



(Base year 2014)

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# **Briefing**

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for September and the first nine months of 2016 with the base year 2014. In addition, the publication provides the results of the CPI by household welfare levels, by household type and by region and percentage change in the main expenditure group. The main findings of this analysis are outlined below:

# **Key Points**

- The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first nine months of 2016 was 2.2%, compared with the same period of 2015.
- The Abu Dhabi region contributed 76.3% of the total increase of 2.2% for the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015, while the Al-Ain region contributed 20.6% and the Al Gharbia region 3.1%.
- The CPI increased by 0.6% in Third Quarter of 2016, compared with Second Quarter of 2016.
- The CPI increased by 0.4% in September 2016, compared with September 2015.
- The CPI increased by 0.7% in September 2016 compared with August 2016.
- The rise in consumer prices for the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period in 2015, contributed to an increase of 2.4% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level over the same period of comparison. Consumer prices rose by 2.3% and 2.0% for households of the middle and the top welfare levels respectively.
- Consumer prices for the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period in 2015, increased by 1.8% for citizen households, followed by 2.5% for non-citizen households and 2.8% for share households.
- Table (1) shows the 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' group accounted for the largest rise in the index during the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015, which contributed 96.1% to the overall increase in the CPI. Prices of this group increased by 6.3% over the same period.
- The 'Education' group contributed 12.7% to the overall increase in the CPI for first nine months
  of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015. Prices of this group increased by 4.0% over the
  same period.



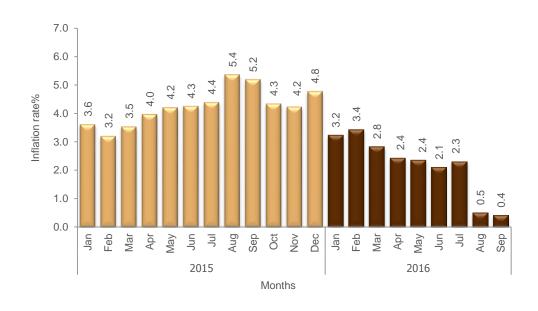
 While the prices of the 'Food and beverages' group decreased by 0.2% during the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015, which contributed 1.3% of the overall increase in the CPI,

Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weights, relative change and contribution for the first nine months of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	-0.2	-1.3
Tobacco	0.2	2.0	0.2
Clothing and footwear	5.4	1.2	2.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	6.3	96.1
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	-1.1	-3.5
Health	1.6	1.8	1.3
Transport	14.7	-2.2	-14.4
Communication	5.0	-3.5	-7.7
Recreation and culture	4.8	-0.9	-2.0
Education	6.9	4.0	12.7
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	4.0	7.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	2.8	8.9
Total	100	2.2	100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2015 and 2016



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 Gharbia) 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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