



November 2018

(Base year 2014)

- Household type
- Regions

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# **Briefing**

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for November 2018 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results of the first eleven months of 2018 CPI by household welfare levels, by household type, by Abu Dhabi region and provides the percentage contribution of the major expenditure groups in the annual price change.

# **Key Points**

- The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first eleven months of 2018 was 3.5% compared with the same period of 2017, as shown by the increase in the CPI to 111.7% during the first eleven months of 2018, up from 107.9% during the same period of 2017.
- Abu Dhabi region contributed 42.7% of the total increase of 3.5% during the first eleven months
  of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, with the prices increasing by 2.5% in the Abu
  Dhabi region, while the Al-Ain region contributed 49.5% and Al Dhafra region 7.9%.
- The CPI increased by 2.1% in November 2018 compared with November 2017 where the index reached 110.6% during November 2018, while it was 108.4% in November 2017.
- The CPI decreased in November 2018 by 0.4% compared with October 2018. Where the index reached 110.6% during November 2018, while it was 111.0% in October 2018.
- The rise in consumer prices for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, contributed to an increase of 2.8% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 3.3% for the middle welfare level, and 3.8% for the top welfare level over the same period of comparison.
- Consumer prices for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017, contributed to an increase of 4.0% for citizen households, followed by 3.1% for non-citizen households and 2.8% for share households.
- The "Transport" group contributed 37.7% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 9.4% over the same period.



- The "Clothing and footwear" group contributed 28.9% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 20.2% over the same period.
- The group of "Recreation and culture" contributed 16.1% to the overall increase in the CPI for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017. Prices of this group increased by 13.5% over the same period.
- Prices of the "Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel" group decreased by 3.7% during the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period 2017, and contributed 36.2% in reducing the overall increase in the CPI.

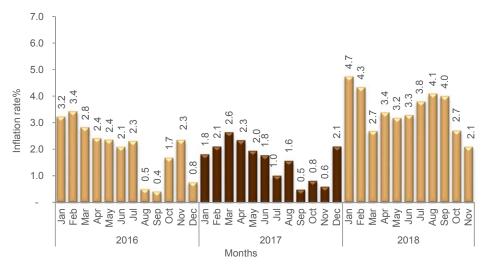
Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution for the first eleven months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

Main expenditure groups	Weight	Relative change%	Contribution%
Food and beverages	12.3	2.7	9.1
Tobacco	0.2	73.6	4.8
Clothing and footwear	5.4	20.2	28.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels	31.2	-3.7	-36.2
Furnishings, household equipment	7.2	5.4	10.4
Health	1.6	-0.1	0.0
Transport	14.7	9.4	37.7
Communication	5.0	2.5	3.1
Recreation and culture	4.8	13.5	16.1
Education	6.9	4.8	9.6
Restaurants and hotels	3.8	6.1	6.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	4.9	10.0
Total	100.00	3.5	100.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

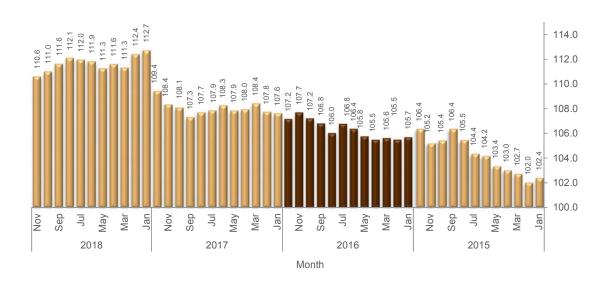


Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2016 -2018



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Figure (2): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2016 -2018



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# **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.qov.abudhabi

## **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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