

Economics and Business

Any research on Abu Dhabi's economy highlights that it has made great strides in growth, achieving a high level of development and diversity within a short period of time. Under the guidance of wise and experienced leadership, Abu Dhabi's economy has risen from strength to strength, ensuring optimal utilization of available opportunities.

This has been reflected in events the Abu Dhabi economy has witnessed throughout the past years, including the development and adoption of major projects involving practical vision and accurate reading of the prospects of Abu Dhabi. This has made the local economy the focus of investors from all around the world and an important hub for the conclusion of key commercial transactions.

Over the past few years, Abu Dhabi's economy has strengthened its efforts towards building a strong, diverse economy and ensuring comprehensive development. Subsequently, it has become the most dynamic economy in the region and third largest economy in the Arab world. Starting as an economy that mainly relied on public sector spending, directly affected by volatile oil revenues, the local economy has become diversified, thus comprising a distinguished regional financial, commercial and tourist hub.



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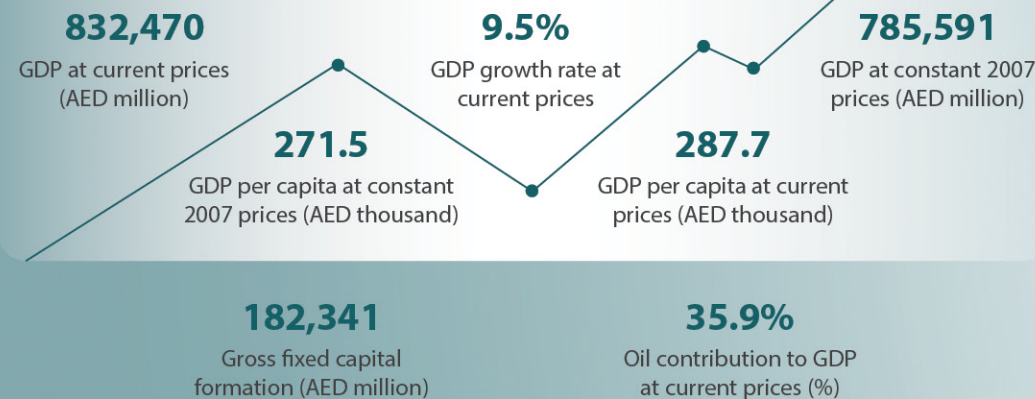




The Economy

Through their interest, the Government and political leadership of Abu Dhabi have ensured the advancement of its economic development, achieving progress and reform to rival the developed world. As a result, Abu Dhabi's development has reached very advanced stages. In this regard, the national economy has advanced reaching global levels through its competitive advantages vis-à-vis numerous regional and global economies.

The 2017 Economic Indicators



GDP at current prices by financial and non-financial sectors (2017)

75,010
Financial Companies



691,636
Non-Financial

Note: 2017 data are preliminary estimates.



Foreign Investment

The Abu Dhabi Government is taking many steps to nurture investor confidence in the economy. In this respect, many of Abu Dhabi's factors contribute towards enhancing investors' perception of available business opportunities.

Total stock of Foreign Direct Investment by Region (2016 - AED million)



Total stock of Foreign Investment (Million AED)



	2013	2014	2015	2016
Foreign direct investment	264,123	298,758	353,101	459,531
Portfolio investments	71,931	81,112	88,095	100,887
Other investments	57,125	57,283	87,895	131,354
	135,066	160,364	177,111	227,290



Industry and Business

In recent years, Abu Dhabi witnessed an investment experience that has transformed it into a destination for major global companies. In this respect, the Government has adopted a long-term plan to facilitate Abu Dhabi's economic transformation process, with a view to create an ideal business environment, reduce reliance on the oil sector and focus on the knowledge-based economy.

2017



82,325
Number of renewable licenses

9,417
Number of new registered commercial licenses

2,596
Number of cancelled commercial licenses



184,340
Aircraft traffic through Abu Dhabi airports

23,558,112
Number of air passengers

11,740,386
Arrival

11,769,388
Departure

48,338
Transit

6,246,038

Production of petrochemical products (Metric Tons)

467,678

Domestic sales of petrochemical products (Metric Tons)

162

Number of hotel facilities

12

Number of fixed broad band subscribers per 100 inhabitants

166

Number of mobile cellular subscribers per 100 inhabitants



Production of Construction Activity (AED million)

2011	167,529	2012	161,491	2013	169,741
2014	185,893	2015	194,626	2016	186,907

Population and social development

Population and Social Development is attracting the increased attention of the Abu Dhabi's leadership, given its direct impact on various aspects of development. The importance of the Population and Social Development stems from its direct association with all social and economic activities, aimed at achieving sustainable development. It constitutes one of the most important issues, providing a balanced vision, paving the way for the success of current and future development plans and programs, from a strategic perspective that meets the needs of present generations and preserves the rights and demands of future ones.

One of the most important reasons lying behind the success of the comprehensive development process witnessed in Abu Dhabi during the past decades is the great attention granted to the citizens, as a means and purpose of development. Hence, the development process has granted the population and human development areas its greatest attention. Through serious efforts exerted in this respect, it has succeeded in achieving human and social development, as well as other great accomplishments at the basic infrastructure level.



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Population and Demographics

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2,908,173

Total population of Abu Dhabi (2016 mid-year estimates)



1,857,618 Male

1,050,555 Female



76.4 Life expectancy at birth (Male - Years)

80.2 Life expectancy at birth (Female - Years)

28.9 Average age of marriage (Male - Years)

25.7 Average age of marriage (Female - Years)

5.6 Annual rate of population growth (2010-2016)

13.6 Average crude births (Per 1000 Population)

49.5 General fertility rate (Per 1000 women between 15-49 years old)

1.2 Crude death rate (Per 1000 Population)



Marriage Contracts

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Contracts	5,552	5,328	5,477	5,863	5,911	5,848	5,708	5,570	6,236	6,442	6,037	5,892	5,703



Social Statistics

The Abu Dhabi Government seeks to achieve various aspects of sustainable development. In this respect, learning services are of great importance in achieving the aspirations of the Emirate.

2016-2017

Government Education



132,098 Pupils

250 Schools

11,430 Teachers

Private Education

241,488 Pupils

191 Schools

15,523 Teachers

Illiteracy rate (2016)



6.2% Illiteracy rate among population (10 years old and above)

5.1% Illiteracy rate among female citizens

2.1% Illiteracy rate among male citizens

Manpower (2017)



75.8% Percentage of employees of the total population (15 years old and above)

51.2% Economic dependency ratio

5.0% Unemployment rate

25.1% Percentage of female of total manpower

Health (2017)



60 Number of hospitals



9,444 Number of Physicians



5,536 Number of hospital beds



27,568 Number of nurses



802 Number of pharmacies



700 Number of clinics



Social Statistics

Books available at the Abu Dhabi National Library by subject (2017)

29,918 Religion

35,286 Geography and history

9,961 Arts

27,318 Applied sciences

14,151 Pure sciences



106,559 General knowledge

31,965 Languages

60,074 Literature

8,385 Philosophy and psychology

56,352 Social studies



Total number of visitors, 2017



771,717 Zoo



1,918,403 Public parks



248,932 Louvre Abu Dhabi



151,321 Al Ain Palace Museum



46,211 Al Ain National Museum



39,374 Al Jahili Fort



16,429 Qasr Al Muwaiji



3,078 Delma Museum

Agriculture and Environment

Despite the natural difficulties and climate challenges facing the agricultural sector in Abu Dhabi, it has become one of the brightest aspects of the cultural and economic progress witnessed therein. In this respect, Abu Dhabi, with its remarkable achievements made in the agricultural field, has occupied a distinguished, international position and standing through its pioneering experience that has become a model to overcome the harshness of nature and conquer the desert, thus turning its dunes into green fields and farms producing all kinds of vegetables and fruits.

Abu Dhabi's agriculture has developed dramatically, as a necessity to diversify production areas. In this respect, all capabilities and resources have been mobilized to develop this sector in all its diversified plant, animal and fishery aspects, so as to provide and ensure food security requirements.

As Abu Dhabi is witnessing rapid economic development, extensive urbanization and fast population growth, the environment protection and development, as well as resolution of its issues, constitute one of the main concerns in this respect. Hence, Abu Dhabi focused on economic and social impacts on the environment and thus, prepared scientific studies, established private institutions and authorities to ensure environmental management and protection, and was also keen to identify environmental strategies and action priorities, such as combatting air and water pollution, as well as desertification, and rationalizing natural resources consumption.



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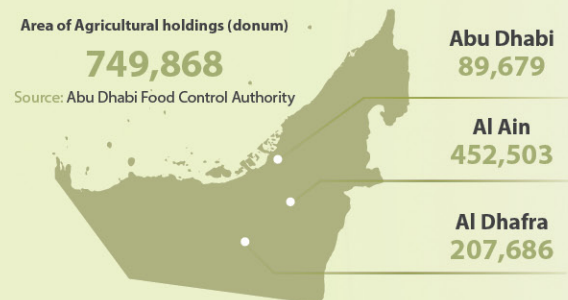
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Agriculture and Environment

The protection of the environment and its natural resources constitutes an essential objective for overall development and sustainable growth. This is, therefore, evidenced by the growing interest in the growth of the agricultural sector, characterized by large green areas of forests, farms, and gardens, which are increasingly and continuously spreading across desert lands. The energy and water sectors are also witnessing a state of comprehensive development. In this respect, Abu Dhabi is leading the global efforts exerted to reduce dependence on traditional energy sources, which constitute the main source of increased carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere, global warming, and climate change.

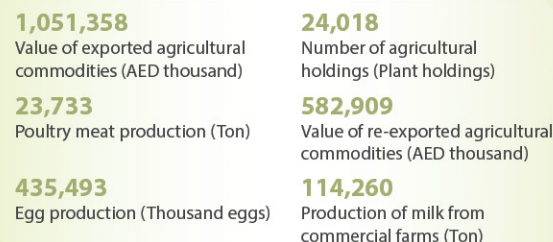
Agricultural Indicators



Quantity of fish caught (Ton)



2017



Weather and Climate

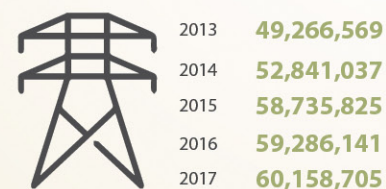
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Weather and Climate

Source: The National Center of Meteorology and Seismology, Statistics Centre- Abu Dhabi.



Total electricity consumption (MWh)



Total desalinated water consumption (Million Imperial Gallons)



Oil and Gas

2017

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Source: Abu Dhabi National Oil Company - ADNOC



Average price of crude oil (Dollar/Barrel)

Source: Abu Dhabi National Oil Company - ADNOC

