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SCAD: Abu Dhabi's GDP Per Capita is AED 361,400

Abu Dhabi Statistical Yearbook – 2016 Released

Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi (SCAD) released today the Statistical Yearbook (SYB) of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi – 2016. One of the Centre's key publications, the SYB seeks to meet the needs of decision makers, the business community, researchers and all other segments of data users. The book consists of six main sections, namely, the economy, industry and business, population and demography, social statistics, labor force, agriculture and the environment.

The book starts with a foreword by HE Butti Al Qubaisi Director General of SCAD, who hailed this important publication and the efforts made in collecting the data and compiling the statistical indicators presented in it, which sheds light on a whole range of development indicators in Abu Dhabi, tracking the progress achieved in all spheres of economic and social life over the past few years under the wise leadership of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi; and the unlimited support of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council.

Concluding his word, HE Al Qubaisi thanked the SCAD's strategic partners, mainly local departments of Abu Dhabi Government for their contribution to the success of SCAD's operations. He also acknowledged with appreciation the assistance extended by various private enterprises in the collection of data during the surveys implemented by the Centre, adding that the release of the SYB 2016 reflects SCAD's continued efforts to further improve this publication in terms of data coverage, accuracy and presentation, in a way that would

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facilitate the study and analysis of their implications for the future and in working out integrated plans and strategies in line with SCAD's vision for "Leadership and Innovation in Statistics".

The economy

SYB 2016 consists of six main sections, namely, the economy, industry and business, population and demography, social statistics, labor force, agriculture and the environment.

Economic development has always been of central interest to the political leadership. As a result, the emirate's economy evolved over the year, gaining a competitive edge by regional as well as global standards.

To reflect the particular attention paid to economic development, the SYB 2016 reviews a range of key indicators, such as the GDP, the oil share of GDP, with a break down by economic activity, Abu Dhabi's per capita GDP, foreign direct investment, capital formation by economic activity, compensations of employees, Abu Dhabi Government Finance, exports of oil, gas and petroleum products, non-oil exports, re-exports, imports, the inflation rate and several other indicators on various economic activities.

The GDP

Abu Dhabi's 2014 GDP at current prices (Nominal GDP) is estimated at AED 960 billion, compared with AED 931.8 billion in 2013. This represents an annual growth rate of 3.0% in 2014 and 2.4% in 2013. In 2014 annual per capita GDP was AED 361.4 thousand, total fixed capital formation was AED 180 billion in 2015 and compensations of employees amounted to AED 224.8 billion.





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The GDP at constant prices grew by 4.4% in 2014, following an increase of 4.5% in 2013. The main activities contributing to economic growth in 2014 were 'Financial and insurance activities', 'Real estate' and 'Information and communications' which grew 18.2%, 17.0% and 12.0%, respectively.

Diversification of the economy

Although oil is of crucial importance to the economy of Abu Dhabi, the emirate pursues an ambitious strategy to diversify the economic base and the sources of income, due to the dramatic fluctuation in global oil prices. As the SYB 2016 indicates, oil contributed an estimated 50.9% of the GDP at current prices in 2014, with the remaining 49.1% representing the share of non-oil activities, which achieved a combined growth rate of 12.0%.

Foreign Merchandise Trade

Net trade in goods was equivalent to 25.8% of the GDP in 2014, reflecting the Emirate's robust and highly developed level of commercial activity and the significance of foreign trade to the economy in general.

In 2015 commodity imports in goods through the ports of the Emirate Abu Dhabi amounted to AED 119.3 billion, up from AED 108.0 billion in 2014. The largest imports category was 'Machinery, sound recorders, reproducers and parts', which accounted for 27.1% of total imports. The United States of America was the top import partner, supplying the Emirate with goods worth AED 18.5 billion. Non-oil exports amounted to AED 30.8 billion. Saudi Arabia was the top destination of Abu Dhabi's non-oil exports, receiving goods worth AED 9.0 billion from the emirate in 2015.





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The value of imports of goods from Asian countries through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi totalled AED 52.1 billion during 2015, up from with AED 47.9 billion in 2014. Meanwhile, non-oil exports worth 20.9 billion and re-exports worth AED 15.0 billion were shipped to Asian markets from Abu Dhabi ports during 2015.

Financial Statistics

The financial intermediation and insurance activity contributed 7.2 percent of the GDP in 2014, up from 6.4 percent in 2013.

During 2014 shares worth AED 60.2 billion were traded on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange. The market capitalization of shares in the Abu Dhabi stock market declined 1.6 percent in 2015 compared with the previous year, although the number of listed companies over the same period increased to (68 companies).

Wages and Compensation

The total compensations of employees at current prices in all economic activities increased from AED 211,986 million in 2014 to AED 224,799 million in 2015. The main economic activities contributing to this growth in 2015 were 'Information and communications' (up 10.5%) and 'Financial intermediation and insurance' (up 12.3%).

Foreign Investment

The measures taken by Abu Dhabi Government to establish favourable conditions for investment and enhance investor confidence continue to materialize, as evident from the growth in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by the end of 2014 to AED 81.1 billion up from AED 71.9 billion at the





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end of 2013. This increase could mainly be attributed to expansions in the “Financial institutions and insurance” activities which had attracted FDI worth AED 12.7 billion by the end of 2014, compared with AED10.1 billion at the end of 2013.

‘Manufacturing industries’ accounted for 19.1% of FDI stocks in 2014 compared with 18.1% in 2013. ‘Mining and quarrying’ (including crude oil and natural gas) accounted for 8.7% of total FDI or AED 7,045 million as at the end of 2014, down from and AED 7,267 million or 10.1% of total FDI at the end of 2013.

FDI from the GCC region amounted to AED 2,820 million or 3.5% of total FDI in 2014, up from AED 1,614 million or 2.2% in 2013. Investments from other Arab countries totalled AED 6,643 in 2014, compared with AED 6,637 million in 2013. Investment from European countries increased from AED 26,684 million in 2013 to AED 32,980 million in 2014.

Industry and Business

In 2014 the gross output of the manufacturing activity increased 3.2% to AED 189 billion, up from in AED 183 billion 2013.

In the ‘Tourism’ activity, the total number of hotel establishments increased to 168 in 2015, up 5.0% compared with 2014. Over the same period, the number of guests increased by 17.5%, the number of rooms by 4.9% and the occupancy rate by 1.0% to 75.4, while the average length of stay reached 3.0 nights.

In the ‘Transport’ activity, 23.3 million passengers travelled through the airports of Abu Dhabi during 2015 Emirate, compared with 19.9 million in 2014,



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At the end of 2015, there was a total of 84,620 registered business licenses in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing made up 5.7 percent of the GDP and 11.6 percent of the non-oil GDP in 2014. The value added of the manufacturing activity increased by approximately 12.6 percent in 2014.

Construction

The “Construction” activity contributed 9.6 percent of the GDP in 2014, compared with 9.2 percent in 2013. Building permits statistics show that 5,067 residential and residential + commercial building permits were issued in 2015, while 1,323 non-residential building permits were issued in the same year, compared with 1,668 non-residential permits in 2014.

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings represented 10.0 percent of the total number of building permits issued in 2015.

Transportation

The Abu Dhabi Government attaches increasing attention to the transportation activity as one of the enablers of economic development. As air transportation data indicates, total aircraft movements declined 8.7 percent to 195 thousand flights in 2015, compared with 213 thousand flights in 2014. However, the total number of air passengers grew to 23 million in 2015, up 17.1 percent compared with 2014.

Hotels

Compared with 2014, the number of hotel establishments grew by 5.0 percent to 168 establishments in 2015. This brought about an increase





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of 4.9 percent in the number of hotel rooms, which increased to 29 thousand rooms.

In 2015, hotels hosted a total of approximately 4.1 million guests, an increase of 17.0 percent compared with the previous year. The occupancy rate increased by 1.0 percent to 75.4 percent in 2015 compared with 2014. In addition, the number of guest nights advanced 17.0 percent, compared with 2014.

Births and Deaths

As the SYB data indicates, there were 38,818 births in Abu Dhabi Emirate during 2015, of which 19,944 were males and 18,874 were females. The number of deaths recorded during the same year was 3,164, including 2,193 males and 971 females.

The 2015 crude birth rates for citizens, non-citizens and the population as a whole were 31.6, 10.0 and 13.9 births per 1,000 population, respectively.

The 2015 crude death rates for citizens, non-citizens and the population as a whole were 2.1, 0.9 and 1.1 deaths per 1,000 population respectively.

Education

The SYB 2015 also sheds light on the statistics of education for the academic year 2014-15. There was a total of 444 schools in Abu Dhabi Emirate was, of which 256 were government schools and 188 were private schools, with a total of 16,004 classrooms, 351,501 pupils, 23,571 teachers and 10,171 administrators. The number of pupils per teacher was 14.9 and the number of pupils per classroom was 22.0. Net enrolment in government schools was 36.3% while 63.7% were enrolled in private schools. The overall female to male ratio was 95.9. A total of 152,720 citizens were enrolled in general education (up to the secondary



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stage) during the school year 2014/15 making up 43.4 percent of total enrollment. Net school enrolment ratio for 2014/15 was 96.6 in the first education cycle, 83.5 in the second cycle and 58.9 in secondary stage. A total of 19,049 students progressed to secondary school in 2014/15, up 4.6% compared with the previous year.

In 2014/15, 10,549 students were enrolled in literacy and adult education centres and home schooling, of whom 75.8% were citizens. 245 teachers taught at these centres, of whom 163 were citizens.

In the academic year 2013-14, a total of 10,921 students graduated from higher education, of whom 5,107 students graduated from the government universities and institutions and 5,814 from the private universities and institutions. 69.7% of the graduates were citizens. Total enrolment in higher education was 50,809 students, of whom 37,292 were citizens.

Health

Health services in Abu Dhabi have experienced remarkable expansion and transformation over the past few years. This is most evident in the significant rise in the number of hospitals and other health facilities over this period, which proves that the Emirate still strives for developed world standards in health care. Data for 2014 point to an increase in the number of physicians to 2,508 and the number of government hospital beds to 2,670, bringing the total number of beds in all government and private hospitals to 4,187.

The increased levels of health funding in the Emirate has resulted in a boom in health insurance business and products. The number of 'Enhanced' health insurance products purchased increased steadily from 1,044,734 in 2010 to 1,539,298 in 2014.





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Social Welfare

According to SCAD's SYB, social aid totalled 859.5 million AED in 2014. The number of nurseries operating under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs in Abu Dhabi Emirate increased to 150, with 78.4 children per nursery, 5.3 children per nursery employee and 14.7 employees per nursery.

A total of 2,320 individuals were enrolled in government and private care centres in 2015, of whom 67.8 percent were citizens and 32.2 percent were non-citizens.

Culture and Heritage

SCAD's SYB 2014 presents a range of statistics on culture and heritage. In this regard the number of books at National Library increased to 373,831 in 2015. The library served 140,000 visitors and 10,153 borrowers.

Meanwhile the number of visitors to Abu Dhabi's four museums in Abu Dhabi Emirate increased from 273,620 in 2014 to 246,666 in 2015.

The Labour Force

According estimates the labour force constituted 81.3 percent of the total population aged 15 years and above during Q3 2015. Females accounted for 21.4 percent of the total labour force, compared with 78.6 percent for males. As the labour force data further indicates the economic the dependency ratio was 47.3%.

Labour Force Structure

The labour force includes employed and unemployed individuals aged 15 years and above. A distribution by region shows Abu Dhabi Region is

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home to the largest proportion (62.7 percent) of the emirate's labour force, followed by Al Ain Region with 22.7 percent, and Al Gharbia with 14.6 percent. Data on age structure of the labour force in 2015 indicates that the (30-34) age group accounted for the largest share (21.4 percent) of the labour force.

A comparison by region reveals that Al Gharbia region has the highest refined economic participation rate (92.0), followed by Abu Dhabi Region (81.0 percent) and Al Ain region (76.1 region).

Employment

Employment data indicates that the largest proportion of the employed population (62.9 percent) was found in Abu Dhabi Region.

As a distribution by status in employment reveals, the majority of employed persons (98.2 percent) in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi were paid employees, while 1.3% were own-account workers.

In terms educational attainment the largest segment of the employed population (24.2 percent) have below-primary education, followed by lower secondary education (20.9 percent). The largest proportion (33.2 percent) of employed citizens were holders of a basic degree (bachelor or equivalent).

Indicators of the employed population by the main occupation show that the largest percentage (22.7 percent) of the employed population worked in elementary occupations, followed by professionals (16.0 percent). As for employed citizens, the largest proportion (36.4 percent) was in the professionals category, while the largest proportion (24.6 percent) of employed non-citizens worked in elementary occupations.

The "Construction" activity employed the largest share (19.5 percent) of the total employed population, followed by "Households as employers" with 19.0 percent.



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Statistics indicated that the private sector engaged the largest share of the employed population (61.0 percent), followed by the government sector with 12.4%. 76.6% of the employed citizen work in the government sector and 5.8% in the private sector.

Data also showed that the majority (73.5 percent) of the employed population in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are married, while 24.6 percent of them were never married before.

Agriculture and Environment

SCAD's SYB 2015 presents a broad array of qualitative and quantitative agricultural figures of interest for decision support and strategic planning.

In 2015 there were 24,018 agricultural holdings in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi with a total area of 749,869 donums.

The total sheep and goats population in the Emirate was 3 million heads, the largest proportion of which (63.8%) was in Al Ain area. The total camels herd was 383,889 heads, mostly in Al Ain area (54.5%).

Plant Production

In 2015 fruit trees covered 36 percent of the total arable area in Abu Dhabi Emirate, followed by field crops (6 percent), and vegetables (3 percent) of the total arable area.

Livestock and fisheries

A breakdown of the livestock populations in 2015 by type shows that sheep and goats in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi represented around 88% of the total size of the livestock raised in traditional holdings, followed by camels at 11% percent and cattle at 1%. Abu Dhabi's long coastline is the key resource in meeting the population's demand for fish, which is the basic food for coastal communities. Fisheries represent a national of strategic significance. In 2015 the total fish catch was 5,235 tons, with a market value of AED 128.3 million.

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Environment

In the SYB 2015 section on the Environment, average minimum temperature in the Abu Dhabi Emirate was 22.8 °C, while the average maximum temperature was 35.0 °C. Average annual rainfall decreased from 78.4 mm in 2014 to 38.5 mm in 2015. Average minimum relative humidity (RH) was 29% while average maximum relative humidity was 77%. Average atmospheric pressure was 1,010 hPA. Maximum daily solar radiation exceeded 8,900 Watt /m²/h during the summer months.

In respect of air quality, the concentrations of air pollutants in 2015 were within their permissible limits. The annual average concentration of particulate matter, with a diameter of 10 micron or less, ranged between 101.9 and 144.0 mcg/m³ in the urban areas of the Emirate.

Water

The sharp rise in demand for water is attributed to the rapid economic and agricultural development and rapid population growth experienced by the emirate. The same reason also underlie the increased reliance on non-conventional water resources, fill the gap between supply and demand. The Abu Dhabi Region ranked top in the treatment of wastewater accounting for 76% of the Emirate's total treated wastewater in 2015, while Al Gharbia came last in this regard, producing only 4% of the total.

Waste

Waste statistics show that the Emirate of Abu Dhabi generated a daily average of up to 23 thousand tons of waste in 2015, which adds up to approximately 8.4 million tons of non-hazardous waste annually. Industrial and commercial waste accounted for the largest percentage (40%) of the total quantity of waste generated in the Emirate, followed by construction and demolition activities, which accounted for 34% of the total.





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Electricity and Water

Electricity production in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased to 62,248 GWh in 2015, up 6.7% compared with 2014. Desalinated water supply in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi totaled 257,262 million imperial gallons in 2015, up 1.6% compared with 2014.

Renewable Energy

The SYB 3014 data demonstrate a continuous increase in the total power generated, which reached 264,014 MWh in 2015, marking a growth of 0.5% compared with 2014. Abu Dhabi's electricity exports increased by 0.4%, while imports also edged up by 0.7% over the same period





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About Statistical Center-Abu Dhabi (SCAD)

Statistics center-Abu Dhabi (SCAD) was established in 2008 in accordance with Law No. (7), to develop and organize statistical work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular and the United Arab Emirates in general. SCAD's purpose is to produce statistical information that is consistent with the emirate's orientation towards sustainable development and strategic plans under the supervision and with full support of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Being the of the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the center assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate's wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics.

The activities adhere to relevant international standards and ethics, such as independence, professionalism, impartiality, objectivity, confidentiality, cost effectiveness and quality of statistics.

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