

Inflation and the Consumer Price Index

Emirate of Dubai

2008

General Index Number

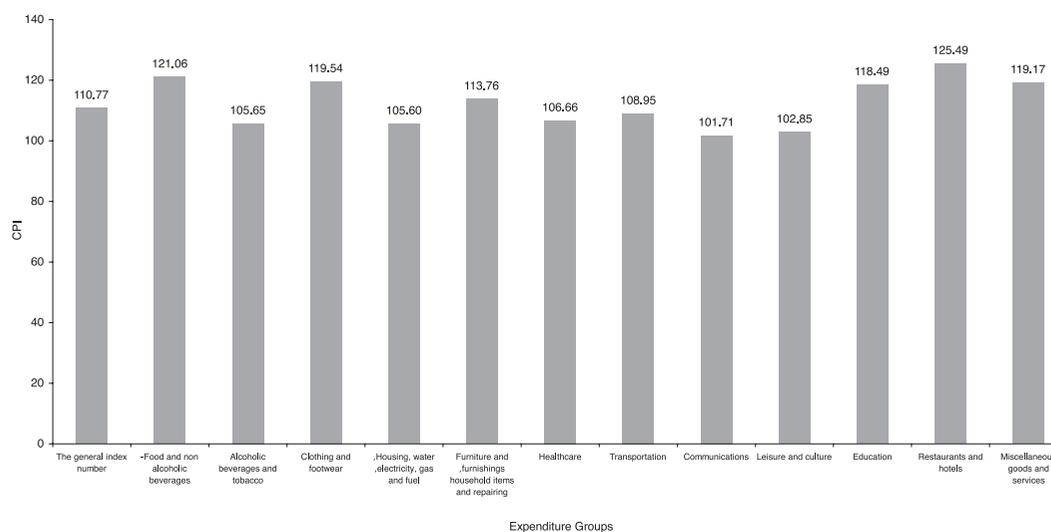
Inflation Rate for 2008 amounted to 10.77% compared to 2007. Restaurants and Hotels group obtained highest inflation rate at 25.49%, followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group amounted to 21.06% and 19.54% for Clothing and Footwear group. Beside that, inflation rate of Miscellaneous Goods and Services group increase by 19.17%. Further, the inflation rate for the Education group reached 18.49%, while Furniture and Furnishings group reached 13.76%. Followed by increasing in Transportation group 8.95%, Health group by 6.66%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco group by 5.65%. Then Housing, Electricity, Water, Gas, and Fuel group reached 5.60%, Leisure and Culture group at 2.85%, and 1.71% for Communications group. Table (1) and Chart (1) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index.

Table (1) the rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index 2008

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
The general index number	100.00	110.77	10.77
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	11.08	121.06	21.06
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.24	105.65	5.65
Clothing and footwear	5.52	119.54	19.54
Housing, water, electricity, gas, and fuel	43.70	105.60	5.60
Furniture and furnishings, household items and repairing	3.34	113.76	13.76
Healthcare	1.08	106.66	6.66
Transportation	9.08	108.95	8.95
Communications	6.00	101.71	1.71
Leisure and culture	4.24	102.85	2.85
Education	4.09	118.49	18.49
Restaurants and hotels	5.48	125.49	25.49
Miscellaneous goods and services	6.15	119.17	19.17

Chart (1) Consumer Price Index 2008



Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

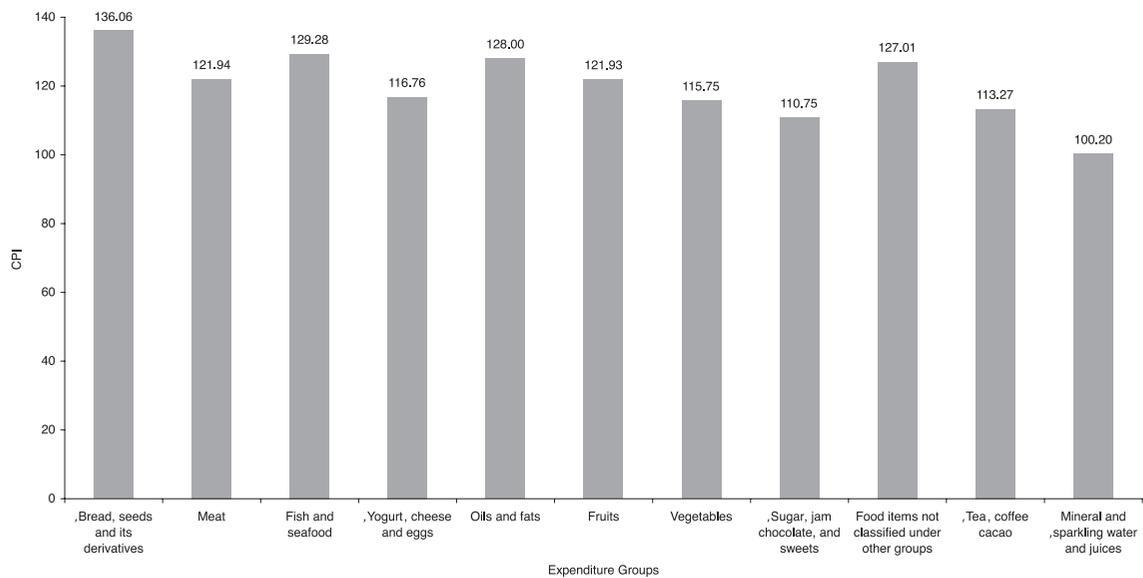
The Inflation Rate for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages amounted to 21.06%, with highest rate in Bread and Cereals group at 36.06%. Followed by, increase in Fish and Seafood group prices to 29.28%, and in prices of Oils and Fats by 28.00%. Table (2) and Chart (2) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group.

Table (2) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the food and non-alcoholic beverages group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	11.08	121.06	21.06
Bread and cereals	1.45	136.06	36.06
Meat	2.10	121.94	21.94
Fish and seafood	1.20	129.28	29.28
Yogurt, cheese, and eggs	1.27	116.76	16.76
Oils and fats	0.39	128.00	28.00
Fruits	1.32	121.93	21.93
Vegetables	1.25	115.75	15.75
Sugar, jam, chocolate, and sweets	0.58	110.75	10.75
Food items not classified under other groups	0.32	127.01	27.01
Tea, coffee, cacao	0.30	113.27	13.27
Mineral and sparkling water, and juices	0.90	100.20	0.20

Chart (2) Consumer Price Index for food and non-alcoholic beverages group 2008



Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

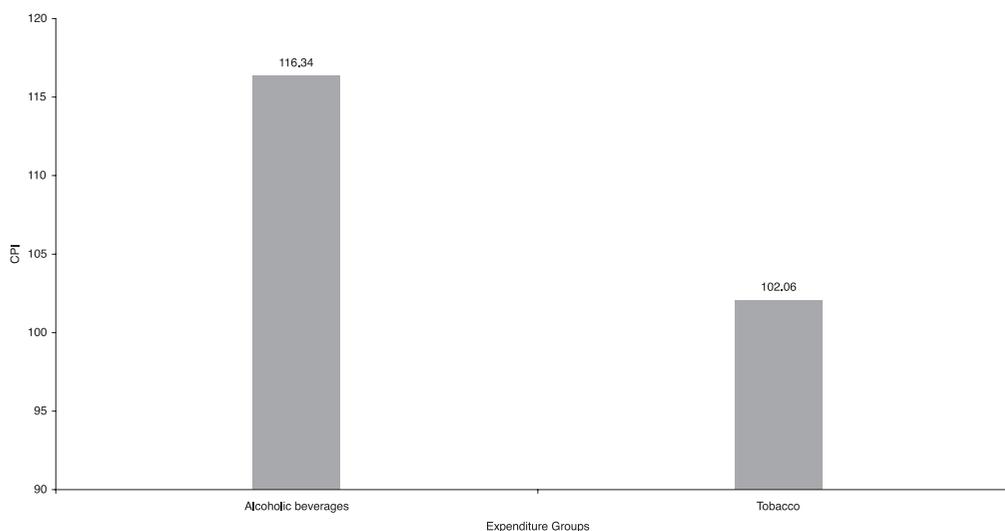
Inflation rate for the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco group reached 5.65%, due to the increase of Alcoholic Beverages at rate of 16.34%. Followed by, 2.06% inflation rate for Tobacco. Table (3) and Chart (3) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco group.

Table (3) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the alcoholic beverages and tobacco group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.24	105.65	5.65
Alcoholic beverages	0.06	116.34	16.34
Tobacco	0.18	102.06	2.06

Chart (3) The Consumer Price Index for the alcoholic beverages and tobacco group 2008.



Clothing and Footwear

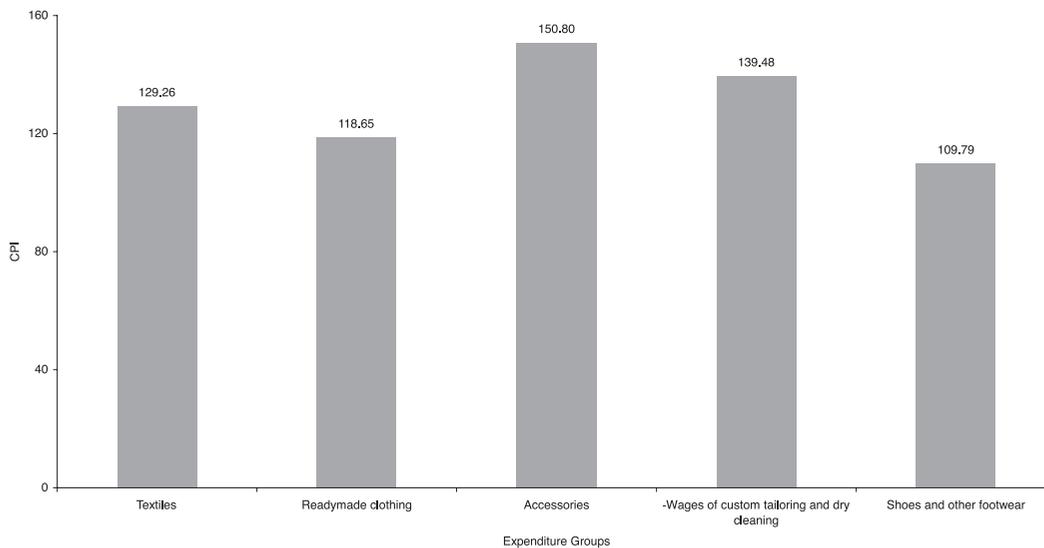
The rate of inflation for Clothing and Footwear group reached 19.54%, as a result of increasing in prices of accessories by 50.80%. Moreover, prices of Dry-Cleaning and Wages of Custom tailoring rose to 39.48% and textiles to 29.26%. Table (4) and Chart (4) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Clothing and Footwear group.

Table (4) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the clothing and footwear group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Clothing and footwear	5.52	119.54	19.54
Textiles	0.34	129.26	29.26
Readymade clothing	3.77	118.65	18.65
Accessories	0.06	150.80	50.80
Wages of custom tailoring and dry-cleaning	0.39	139.48	39.48
Shoes and other footwear	0.96	109.79	9.79

Chart (4) The Consumer Price Index for the clothing and footwear group 2008.



Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Fuel

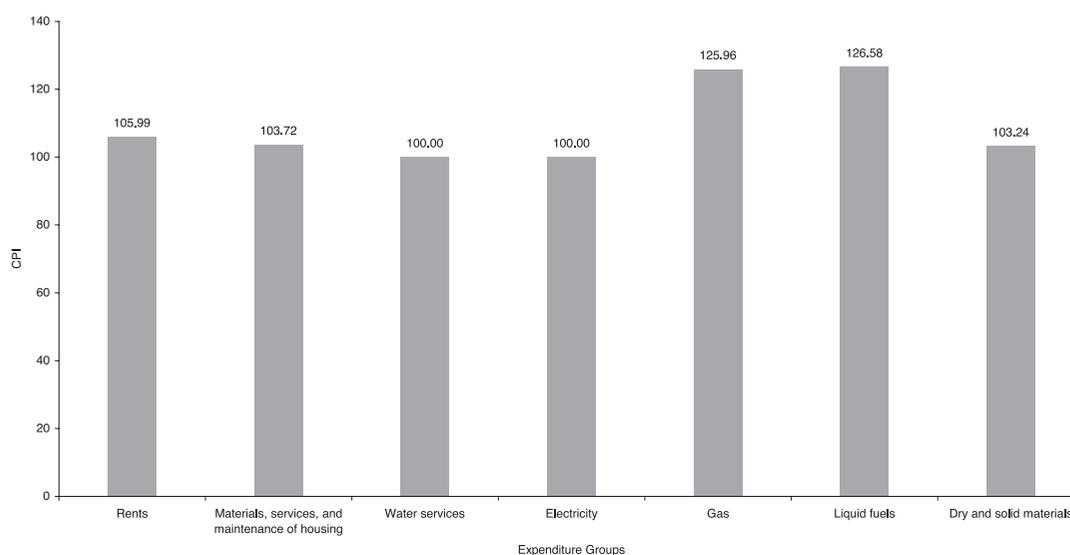
The inflation rate for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Fuel group reached 5.60%. Liquid Fuel has highest rate about 26.58%. Followed by, an increase in Gas price by 25.96% and in Rents by 5.99%. Table (5) and Chart (5) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Fuel group.

Table (5) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the housing, water, electricity, gas, and fuel group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Housing, water, electricity, gas, and fuel	43.70	105.60	5.60
Rents	38.33	105.99	5.99
Materials, services, and maintenance of housing	0.22	103.72	3.72
Water services	1.41	100.00	—
Electricity	3.19	100.00	—
Gas	0.51	125.96	25.96
Liquid fuels	0.02	126.58	26.58
Dry and solid materials	0.02	103.24	3.24

Chart (5) The Consumer Price Index for the housing, water, electricity, gas, and fuel group 2008.



Furniture and Furnishings, and Household Items and Repairing

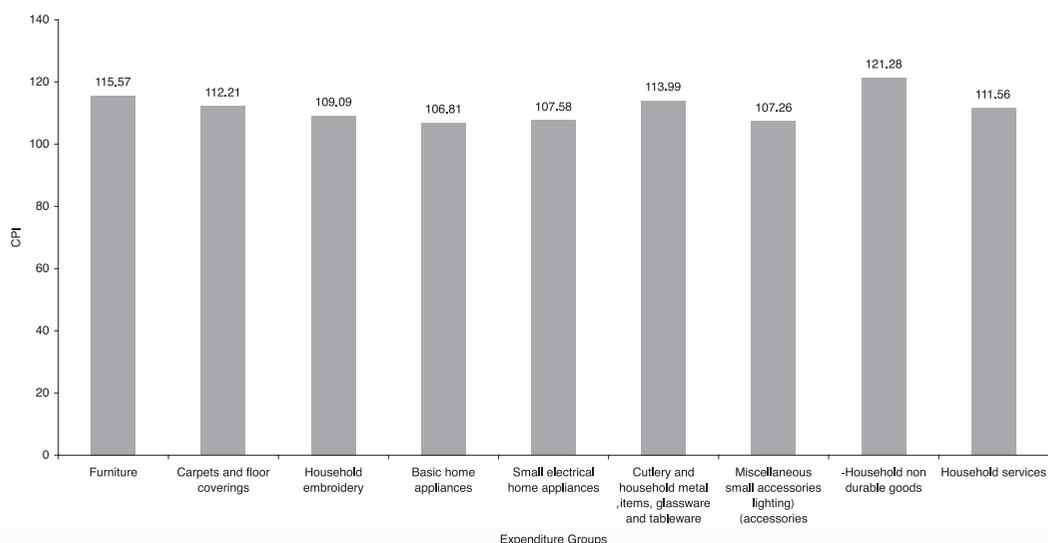
The inflation rate for Furniture and Furnishings, and Household Items and Repairing group reached 13.76%, due to the increase in Non-durable Household goods by 21.28%. Followed by, an increase in the prices of Furniture and Furnishings by 15.57%. Behinds, the prices of Tableware, Household Metal Items, and Glassware increase by 13.99%. Table (6) and Chart (6) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Furniture and Furnishings, and Household Items and Repairing group.

Table (6) The rate of Inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the furniture and furnishings, and household items and repairing group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Furniture and furnishings, household appliances, and repairing	3.34	113.76	13.76
Furniture	0.37	115.57	15.57
Carpets and floor coverings	0.03	112.21	12.21
Household embroidery	0.07	109.09	9.09
Basic home appliances	0.14	106.81	6.81
Small electrical home appliances	0.01	107.58	7.58
Cutlery and household metal items, glassware, and tableware	0.40	113.99	13.99
Miscellaneous small accessories (lighting accessories)	0.04	107.26	7.26
Household non-durable goods	0.61	121.28	21.28
Household services	1.67	111.56	11.56

Chart (6) The Consumer Price Index for the furniture and furnishings, and household items and repairing group 2008.



Healthcare

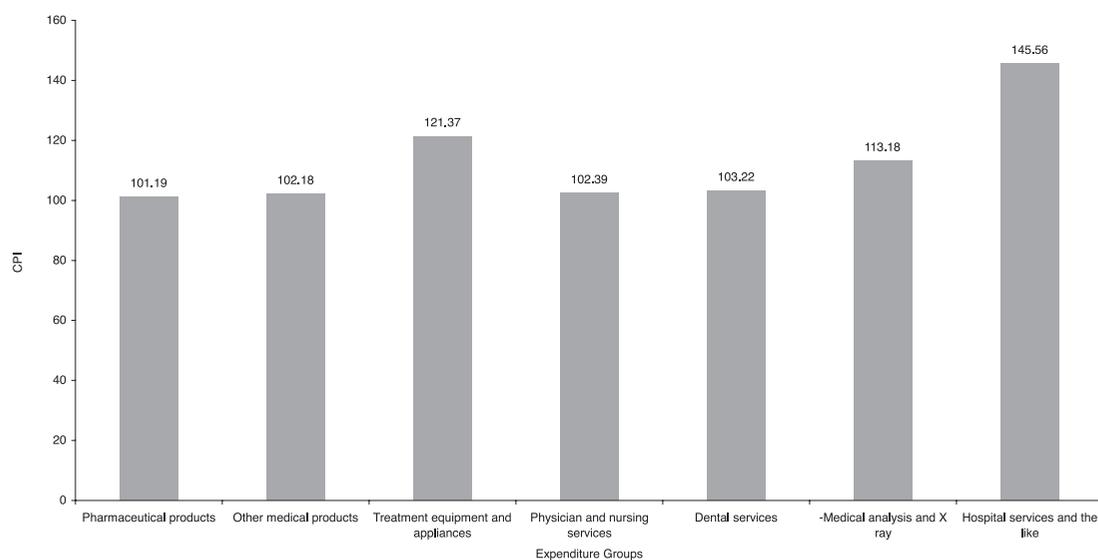
Healthcare group inflation rate amounted to 6.66%, due to the raise of Hospital Services with amount of 45.56%. Followed by, an increase in the price of Treatment Equipment and Appliances by 21.37% and Medical Analysis and X-ray by 13.18%. Table (7) and Chart (7) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Healthcare group.

Table (7) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the healthcare group 2008

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Healthcare	1.08	106.66	6.66
Pharmaceutical products	0.73	101.19	1.19
Other medical products	0.04	102.18	2.18
Treatment equipment and appliances	0.02	121.37	21.37
Physician and nursing services	0.04	102.39	2.39
Dental services	0.02	103.22	3.22
Medical analysis and X-ray	0.15	113.18	13.18
Hospital services and the like	0.08	145.56	45.56

Chart (7) The Consumer Price Index for the healthcare group 2008.



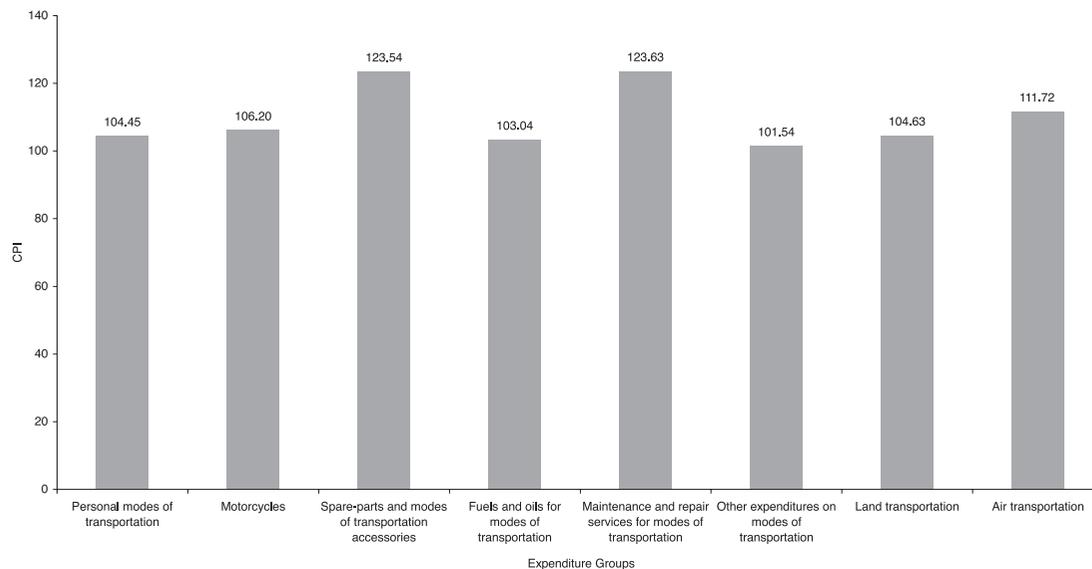
Transportation

The rate inflation for Transportation group reached 8.95%, with the highest rate of price in the Maintenance and Repairing services of the Modes of Transportation at 23.63%. Following, 23.54% increase in the price of spare-parts and modes of Transportation Accessories and an increase in the price of air transportation at 11.72%. Table (8) and Chart (8) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for transportation group 2008.

Table (8) The Consumer rate of inflation and the Price Index for the transportation group 2008.

2007 = 100			
Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Transportation	9.08	108.95	8.95
Personal modes of transportation	1.17	104.45	4.45
Motorcycles	0.01	106.20	6.20
Spare-parts and modes of transportation accessories	1.08	123.54	23.54
Fuels and oils for modes of transportation	4.47	103.04	3.04
Maintenance and repair services for modes of transportation	1.41	123.63	23.63
Other expenditures on modes of transportation	0.46	101.54	1.54
Land transportation	0.39	104.63	4.63
Air transportation	0.09	111.72	11.72

Chart (8) The Consumer Price Index for the transportation group 2008.



Communications

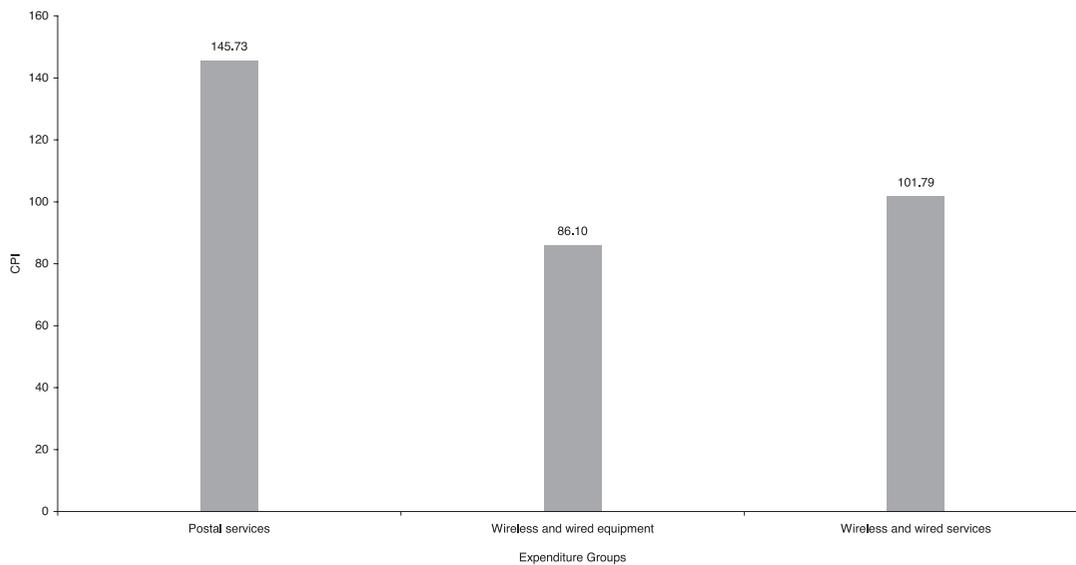
The inflation rate for Communications group reached 1.71% as a result of increasing Postal Services prices by 45.73%. Furthermore, an increase in Wireless and Wired Services prices by 1.79%. On the other hand, the prices of wireless and wired equipment decreased by 13.90%. Table (9) and Chart (9) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Communications group.

Table (9) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the communications group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Communications	6.00	101.71	1.71
Postal services	0.03	145.73	45.73
Wireless and wired equipment	0.12	86.10	-13.90
Wireless and wired services	5.85	101.79	1.79

Chart (9) The Consumer Price Index for the communications group 2008.



Leisure and Culture

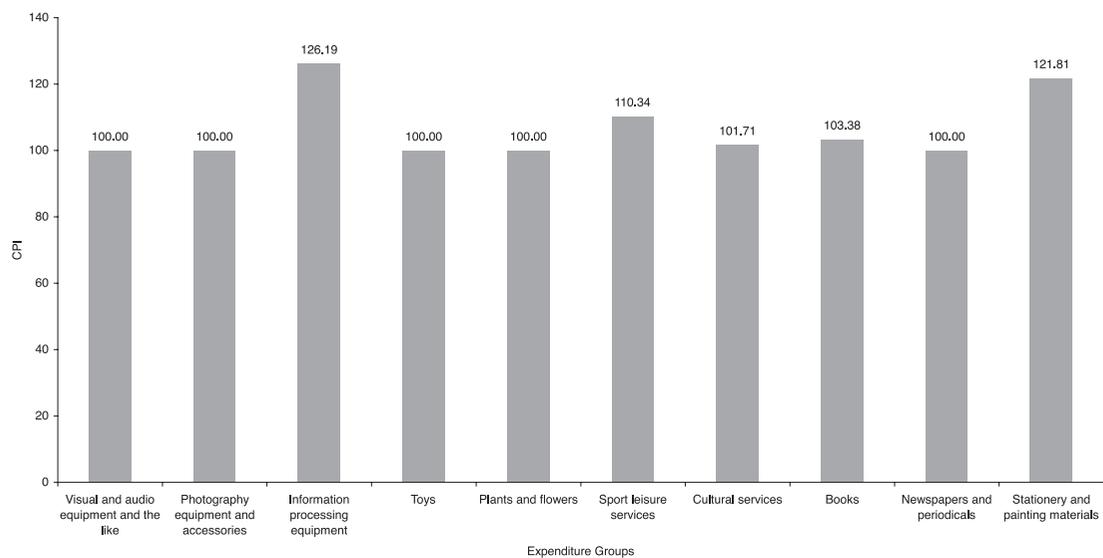
Leisure and Culture group inflation rate amounted to 2.85%. due to high increase in the price of equipment for the processing of collected information by 26.19%. In addition, Stationery and Painting Material prices increased by 21.81% and by 10.34% Sport Leisure Services prices increased. Table (10) and Chart (10) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for Leisure and Culture group.

Table (10) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the leisure and culture group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Leisure and culture	4.24	102.85	2.85
Visual and audio equipment and the like	0.11	100.00	—
Photography equipment and accessories	0.05	100.00	—
Information processing equipment	0.06	126.19	26.19
Toys	0.16	100.00	—
Plants and flowersa	0.08	100.00	—
Sport leisure services	0.25	110.34	10.34
Cultural services	0.61	101.71	1.71
Books	0.15	103.38	3.38
Newspapers and periodicals	2.48	100.00	—
Stationery and painting materials	0.29	121.81	21.81

Chart (10) The Consumer Price Index for the leisure and culture group 2008.



Education

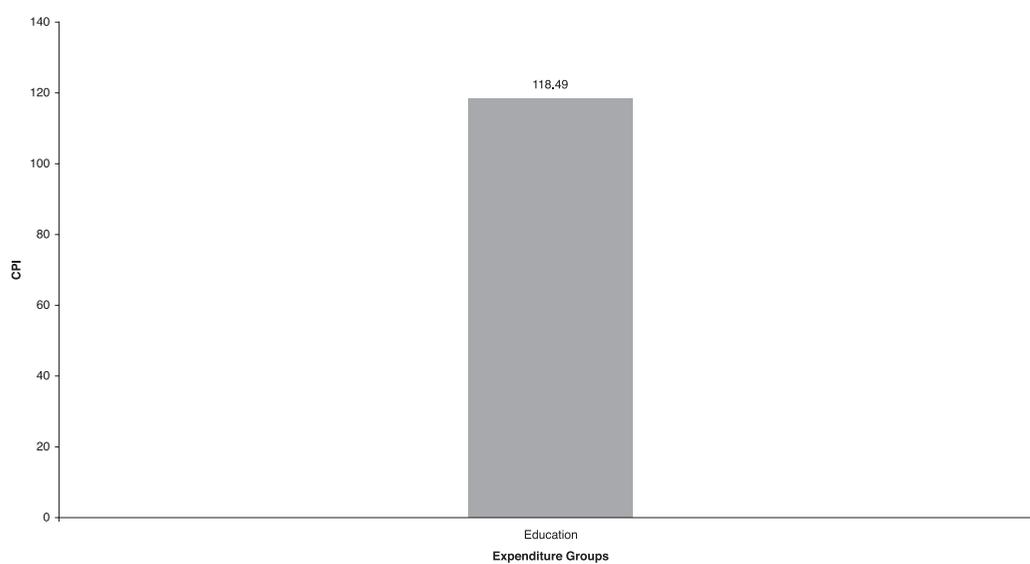
Education inflation rate has increased by 18.49%, due to tuition fees. Table (11) and Chart (11) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for education group.

Table (11) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the education group 2008.

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Education	4.09	118.49	18.49
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Chart (11) The Consumer Price Index for the education group 2008.



Restaurants and Hotels

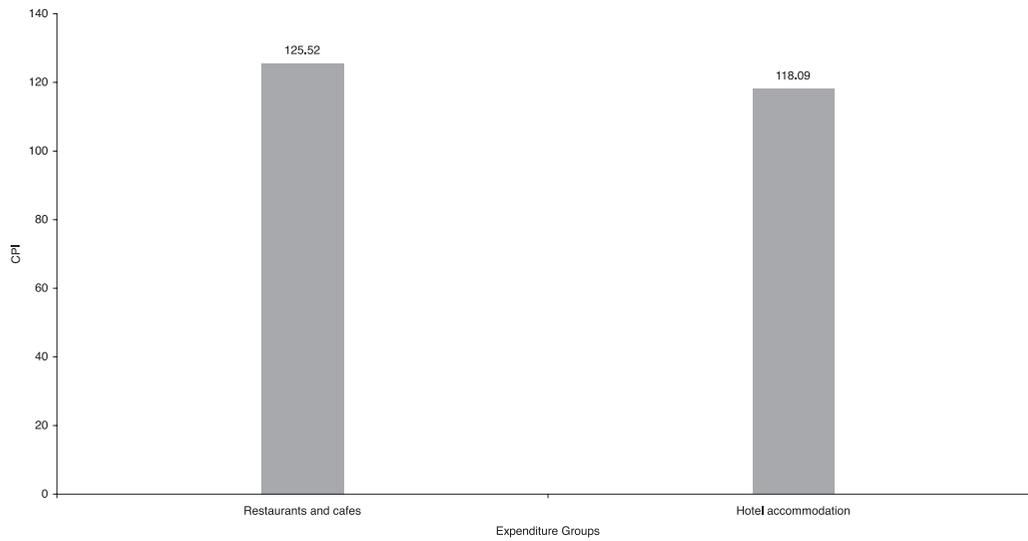
Inflation rate for Restaurants and Hotels group reached 25.49% because of high increases in the price of restaurants and cafes by 25.52%. Rate of Hotels accommodation increased by 18.09%. Table (12) and Chart (12) shows inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for restaurants and hotels group.

Table (12) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the restaurants and hotels group 2008

2007 = 100

Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Restaurants and hotels	5.48	125.49	25.49
Restaurants and cafes	5.45	125.52	25.52
Hotel accommodation	0.03	118.09	18.09

Chart (12) The Consumer Price Index for the restaurants and hotels group 2008.



Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Miscellaneous Goods and Services group reached 19.17% due to increase in the prices of car insurance by 31.19%. Personal Care Electrical Equipment increased by 27.65%, and personal care services by 22.14%. Table (13) and Chart (13) shows 2008 inflation rate and Consumer Price Index for miscellaneous goods and services group.

Table (13) The rate of inflation and the Consumer Price Index for the miscellaneous goods and services group 2008.

2007 = 100			
Expenditure groups	Weight	CPI	% of Inflation rate
Miscellaneous groups and services	6.15	119.17	19.17
Personal care services	0.78	122.14	22.14
Personal care electrical equipment	0.02	127.65	27.65
Personal care materials and appliances	0.02	127.65	27.65
Jewelry and watches	2.34	119.02	19.02
Other personal goods	0.29	118.18	18.18
Health insurance	0.05	113.18	13.18
Car insurance	0.41	100.00	—
Card issuing and renewal fees	1.53	131.19	31.19
Miscellaneous groups and services	0.73	102.55	2.55

Chart (13) The Consumer Price Index for the miscellaneous goods and services group 2008.

