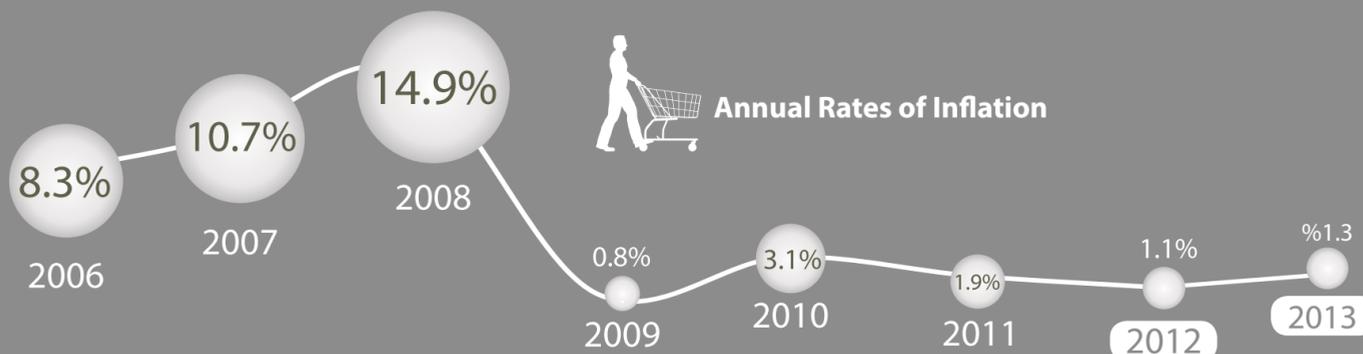


Inflation in Abu Dhabi

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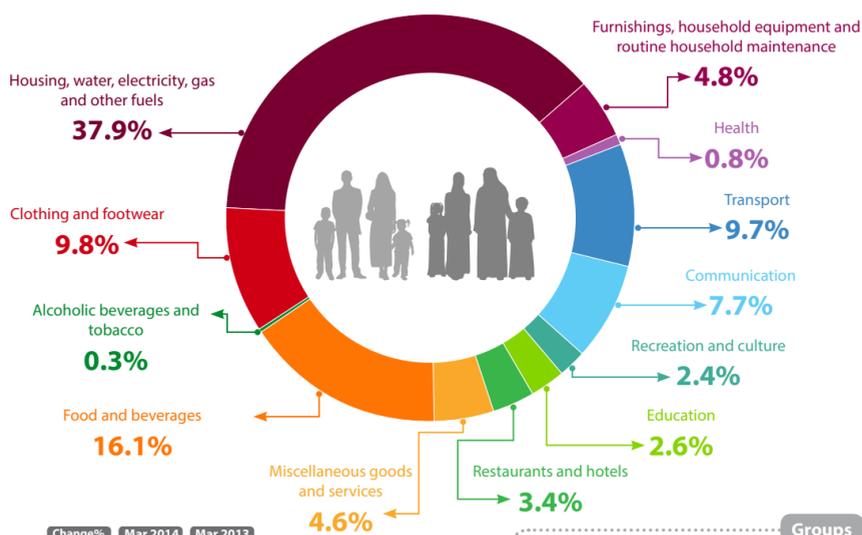
The inflation rate is a measure of how prices are changing over time. It is calculated as the percentage change in the level of prices (CPI) between two time periods.

CPI during 2013 & 2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Dec
2013	123.5	123.2	123.5	123.2	123.6	124.1	124.7	125.0	125.9	125.7	125.9	126.0
2014	126.0	126.3	126.4									
Change%	1.2%▲	2.6%▲	2.4%▲									

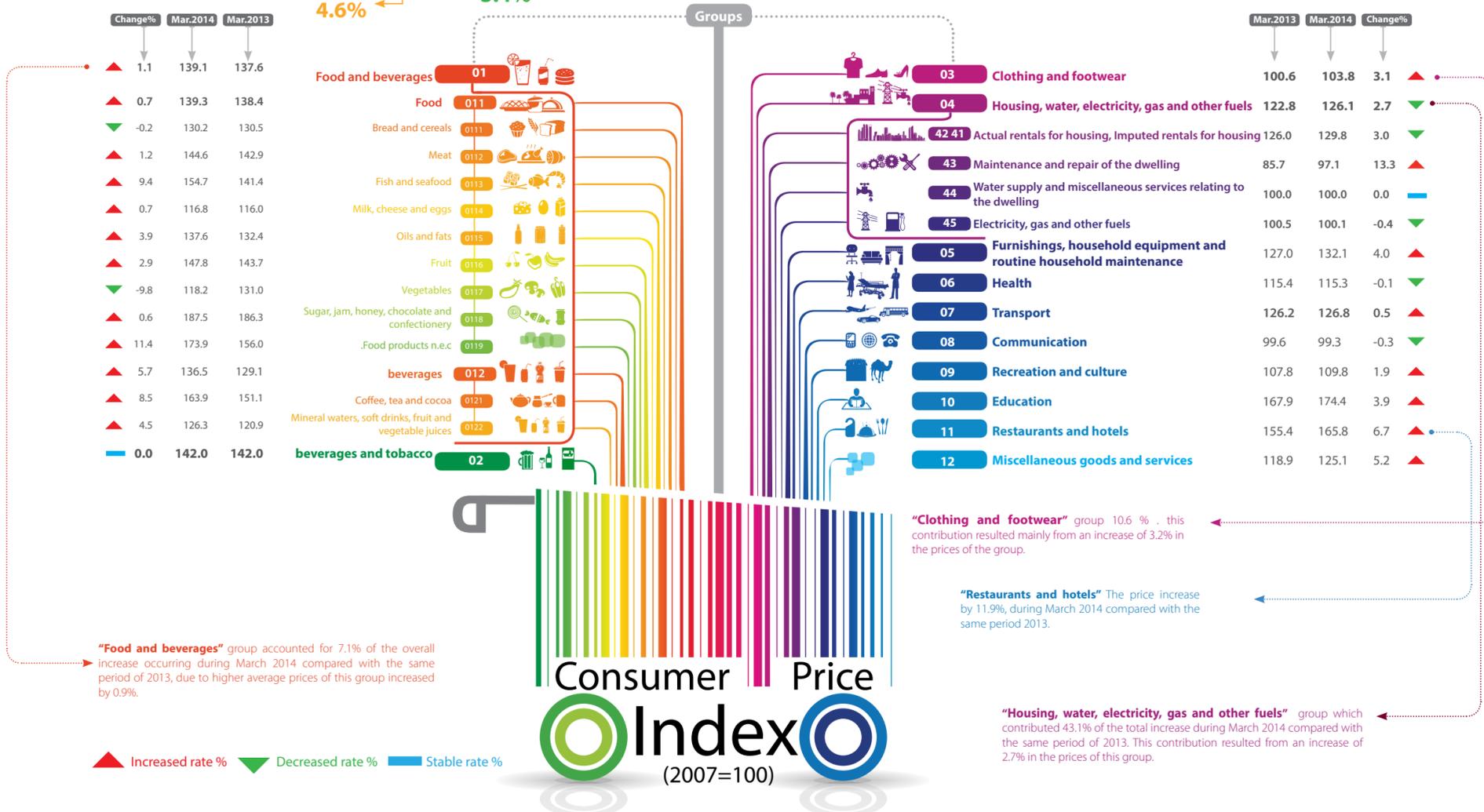
Each month, across Abu Dhabi, SCAD collects the prices of hundreds of goods and services (collectively called the 'basket'). The total cost of this basket for a given month is calculated as an index number (e.g. 123.5). This index number is called the Consumer Price Index or CPI.

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.



"Food and beverages" group accounted for 7.1% of the overall increase occurring during March 2014 compared with the same period of 2013, due to higher average prices of this group increased by 0.9%.

"Clothing and footwear" group 10.6% . this contribution resulted mainly from an increase of 3.2% in the prices of the group.

"Restaurants and hotels" The price increase by 11.9%, during March 2014 compared with the same period 2013.

"Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels" group which contributed 43.1% of the total increase during March 2014 compared with the same period of 2013. This contribution resulted from an increase of 2.7% in the prices of this group.

Key points: • The inflation rate of consumer prices was 2.4% in March 2014 compared with same month in 2013.
• The CPI increased by 0.1% in March 2014 compared with February 2014.

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