall decrease in the CPI.

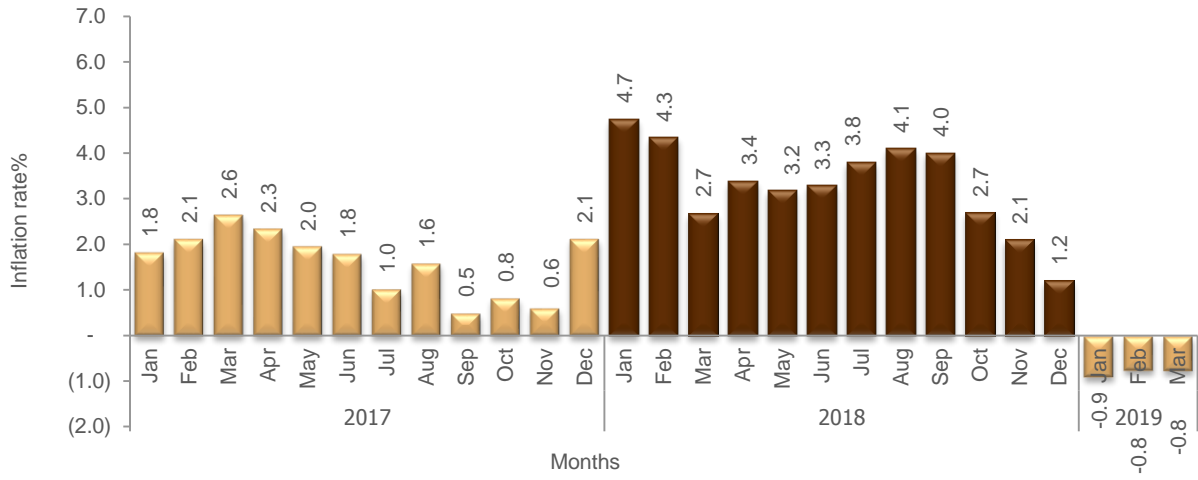
Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution during Jan-March of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	-1.1	-16.1
Tobacco	0.2	5.1	2.4
Clothing and footwear	5.4	14.6	96.3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	-3.5	-140.1
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	4.6	39.1
Health	1.6	0.0	0.0
Transport	14.7	-9.1	-166.7
Communication	5.0	2.2	11.8
Recreation and culture	4.8	7.1	39.9
Education	6.9	1.3	11.0
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	2.2	10.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	1.3	11.7
Total	100.00	-0.8	-100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

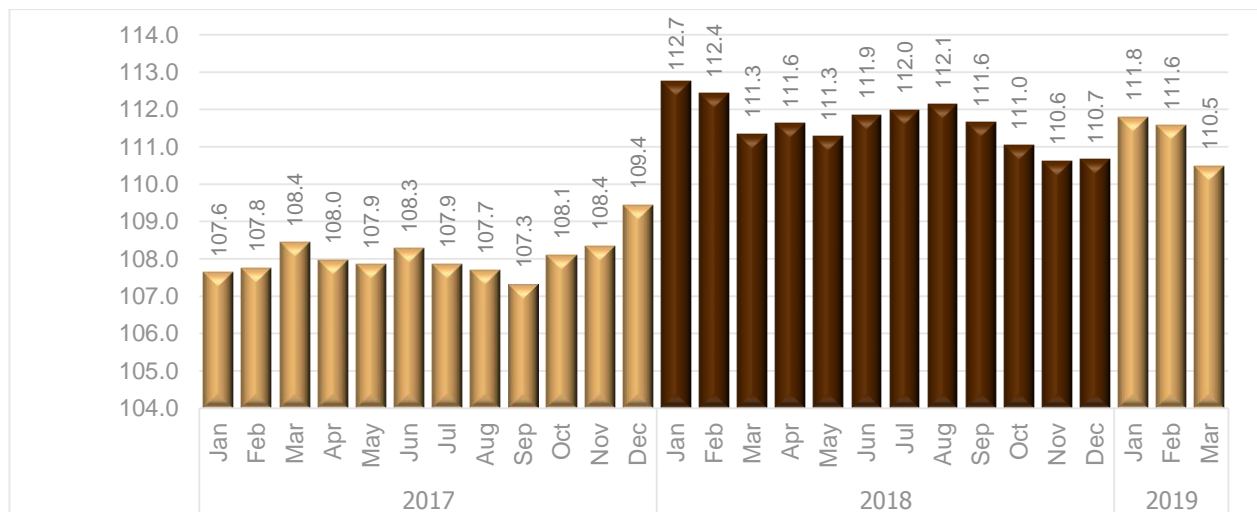


Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2017 -2019



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Figure (2): CPI for the months of 2017-2019



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

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

Revision Statement

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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