Hotel Price Index

August 2019
Briefing

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is one of the most attractive tourist destinations in the Middle East because of the developed infrastructure and quality of services in the tourism sector. Hotel establishments represent the fundamental base of the tourism sector. In general, hotel establishments pricing strategies are considered as one of the most important factors contributing to the growth of the tourism sector.

To meet the requirements of customers, the Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi (SCAD) has decided to construct a statistical price indicator to measure the changes in the hotel establishment's room rates in Abu Dhabi. This indicator provides information about price movements in the hotel establishments based on the categories of hotels adopted by Department of Culture and Tourism. Hotels are categorized from one to five stars, while hotel apartments are categorized as ‘Deluxe’, ‘Standard’ or ‘Superior’. The index is calculated using the Laspeyres formula.

The hotel establishment's room rates are collected and the index is calculated monthly according to the adopted categories of hotels in Abu Dhabi. This informs decision-makers and policy-makers, tourists and tourist offices and other users of the data about the change in hotel room rates, which contribute to increased transparency and development of the tourism sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Key Points

General index

- The hotel establishments price index increased by 2.2% during the month of August 2019 compared with July 2019.
- The hotel establishments price index decreased by 4.1% in August 2019 compared with August 2018.

Hotel index

- The hotel room rates index increased by 3.8% during August 2019 compared with July 2019.
- The hotel room rates index decreased by 2.6% during August 2019 compared with August 2018.

Hotel apartment’s index

- The hotel apartment’s rates index decreased by 2.6% during August 2019 compared with July 2019.
- The hotel apartment’s rates index decreased by 8.6% during August 2019 compared with August 2018.

Hotel establishment’s room revenue

- The hotel establishment’s room revenue index increased by 5.5% during the month of August 2019 compared with August 2018.
- The hotel establishment’s room revenue index increased by 7.0% during the month of August 2019 compared with July 2019.
Notes

Technical notes
The current methodology for compiling the Hotel price index including, mechanism of calculating the hotel establishments price index and weights, is available on SCAD’s website at www.scad.gov.abudhabi.

Data sources
Data are obtained from Department of Culture and Tourism.

More information and detailed release
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