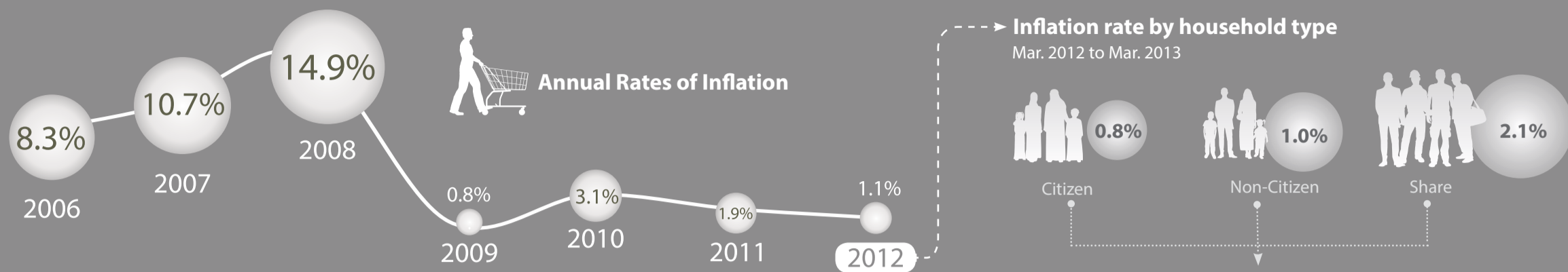


Inflation in Abu Dhabi

March 2013



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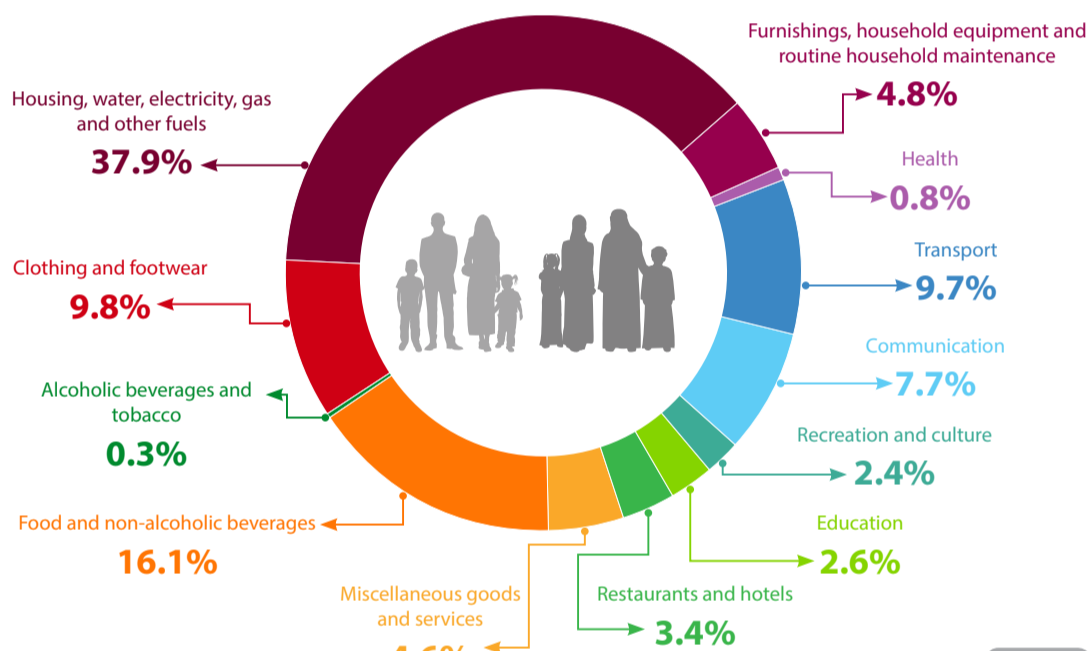
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

CPI during 2012 & 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	122.0	121.9	122.2	122.5	122.8	123.0	123.4	123.3	123.7	123.7	123.6	123.3
2013	123.5	123.2	123.5									
Change%	1.2%▲	1.0%▲	1.0%▲									

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.

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% Mar. 2013 Mar. 2012

Change%	Mar. 2013	Mar. 2012
▲ 0.6	137.6	136.7
▲ 0.6	138.4	137.6
▲ 1.5	130.5	128.6
▼ -3.7	142.9	148.4
▼ -12.0	141.4	160.8
▲ 0.7	116.0	115.2
▲ 0.8	132.4	131.3
▲ 8.5	143.7	132.4
▲ 13.3	131.0	115.6
▼ -1.0	186.3	188.3
▲ 3.8	156.0	150.4
▲ 1.5	129.1	127.2
▲ 5.7	151.1	142.9
▼ -0.4	120.9	121.4
▲ 9.7	142.0	129.4

Group	01
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	01
Food	011
Bread and cereals	0111
Meat	0112
Fish and seafood	0113
Milk, cheese and eggs	0114
Oils and fats	0115
Fruit	0116
Vegetables	0117
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0118
Food products n.e.c	0119
Non-alcoholic beverages	012
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0121
Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	0122
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	02

Groups

Group	03
Clothing and footwear	03
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	04
Actual rentals for housing, Imputed rentals for housing	42 41
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	43
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	44
Electricity, gas and other fuels	45
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	05
Health	06
Transport	07
Communication	08
Recreation and culture	09
Education	10
Restaurants and hotels	11
Miscellaneous goods and services	12

Mar. 2012 Mar. 2013 Change%

Mar. 2012	Mar. 2013	Change%
98.5	100.6	2.2 ▲
123.6	122.8	-0.6 ▼
126.9	126.0	-0.7 ▼
85.7	85.7	0.0
100.0	100.0	0.0
100.5	100.5	0.0
122.2	127.0	3.9 ▲
113.2	115.4	1.9 ▲
122.6	126.2	3.0 ▲
99.6	99.6	0.0
107.6	107.8	0.2 ▲
162.9	167.9	3.0 ▲
143.9	155.4	8.0 ▲
118.2	118.9	0.6 ▲

The prices of "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" rose by 9.7% during March 2013 compared with the same period of 2012.

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

Consumer Price Index
(2007=100)

"Restaurants and hotels" group, accounting for 31.3% of the increase. This contribution resulted mainly from an increase of 8.0% in the prices of this group.

"Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance" group accounted for 18.7% of the overall increase occurring during March 2013 compared with the same period of 2012. Due to higher average prices of this group increased by 3.9%

"Transport" group which contributed 28.4% of the total increase during March 2013 compared with the same period of 2012. This contribution resulted from an increase of 3.0% in the prices of this group.

Key points: • The inflation rate of consumer prices was 1.0% in March 2013 compared with same month in 2012.
• The CPI increased by 0.2% in March 2013 compared with February 2013.

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