

## Qatar inflation still falling in December

Qatar's monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) fell by 0.2 percent in December when compared to November. The CPI now stands at 121.5 (2006=100), down 5.4 percent from the beginning of 2009. The index is a measure of the general price level of goods and services consumed by the average household in Qatar. The index has been trending downwards since the beginning of 2009 following a period of high inflation in 2008.



Figure 1: Total Monthly CPI

Some highlights for December 2009 were:

- The food price index remained unchanged from November and was 1.2 percent lower than at the beginning of the year.
- Rental prices decreased by an overall 1.3 percent when compared to November and were now 17.4 percent lower than prices in January 2009.
- The CPI for the fourth quarter of 2009 was 10.0% lower than the same quarter of 2008.

## Overall CPI - monthly price changes

CPI Section	% of CPI basket / الأوزان %	Oct/ أكتوبر 2009	Nov/ نوفمبر 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Dec/ ديسمبر 2009	أقسام الرقم القياسي
Household Consumption (CPI)	100%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.2%	الاستهلاك العائلي
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	13.2%	-1.4%	1.5%	0.0%	الغذاء والمشروبات والتبغ
Clothing & Footwear	5.8%	1.0%	-0.2%	-1.6%	الملابس والأحذية
Housing, utilities and related services	32.2%	-2.9%	-2.3%	-0.5%	الإيجار والوقود والطاقة
Furniture, Textiles & Home Appliances	8.2%	4.2%	0.0%	-2.0%	الأثاث والمنسوجات والأجهزة المنزلية
Medical Care & Health Services	2.0%	1.8%	1.3%	0.0%	العناية الطبية والخدمات الصحية
Transport & Communication	20.5%	0.7%	-0.1%	1.3%	النقل والمواصلات
Entertainment, Recreation and Culture	10.9%	3.9%	-0.4%	-1.2%	التسلية والترفيه والثقافة
Miscellaneous Goods & services	7.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	سلع وخدمات متفرقة

<sup>1</sup> Revised