

Inflation in Consumer Price Index

First Half 2014 - Emirate of Dubai

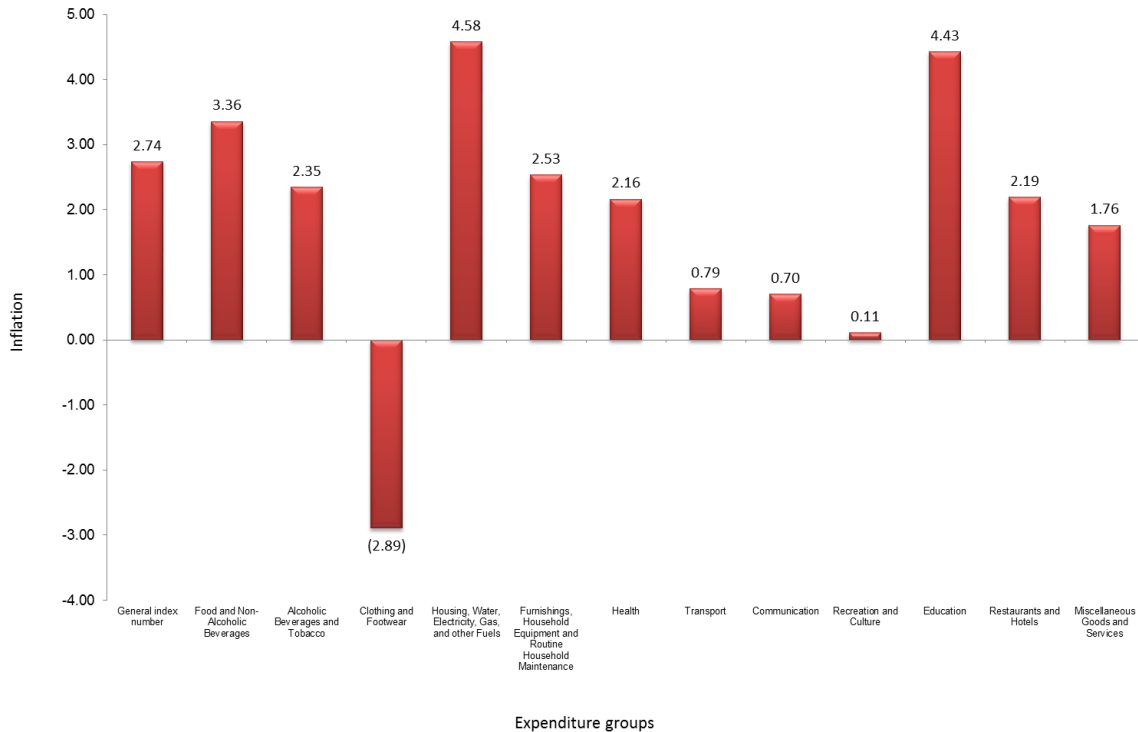
Inflation Rate in the Emirate of Dubai rise to record 2.74%, in the First Half of 2014 compared to the same period of 2013. This is due to an increase in the prices of goods and services as follows Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels group by 4.58%, Education group by 4.43%, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group by 3.36%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance group by 2.53%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco group by 2.35%, Restaurants and Hotels group by 2.19%, Health group by 2.16%, Miscellaneous Goods and Services group by 1.76%, Transport group by 0.79%, Communication group by 0.70% and Recreation and Culture group increased by 0.11%. While the prices of Clothing and Footwear group decreased by 2.89%. As shown in table (1).

Table (1) | Inflation and Consumer Price Index in First Half 2013 - 2014

2007 = 100

| Expenditure groups | Weight | CPI First Half 2013 | CPI First Half 2014 | Inflation Rate (%) |
|--|--------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| General index number | 100.00 | 115.31 | 118.47 | 2.74 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 11.08 | 137.31 | 141.92 | 3.36 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 0.24 | 133.44 | 136.57 | 2.35 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 5.52 | 124.98 | 121.36 | (2.89) |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels | 43.70 | 97.59 | 102.06 | 4.58 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 3.34 | 128.74 | 132.00 | 2.53 |
| Health | 1.08 | 121.66 | 124.29 | 2.16 |
| Transport | 9.08 | 131.29 | 132.33 | 0.79 |
| Communication | 6.00 | 90.42 | 91.05 | 0.70 |
| Recreation and Culture | 4.24 | 108.18 | 108.30 | 0.11 |
| Education | 4.09 | 167.33 | 174.74 | 4.43 |
| Restaurants and Hotels | 5.48 | 144.06 | 147.21 | 2.19 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 6.15 | 129.27 | 131.55 | 1.76 |

Figure (1) | Inflation in First Half 2013 – 2014



Inflation rate in major expenditure groups:

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Inflation rate of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Group increased by 3.36%. As a result of an increase in the prices of Fish and seafood by 20.13%, followed by the prices of Meat by 2.68% and prices of Food products n.e.c. by 2.21%.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Inflation rate of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco group increased by 2.35%, due to an increase in the prices of Alcoholic Beverages by 5.94% and the prices of Tobacco by 1.27%.

Clothing and Footwear

Deflation rate of Clothing and Footwear group amounted to 2.89%. As a result of a drop in the prices of Shoes and other footwear by 3.60% and the prices of Garments by 3.42%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels

Inflation rate of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuel group increased by 4.58%. As the prices of Gas increased by 11.89%, followed by the prices of Rents by 5.03% and prices of Liquid Fuels increased by 2.68%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Inflation rate of Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance group increased to 2.53%, due to an increase in the prices of Domestic Services and Household Services by 6.28%, followed by an increase in the prices of Small Electric Household Appliances by 1.24% and Small Tools and Miscellaneous Accessories prices increased by 0.50%.

Health

Inflation rate of Health group reached 2.16%, due to the rise in Dental services prices by 19.84%, followed by an increase in the prices of Hospital services by 9.24% and the prices of Therapeutic appliances and equipment increased by 5.45%.

Transport

Inflation rate of Transport group reached 0.79%, with the highest increase in the prices of Passenger transport by road by 7.53%, followed by the prices of Motor cycles by 3.58% and the prices of Passenger transport by air increased by 2.90%.

Communication

Inflation rate of Communication group has increased by 0.70%, due to an increase in the prices of Postal Services by 4.23%, followed by the prices of Wireless and Wired Services by 0.94%.

Recreation and Culture

Inflation rate of Recreation and Culture group amounted to 0.11%, due to an increase in the prices of Books by 12.70%, followed by the prices of Toys by 10.38% and the prices of Gardens, Plants and Flowers increased by 3.13%.

Education

Inflation rate of Education group has increased by 4.43%, due to an increase in Post-secondary non-tertiary education fees by 4.82%, followed by Secondary education fees by 4.49% and Pre-primary and primary education fees by 4.28%.

Restaurants and Hotels

Inflation rate of Restaurants and Hotels group reached to 2.19%, due to an increase in the prices of Hotels Accommodation Services by 7.63% and Restaurants, Cafés and the like by 2.17%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Inflation rate of Miscellaneous Goods and Services group reached 1.76%. As a result of the increase in the prices of Personal care Services by 8.49%, followed by Electric Appliances for Personal Care prices by 4.62% and the prices of Other Appliances, Articles and Products for Personal Care increased by 2.15%.