

# Inflation in Abu Dhabi

July 2013



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## Inflation

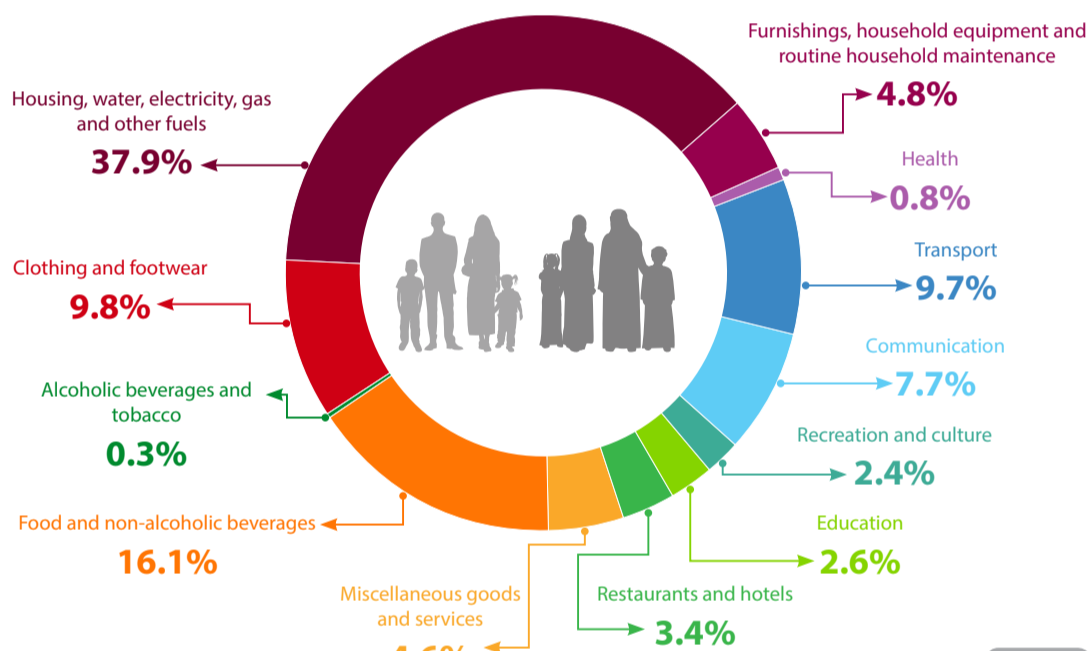
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

## CPI during 2012 & 2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	June	July	Jul	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	123.2	123.6	124.1	124.7					
Change%	1.2%▲	1.0%▲	1.0%▲	0.6%▲	0.7%▲	0.9%▲	1.1%▲					

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%	Jul. 2013	Jul. 2012
▲ 1.3	142.5	140.7
▲ 1.1	143.4	141.8
▲ 2.2	131.9	129.0
▼ -5.0	141.6	149.1
▲ 4.6	173.7	166.2
▲ 1.7	117.0	115.0
▲ 1.8	133.7	131.4
▲ 4.5	141.7	135.6
▲ 7.5	151.3	140.7
▲ 1.2	189.4	187.1
▲ 3.5	158.0	152.7
▲ 3.4	133.2	128.8
▲ 5.5	155.5	147.4
▲ 2.5	125.0	122.0
▲ 8.5	142.0	130.9

Jul. 2012	Jul. 2013	Change%
99.1	101.3	2.2 ▲
123.4	123.3	-0.1 ▼
85.7	97.1	13.3 ▲
100.0	100.0	0.0
100.5	100.0	-0.5 ▼
123.0	127.0	3.3 ▲
114.2	115.2	0.9 ▲
122.9	126.6	3.0 ▲
99.6	99.4	-0.2 ▼
107.9	108.4	0.5 ▲
162.9	167.9	3.0 ▲
155.3	159.1	2.4 ▲
119.6	119.9	0.3 ▲

Group	Code	Change%	Jul. 2013	Jul. 2012
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	01	▲ 1.3	142.5	140.7
Food	011	▲ 1.1	143.4	141.8
Bread and cereals	0111	▲ 2.2	131.9	129.0
Meat	0112	▼ -5.0	141.6	149.1
Fish and seafood	0113	▲ 4.6	173.7	166.2
Milk, cheese and eggs	0114	▲ 1.7	117.0	115.0
Oils and fats	0115	▲ 1.8	133.7	131.4
Fruit	0116	▲ 4.5	141.7	135.6
Vegetables	0117	▲ 7.5	151.3	140.7
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0118	▲ 1.2	189.4	187.1
Food products n.e.c	0119	▲ 3.5	158.0	152.7
Non-alcoholic beverages	012	▲ 3.4	133.2	128.8
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0121	▲ 5.5	155.5	147.4
Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	0122	▲ 2.5	125.0	122.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	02	▲ 8.5	142.0	130.9

Groups

Group	Code	Jul. 2012	Jul. 2013	Change%
Clothing and footwear	03	99.1	101.3	2.2 ▲
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	04	123.4	123.3	-0.1 ▼
Actual rentals for housing, Imputed rentals for housing	42 41	126.7	126.6	-0.1 ▼
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	43	85.7	97.1	13.3 ▲
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	44	100.0	100.0	0.0
Electricity, gas and other fuels	45	100.5	100.0	-0.5 ▼
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	05	123.0	127.0	3.3 ▲
Health	06	114.2	115.2	0.9 ▲
Transport	07	122.9	126.6	3.0 ▲
Communication	08	99.6	99.4	-0.2 ▼
Recreation and culture	09	107.9	108.4	0.5 ▲
Education	10	162.9	167.9	3.0 ▲
Restaurants and hotels	11	155.3	159.1	2.4 ▲
Miscellaneous goods and services	12	119.6	119.9	0.3 ▲

The prices of "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" increase by 8.5% during July 2013 compared with the same period of 2012.

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

Consumer Price Index  
(2007=100)

"Clothing and footwear" group, accounting for 16.2% of the increase. This contribution resulted mainly from an increase of 2.2% in the prices of this group.

"Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance" group accounted for 14.8% of the overall increase occurring during July 2013 compared with the same period of 2012. Due to higher average prices of this group increased by 3.3%

"Transport" group which contributed 27.0% of the total increase during July 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 1.1% in July 2013 compared with same month in 2012.  
• The CPI increased by 0.5% in July 2013 compared with June 2013.

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