



Producer Price Index (PPI)



First Quarter 2016

Preliminary

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Briefing

In the light of the rapid economic and social development in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, price indices and indicators are considered key tools that express changes in the prices of industrial and commercial production and services. Indices are also considered important economic indicators that provide accurate data to decision makers, economists, researchers, policy makers and other users of official statistics. The remarkable economic development witnessed by Abu Dhabi Emirate has called for the construction of a statistical index that reflects the growth of the economic production sectors. Therefore, Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi constructed the industrial producer price index for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The Producer Price Index (PPI), which is calculated on a quarterly basis, cover the manufacturing sector. The PPI design is based on the main list of products of the industrial manufacturing activities in the International Standard Industrial Classification-revision 4 (ISIC4) which covers all manufacturing economic activities.

The calculated figures represent a time series that measures the changes in the production prices during a specific period compared with the base year 2012. SCAD follows the best international practices and methodologies for the calculation of the PPI and the processing of data. Further development of the PPI will cover more activities such as mining and quarrying, and water and electricity.



Key Points

- 1. The PPI in the first quarter of 2016 decreased by 8.9% compared with the same quarter in 2015, falling to 72.3% in the first quarter of 2016 from 79.3% in the first quarter of 2015.
- 2. In the first quarter of 2016, the PPI decreased by 1.7% compared with the fourth quarter of 2015, falling to 72.3% compared with 73.5% in the fourth quarter of 2015.

84.0 81.7 82.0 80.0 79.3 78.0 76.0 74.0 72.0 70.0 68.0 66.0 Q1_2015 Q2_2015 Q3_2015 Q4_2015 Q1_2016

Figure 1: Quarterly Producer Price Index for 2015, 2016 (2012=100)

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 collected from 65 establishments at the 2-digit level of the International Standard Industrial Classification. The sample distribution covers 52 establishments in the Abu Dhabi region and 13 establishments in the Al Ain region.

More information and detailed release

The PPI for Q2 2016 will be released during September 2016. For more information about the PPI and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at http://www.scad.ae

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