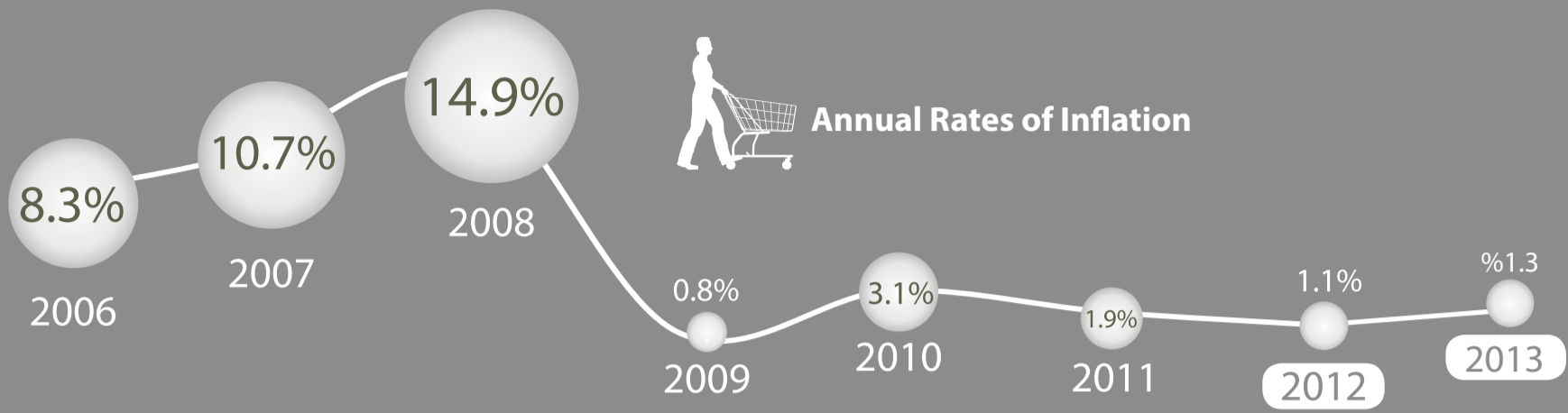


Inflation in Abu Dhabi

February 2014



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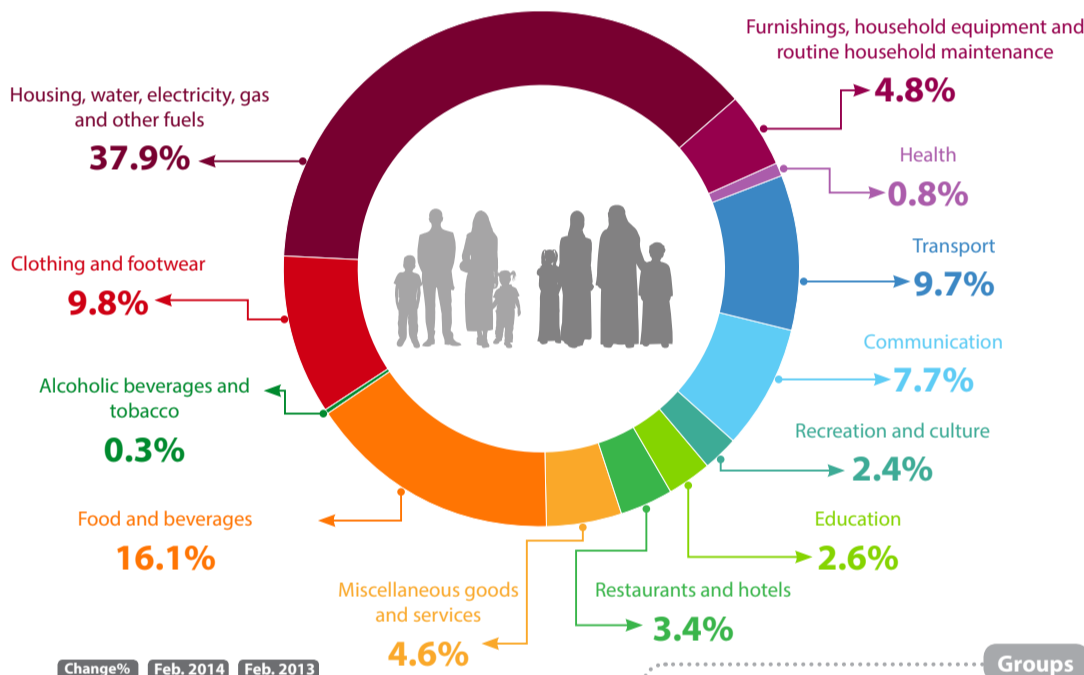
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

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										
Change%	2.1%▲	2.6%▲										

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%	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2013
▲ 4.1	142.8	137.2
▲ 3.9	143.3	137.9
■ 0.0	129.9	129.8
▲ 1.6	144.0	141.8
▲ 24.4	178.5	143.5
▲ 1.3	117.6	116.1
▲ 4.9	138.5	132.1
▲ 7.0	148.6	138.9
▲ 3.3	138.0	133.6
▼ -0.3	185.2	185.8
▲ 5.6	166.7	157.8
▲ 6.7	137.5	129.0
▲ 11.2	166.9	150.1
▲ 4.6	126.7	121.1
■ 0.0	142.0	142.0

Group	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2014	Change%
01 Food and beverages	142.8	142.0	▼ 0.6
011 Food	143.3	143.3	■ 0.0
0111 Bread and cereals	129.9	129.8	▼ 0.1
0112 Meat	144.0	141.8	▼ 1.6
0113 Fish and seafood	178.5	143.5	▼ 24.4
0114 Milk, cheese and eggs	117.6	116.1	▼ 1.3
0115 Oils and fats	138.5	132.1	▼ 4.9
0116 Fruit	148.6	138.9	▼ 7.0
0117 Vegetables	138.0	133.6	▼ 3.3
0118 Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	185.2	185.8	▲ 0.3
0119 Food products n.e.c.	166.7	157.8	▼ 5.6
012 beverages	137.5	129.0	▼ 6.7
0121 Coffee, tea and cocoa	166.9	150.1	▼ 11.2
0122 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	126.7	121.1	▼ 4.6
02 beverages and tobacco	142.0	142.0	■ 0.0

Group	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2014	Change%
03 Clothing and footwear	99.1	103.3	▲ 4.2
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	122.8	124.7	▲ 1.5
42 41 Actual rentals for housing, Imputed rentals for housing	126.0	128.1	▲ 1.7
43 Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	85.7	97.1	▲ 13.3
44 Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	100.0	100.0	■ 0.0
45 Electricity, gas and other fuels	100.5	100.0	▼ -0.5
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	127.0	132.1	▲ 4.0
06 Health	115.4	115.3	▼ -0.1
07 Transport	125.3	126.2	▲ 0.7
08 Communication	99.6	99.3	▼ -0.2
09 Recreation and culture	107.8	109.7	▲ 1.7
10 Education	167.9	174.4	▲ 3.9
11 Restaurants and hotels	155.4	165.7	▲ 6.6
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	119.1	124.5	▲ 4.6



"Clothing and footwear" group 13.0% . this contribution resulted mainly from an increase of 4.2% in the prices of the group.

"Restaurants and hotels" The price increase by 11.0%, during February 2014 compared with the same period 2013.

"Transport" group which contributed 2.6% of the total increase during February 2014 compared with the same period of 2013. This contribution resulted from an increase of 0.7% in the prices of this group.

"Food and beverages" group accounted for 28.8% of the overall increase occurring during January 2014 compared with the same period of 2013, due to higher average prices of this group increased by 4.1%.

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

Key points: • The inflation rate of consumer prices was 2.6% in February 2014 compared with same month in 2013.
• The CPI increased by 0.2% in February 2014 compared with January 2014.

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