



Dubai Statistics Center

Inflation in Consumer Price Index

Emirate of Dubai

First Quarter 2019



Inflation Rate in the Emirate of Dubai decreased to 1.97% in the First Quarter of 2019 compared to the Fourth Quarter of 2018. This is due to a decrease in the prices of: Transport division by 9.10%, which reduced inflation 1.02 points. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels division decreased by 1.59%, which reduced inflation 0.67 points. Food and Beverages division by 1.85%, which reduced inflation 0.24 points. Recreation and Culture division by 2.82%, which reduced inflation 0.06 points. Clothing and Footwear division by 2.64%, which reduced inflation 0.05 points. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division by 0.16%, which reduced inflation 0.01 points. Communication division by 0.09%. Tobacco division by 0.04%.

On the other hand, Prices of Restaurants and Hotels division increased by 1.17%, which pushed inflation 0.05 points. Miscellaneous Goods and Services division by 0.44%, which pushed inflation 0.03 points. Health division increased by 0.17%.

While prices of Education division did not show any change in the First Quarter of 2019 compared to the Fourth Quarter of 2018.

Inflation rate dropped to 3.72% in comparison of First Quarter of 2019 to the same period of 2018. This is due to a decrease in the prices of: Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels division by 6.04%, which reduced inflation 2.62 points. Transport division by 6.34%, which reduced inflation 0.68 points. Clothing and Footwear division by 10.19%, which reduced inflation 0.22 points. Miscellaneous Goods and Services decreased by 3.69%, which reduced inflation 0.22 points. Food and Beverages division by 0.78%, which reduced inflation 0.10 points. Recreation and Culture division decreased by 1.57%, which reduced inflation 0.03 points. Communication division by 0.39%, which reduced inflation 0.02 points. Health division decreased by 0.22%.

While prices of Restaurants and Hotels division increased by 2.36%, which pushed inflation 0.10 points. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division by 1.54%, which pushed inflation 0.06 points. Tobacco division by 2.83%, which pushed inflation 0.02 points. Education division increased by 0.03%. As shown in table (1).

Table 1 Inflation and Consumer Price Index in First Quarter 2019

2014 = 100

Expenditure divisions	Weight	CPI			Inflation Rate (%)	
		Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q1 2019 / Q4 2018	Q1 2019 / Q1 2018
General index number	100.00	111.36	109.38	107.22	-1.97	-3.72
Food and Beverages	13.09	105.96	107.11	105.13	-1.85	-0.78
Tobacco	0.35	172.38	177.33	177.26	-0.04	2.83
Clothing and Footwear	2.05	115.56	106.59	103.78	-2.64	-10.19
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels	43.62	110.98	105.97	104.28	-1.59	-6.04
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.76	111.54	113.45	113.27	-0.16	1.54
Health	0.85	102.74	102.34	102.51	0.17	-0.22
Transport	10.62	112.31	115.72	105.19	-9.10	-6.34
Communication	5.22	105.77	105.45	105.36	-0.09	-0.39
Recreation and Culture	2.33	92.11	93.29	90.66	-2.82	-1.57
Education	8.48	118.16	118.19	118.19	0.00	0.03
Restaurants and Hotels	4.00	117.77	119.16	120.55	1.17	2.36
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.63	119.25	114.34	114.84	0.44	-3.69

Figure 1 Inflation in Consumer Price Index - First Quarter 2019

