

Inflation in Abu Dhabi

September 2013



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Inflation

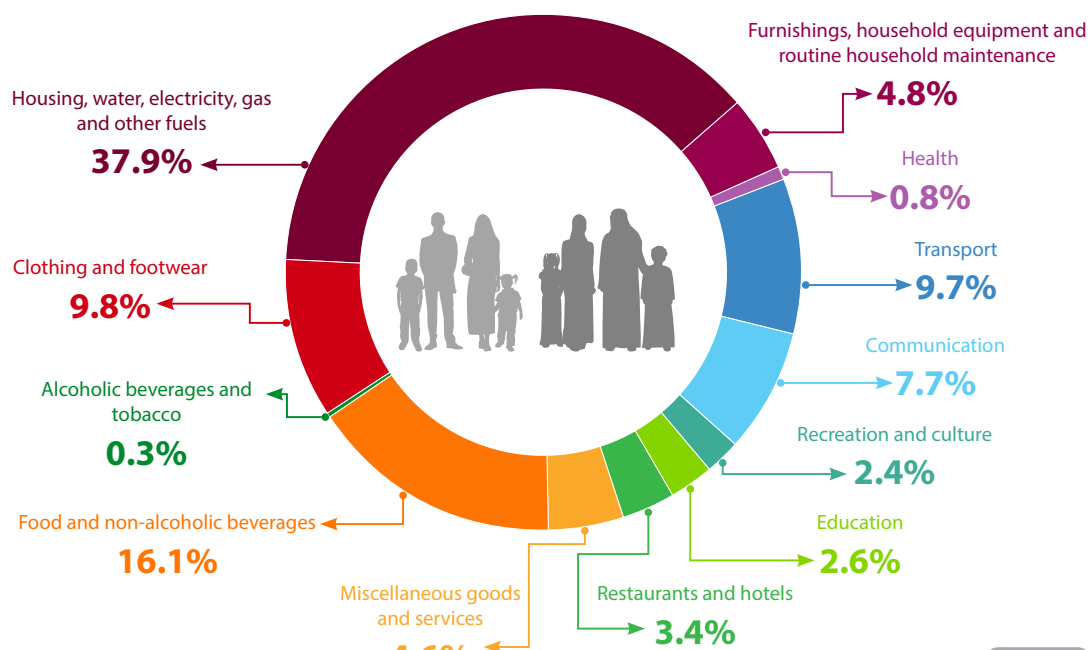
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

CPI during 2012 & 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	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	123.2	123.6	124.1	124.7	125.0	125.9			
Change%	1.2%▲	1.0%▲	1.0%▲	0.6%▲	0.7%▲	0.9%▲	1.1%▲	1.4%▲	1.8%▲			

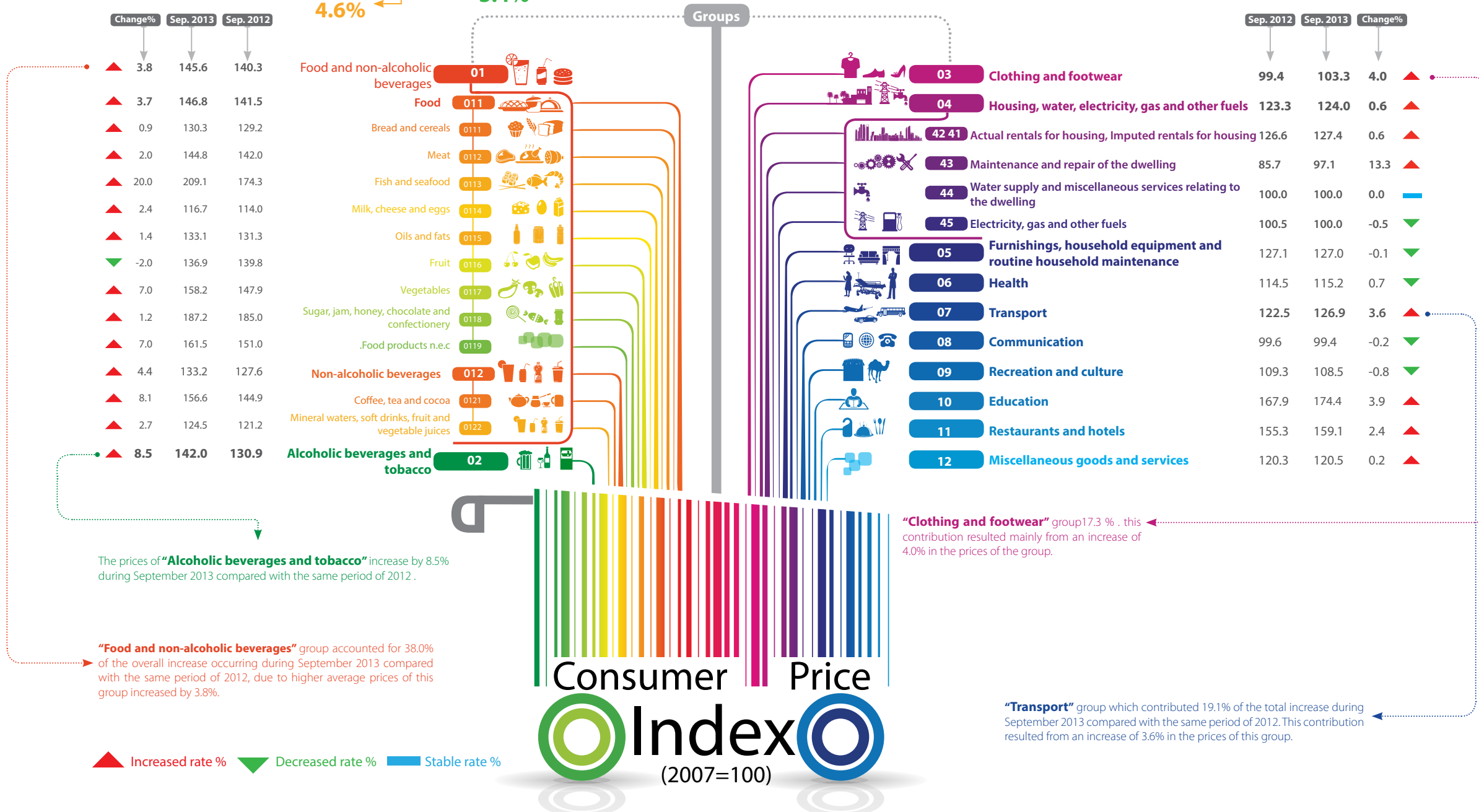
Each month, across Abu Dhabi, SCAD collects the prices of hundreds of goods and services (collectively called the 'basket'). The total cost of this basket for a given month is calculated as an index number (e.g. 123.5). This index number is called the Consumer Price Index or CPI.

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.



Key points: • The inflation rate of consumer prices was 1.8% in Sep 2013 compared with same month in 2012.
• The CPI increased by 0.8% in September 2013 compared with August 2013.

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