Consumer Price Index

July 2019

(Base year 2014)

Detailed by:
- Expenditure groups
- Household welfare levels
- Household type
- Regions

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Briefing

This publication provides an analysis of the results of the CPI for July 2019 with the base year 2014. In addition, it provides the results of CPI by household welfare levels, by household type, by Abu Dhabi regions and provides the percentage contribution of the major expenditure groups in the annual price change.

Key Points

- The consumer price index decreased by 0.7% during the period January-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, the index reached 111.1% for the period January-July of 2019, while it was 111.9% for the same period of 2018.

- The CPI decreased by 1.4% in July 2019 compared with July 2018, where the index reached 110.4% during July 2019, while it was 112.0% in July 2018.

- The CPI decreased by 1.1% in July 2019 compared with June 2019, where the index reached 110.4% during July 2019, while it was 111.6% in June 2019.

- The decline in consumer prices during the period Jan-July 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, contributed to a decrease of 1.1% in consumer prices for households of the bottom welfare level, and 0.9% for the middle welfare level, and 0.4% for the top welfare level.

- The decline in consumer prices during the period Jan-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, contributed to a decrease of 0.7% for citizen households and non-citizen households, and 1.2% for shared households.

- The “Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel” group contributed 166.6% to the overall decrease in the CPI during the period Jan-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018. Prices of this group decreased by 3.6% over the same period.

- Prices of the ‘Transport’ group decreased by 6.0% during the period Jan-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, and contributed 131.0% to the overall decrease.

- The ‘Food and beverages’ group contributed by 34.3% to the overall decrease in the CPI during the period Jan-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018. Prices of this group decreased by 2.0% over the same period.

- Prices of the ‘Recreation and culture’ group increased by 18.0% during the period Jan-July 2019 compared with the same period of 2018, and contributed 119.7% in reducing the overall decrease in the CPI.
Table (1): Major expenditure groups by weight, relative change and contribution during Jan-July of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

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<th>Main expenditure groups</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Relative change%</th>
<th>Contribution%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Food and beverages</td>
<td>12.3</td>
<td>-2.0</td>
<td>-34.3</td>
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<td>Tobacco</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>4.4</td>
<td>2.4</td>
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<td>Clothing and footwear</td>
<td>5.4</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>20.8</td>
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<td>Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuels</td>
<td>31.2</td>
<td>-3.6</td>
<td>-166.6</td>
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<td>Furnishings, household equipment</td>
<td>7.2</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>39.1</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>14.7</td>
<td>-6.0</td>
<td>-131.0</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>11.5</td>
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<td>Recreation and culture</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>18.0</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>6.9</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>12.8</td>
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<td>Restaurants and hotels</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>29.2</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous goods and services</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>-0.3</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi
Figure (1): Annual inflation rates for the months of 2017 - 2019

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Figure (2): CPI for the months of 2017-2019

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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
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