## **Consumer Price Index**

**Emirate of Dubai** 

First Quarter 2020









Inflation Rate in the Emirate of Dubai decreased by 0.89% in the First Quarter of 2020 compared to the Fourth Quarter of 2019. This is due to a decrease in the prices of: Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels division by 1.58%, which reduced inflation by 0.65 points. Clothing and Footwear division by 6.97%, which reduced inflation by 0.14 points. Recreation and Culture division by 6.61%, which reduced inflation by 0.14 points. Transport division by 0.85%, which reduced inflation by 0.09 points. Miscellaneous Goods and Services division by 0.27%, which reduced inflation by 0.02 points. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division by 0.22%, which reduced inflation by 0.01 points.

On the other hand, Food and Beverages division increased by 0.55%, which pushed inflation by 0.07 points. Tobacco division by 9.51%, which pushed inflation by 0.06 points. Education division by 0.19%, which pushed inflation by 0.02 points. Restaurants and Hotels division by 0.20%, which pushed inflation by 0.01 points. Health division increased by 0.02%.

While Communication division shows stability during the period of comparison.

Inflation rate dropped to 1.45% in the First Quarter of 2020 compared to the same period of 2019. This is due to a decrease in the prices of: Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels division by 5.53%, which reduced inflation by 2.34 points. Clothing and Footwear division by 3.21%, which reduced inflation by 0.06 points. Recreation and Culture division decreased by 2.37%, which reduced inflation by 0.05 points. Miscellaneous Goods and Services division by 0.23%, which reduced inflation by 0.01 points. Health division decreased by 0.01%.

While prices of Food and Beverages division increased by 2.85%, which pushed inflation by 0.37 points. Transport division increased by 3.57%, which pushed inflation by 0.37 points. Education division increased by 1.66%, which pushed inflation by 0.15 points. Tobacco division by 14.81%, which pushed inflation by 0.09 points. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division by 0.52%, which pushed inflation by 0.02 points. Restaurants and Hotels division by 0.25%, which pushed inflation by 0.01 points. Communication division by 0.20%, which pushed inflation by 0.01 points. As shown in table (1) and figure (1).



Table 1 Inflation and Consumer Price Index in First Quarter 2020

2014 = 100

| Expenditure divisions                                              | Weight | CPI<br>Q1 2019 | CPI<br>Q4 2019 | CPI<br>Q1 2020 | Inflation Rate (%)<br>Q1 2020 / Q4 2019 | Inflation Rate (%)<br>Q1 2020 / Q1 2019 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| General index number                                               | 100.0  | 107.22         | 106.62         | 105.67         | -0.89                                   | -1.45                                   |
| Food and Beverages                                                 | 13.09  | 105.13         | 107.54         | 108.14         | 0.55                                    | 2.85                                    |
| Tobacco                                                            | 0.35   | 177.26         | 185.84         | 203.51         | 9.51                                    | 14.81                                   |
| Clothing and Footwear                                              | 2.05   | 103.78         | 107.98         | 100.45         | -6.97                                   | -3.21                                   |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels                  | 43.62  | 104.28         | 100.10         | 98.52          | -1.58                                   | -5.53                                   |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 3.76   | 113.27         | 114.10         | 113.86         | -0.22                                   | 0.52                                    |
| Health                                                             | 0.85   | 102.51         | 102.48         | 102.50         | 0.02                                    | -0.01                                   |
| Transport                                                          | 10.62  | 105.19         | 109.87         | 108.94         | -0.85                                   | 3.57                                    |
| Communication                                                      | 5.22   | 105.36         | 105.57         | 105.57         | =                                       | 0.20                                    |
| Recreation and Culture                                             | 2.33   | 90.66          | 94.77          | 88.51          | -6.61                                   | -2.37                                   |
| Education                                                          | 8.48   | 118.19         | 119.92         | 120.15         | 0.19                                    | 1.66                                    |
| Restaurants and Hotels                                             | 4.00   | 120.55         | 120.61         | 120.86         | 0.20                                    | 0.25                                    |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services                                   | 5.63   | 114.84         | 114.90         | 114.58         | -0.27                                   | -0.23                                   |

Figure 1 Inflation in Consumer Price Index - First Quarter 2020

