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**Press Release**

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## **Abu Dhabi Consumer Prices Down 2.1% Y-o-Y in February, Reports SCAD**

- *CPI decreased 2.1% in February 2020 compared with February 2019*
- *CPI decreased 0.4% in February 2020 compared with January 2020*
- *'Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel' group contributed 77.1% to overall decrease in CPI during February 2020 compared with February 2019*

According to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) report for the month of February 2020, released recently by the Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD), the CPI declined by 2.1% from 111.6 points in February 2019 to 109.3 points in February 2020. The index also nudged down 0.4% month-over-month to 109.3 points in February 2020, down from 109.7 points in January 2020.

A breakdown of the report data by household welfare level indicates a 2.1% decline in consumer prices for households at the bottom-welfare level, 2.3% for the middle welfare level and 1.6% for the top-welfare level over the first two months of 2020, compared with the same period in



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2019. Analyzed by household type, the 1.9% decline in consumer prices during first two months of 2020 compared with the same period in 2019 implied a decrease of 1.9% for citizen households, 2.0% for non-citizen households and 2.3% for shared households.

SCAD's CPI report also presents the contribution of each of the main 12 expenditure groups to the overall change in consumer prices. The groups are categorized according to the International Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP). The 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel' group contributed 77.1% to the overall decrease in CPI in February 2020, compared with February 2019. The Prices of this group dropped by 5.1%.

The 'Miscellaneous goods and services' group accounted for 31.9% of the decrease recorded in February 2020 compared with February 2019 as the group's prices fell by 8.5%. In addition, the 'Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance' group contributed 20.2% to y-o-y fall in February 2020, reflecting a 5.6% decrease in the prices of this group.

The prices of 'Recreation and culture' group increased by 15.6% in February 2020 compared to the same period last year, contributing a 36.8% reduction to the overall y-o-y decrease in the CPI observed in February 2020.



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The report indicated a decrease of 1.9% in CPI to 109.5 points during January–February 2020, down from 111.7 points for the same period in 2019.

SCAD's CPI report presents comparisons of monthly price data, along with analyses by household welfare, household type and geographical region. It also provides the percentage of contribution of major expenditure groups to annual price changes.

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Being the of the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate's wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage,



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