



Box 3: How to explain the increase in inflation between July 2014 and June 2016 by looking at the different CPI components?

Box 3: Inflation Report June 2016 Keep in mind

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One way to explain the rise in inflation from 2.89% in July 2014 to 8.60% in June 2016 is to analyze the contribution from each component of the CPI. This period was selected because it was when the peso began to depreciate sharply against the dollar. During that period the exchange rate increased from COP 1,858.5 per dollar in July 2014 to COP 3,357.5 in February 2016, followed by a decline to COP 2,991.7 in June. However, it is important to point out that this method is a partial analysis, as it does not consider second round effects. It cannot be interpreted as a cause-effect approximation.