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Consumer Price Index

March 2020

(Base year 2014)

Detailed by:

- Expenditure groups
- Household welfare levels
- Household type
- Regions

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Briefing

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for March 2020 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results of CPI by household welfare levels, by household type and provides the percentage contribution of the major expenditure groups in the annual price change.

Key Points

- The rate of decline in consumer prices was 2.2% during the period January-March of 2020 compared to the same period of 2019, the index reached 108.9% for the period January-March of 2020, while it was 111.3% for the same period of 2019.
- The CPI decreased by 2.6% in March 2020 compared with March 2019, where the index reached 107.6% during March 2020, while it was 110.5% in March 2019.
- The CPI decreased by 1.5% in March 2020 compared with February 2020, where the index reached 107.6% during March 2020, while it was 109.3% in February 2020.
- The decline in consumer prices during January-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, contributed to a decrease of 1.9% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 2.2% for the middle welfare level, and 2.1% for the top welfare level.
- The decline in consumer prices during January-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, contributed to a decrease of 2.0% for citizen households, 2.3% for non-citizen households, and 2.2% for shared households.
- The 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel' group contributed 70.3% to the overall decrease in the CPI during Jan-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019. Prices of this group decreased by 4.8% over the same period.
- Prices of the 'Miscellaneous goods and services' group decreased by 5.5% during Jan-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, and contributed 19.2% to the overall decrease.

- The 'Furnishings, household equipment' group contributed by 15.5% to the overall decrease in the CPI during Jan-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019. Prices of this group decreased by 4.6% over the same period.
- Prices of the 'Recreation and culture' group increased by 8.7% during Jan-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, and contributed 19.6% in reducing the overall decrease in the CPI.

Statistical Table

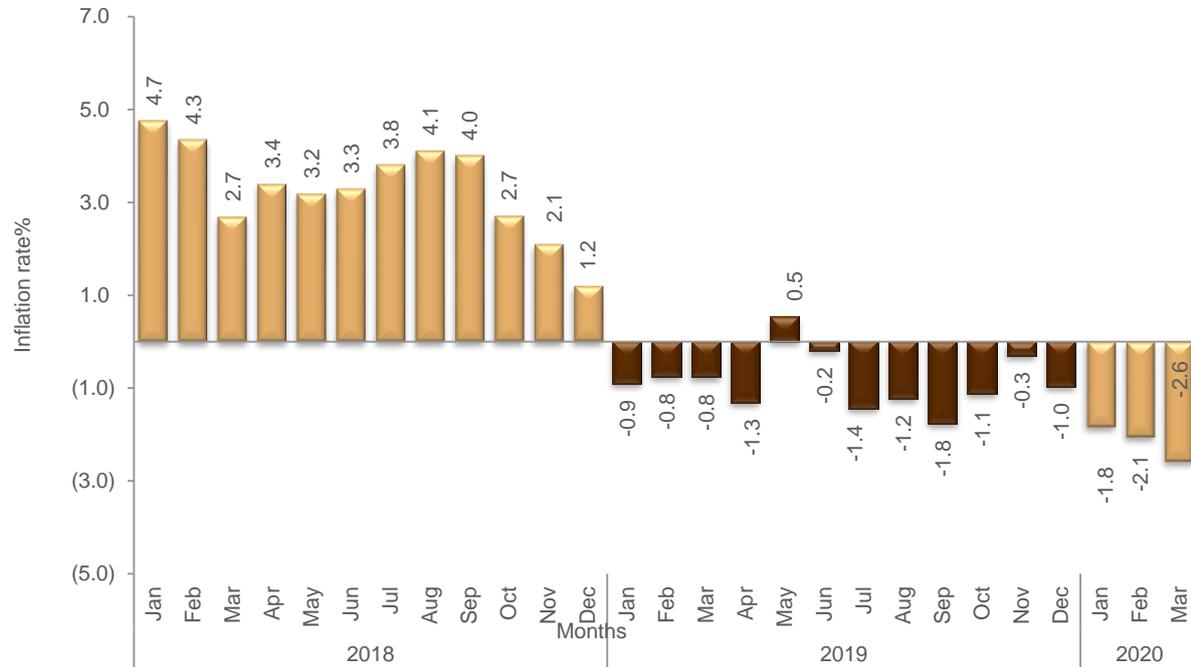
Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution during Jan-March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019

| Main expenditure groups | Weight | Relative change% | Contribution% |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Food and beverages | 12.3 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Tobacco | 0.2 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| Clothing and footwear | 5.4 | -4.5 | -12.8 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels | 31.2 | -4.8 | -70.3 |
| Furnishings, household equipment | 7.2 | -4.6 | -15.5 |
| Health | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transport | 14.7 | 1.3 | 8.1 |
| Communication | 5.0 | -2.2 | -4.6 |
| Recreation and culture | 4.8 | 8.7 | 19.6 |
| Education | 6.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 3.8 | -3.8 | -7.2 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 7.0 | -5.5 | -19.2 |
| Total | 100.00 | -2.2 | -100.0 |

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

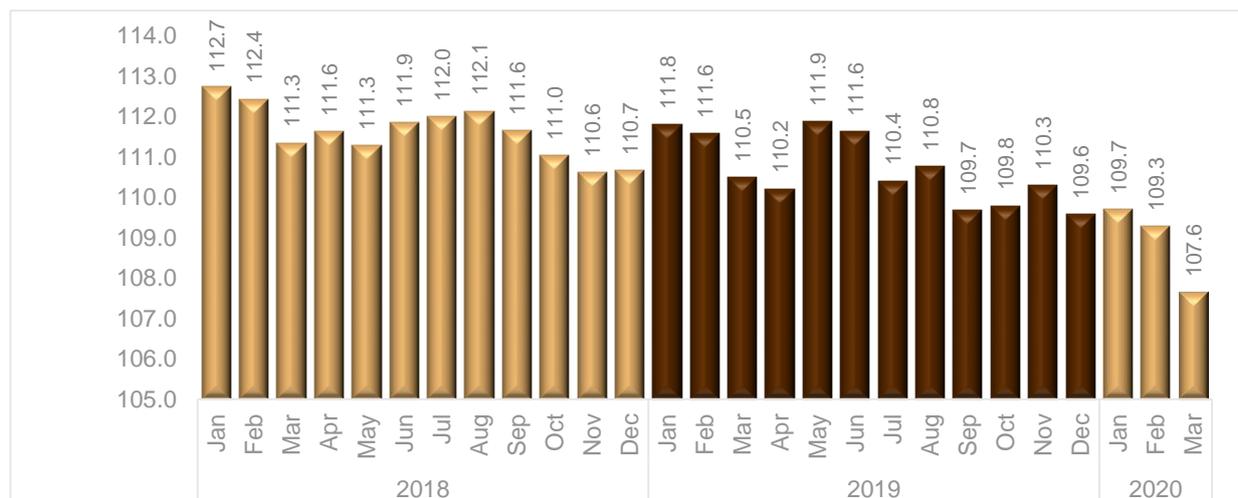
Figures

Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2018 -2020



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Figure (2): CPI for the months of 2018-2020



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 Dhafra) 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

For more information about the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at www.scad.gov.ae

Revision Statement

The CPI is compiled on a monthly basis, within 12 working days from the end of the reference month. The results of CPI calculations are considered final. Therefore, the CPI figures are not subjected to future revisions because of new data becoming available. When an error is discovered, there are transparent procedures taken with a request sent to the Project Management Office to correct the error. These procedures are in line with the policy of the Statistics Center - Abu Dhabi. The base year of the Consumer Price Index is updated as recent data from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) become available, usually updated every five years.

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Glossary

The publication contains technical terms related to index numbers and the income and prices section. To understand the publication, the reader should be familiar with these terms, and the publication includes the following terms:

Inflation: Average rise in the general level of prices

Index Number: It is a number to compare the relative change, which affects any phenomenon (or a number of phenomena) due to the different time or place.

Price: is defined as the value of one unit of a good or service.

Consumer Price: A price paid by household to gain a commodity or service.

Comparison Period: It is the time period that we want to compare its' prices or quantities or values with other period.

Base Period: It is Refers to the period to which current period is being compared.

Weight: It is the percentage calculated by dividing the households' expenditure on a determined good\ service on the total households' expenditure on all goods and services.

Index Number Basket: The Goods and services that comprise the Index Number. Each good\ service has a weight.

Consumer Basket: The Goods and services that represent the Index Number Basket. The goods and services in this basket don't have weights.