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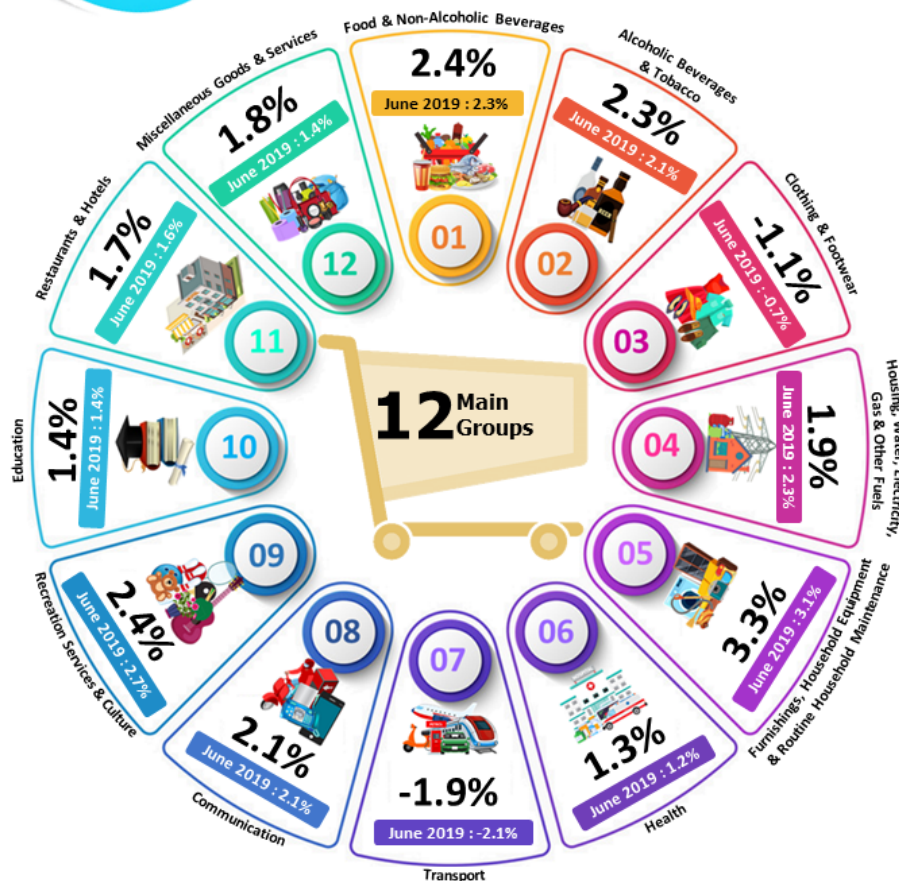
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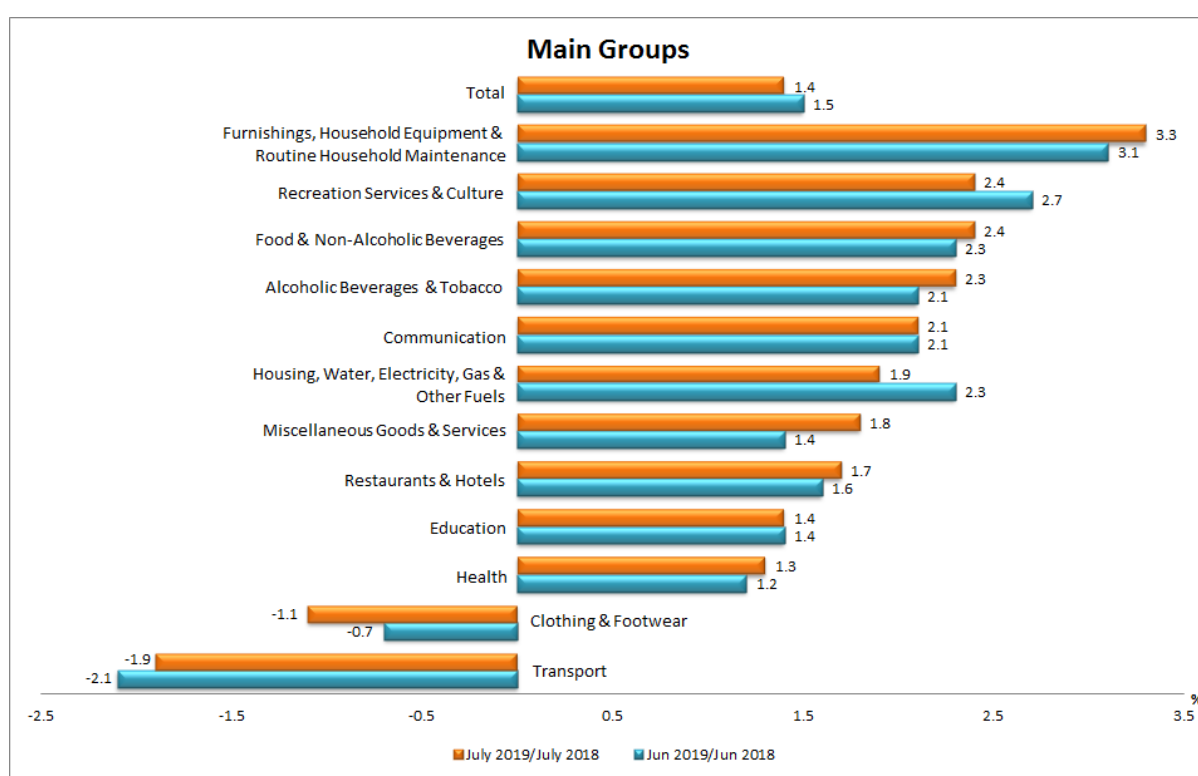
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), Department of Statistics Malaysia

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at **1.4 per cent** in July 2019 to 121.5 as against 119.8 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (3.3%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.4%)**, **Recreation Services & Culture (2.4%)**, **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.3%)** and **Communication (2.1%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI rose **0.1 per cent** as compared to June 2019. It was mainly supported by the index of **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.3%)**, **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.2%)** and **Transport (0.2%)**. Meanwhile, CPI for the period of January – July 2019 registered an increase of 0.3 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change by Main Groups, Malaysia, July 2019/July 2018



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **2.4 per cent** in July 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (4.7%)**, **Milk & Eggs (2.6%)** and **Fruits (2.5%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Fresh Red Chilli (21.8%)**, **Fresh Green Chilli (16.3%)**, **Round Cabbage (15.1%)**, **Cockles (14.6%)**, **Lettuce (14.4%)**, **Yoghurt (13.9%)** and **Bird's Eye Chillies (12.7%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **4.4 per cent** in July 2019 as against July 2018. The rise in the price of Burger, Fried Chicken, Pizza and Sea Food Other Than Fish contributed to the increase of the index of this sub-group. (Table 1)

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change by Sub-Groups Food &

Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia, July 2019/July 2018

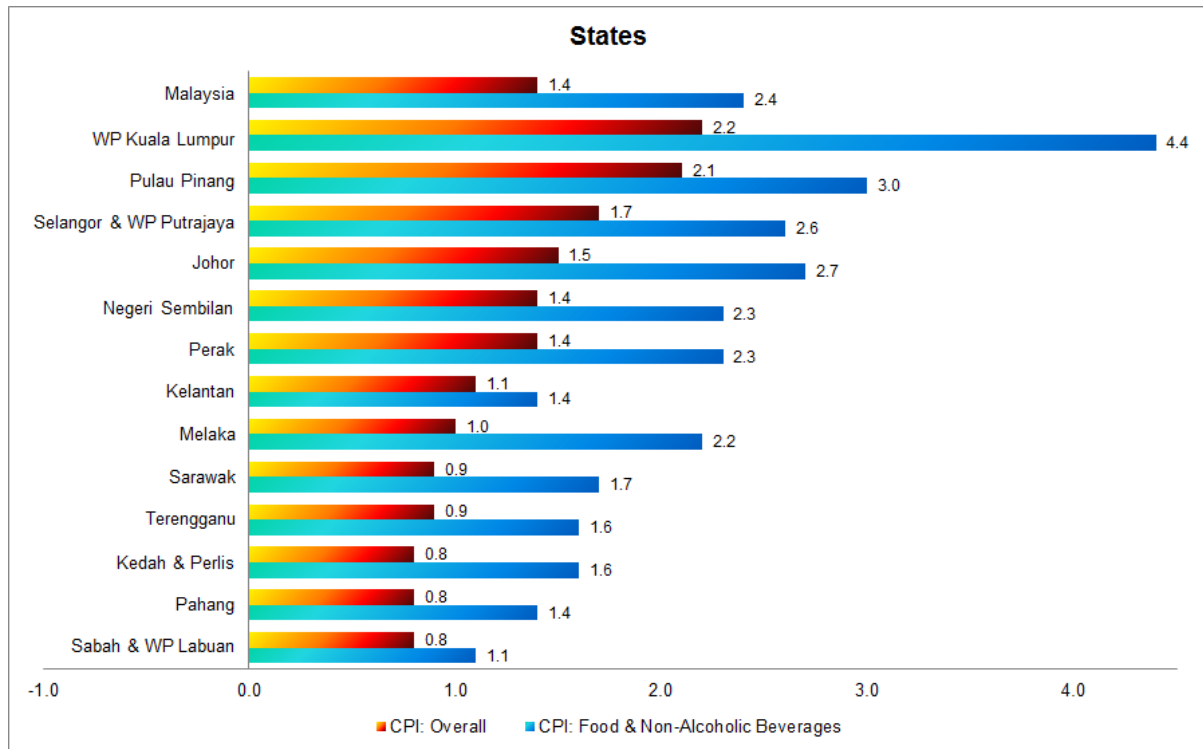
Sub-groups	Weight	Index July 2019	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
			June 2019/ June 2018	July 2019/ July 2018	June 2019/ May 2019	July 2019/ June 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	133.2	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.3
Food	28.4	134.1	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.3
Food At Home	16.9	130.4	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.4
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.9	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.2
Meat	4.5	125.3	-1.8	-1.6	-0.3	2.3
Fish & Seafood	5.5	152.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0
Milk & Eggs	6.5	125.4	2.5	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Oils & Fats	7.5	117.7	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Fruits	8.5	134.5	1.1	2.5	0.4	1.1
Vegetables	9.5	135.8	5.2	4.7	1.0	-0.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	10.5	135.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Food Products n.e.c.	11.5	132.3	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2
Food Away From Home	12.5	140.1	4.2	4.4	-0.1	0.3
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	112.4	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.1

Consumer Price Index by States

Four states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.2%), Pulau Pinang (2.1%), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.7%) and Johor (1.5%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.4 per cent in July 2019 as compared to July 2018. Meanwhile, Negeri Sembilan and Perak showed the same rate of increase as the national CPI.

All states registered increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increases were recorded by Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (4.4%), Pulau Pinang (3.0%), Johor (2.7%) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.6%) and the increase surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in July 2019. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State, July 2019/July 2018



Core Index

Core index increased 2.0 per cent in July 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases of Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (3.3%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (3.1%), Recreation Services & Culture (2.4%) and Communication (2.1%).

Core index excludes most volatile items of fresh food as well as administered prices of goods and services. (Table 2)

Table 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia, July 2019/July 2018

Main Group	Weight	HEADLINE CPI				SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX		CORE INDEX	
		Index	Percentage Change			Index	Month-on-Month Percentage Change	Core Index Weight	Year-on-Year Percentage Change
		July 2019	July 2019/ June 2019	July 2019/ July 2018	Jan-July 2019/2018	July 2019	July 2019/ June 2019	July 2019	July 2019/ July 2018
Total	100.0	121.5	0.1	1.4	0.3	121.5	0.1	100.0	2.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	133.2	0.3	2.4	1.5	133.1	0.3	26.5	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.9	0.0	2.3	1.5	167.9	0.0	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.1	-0.4	-1.1	-2.5	94.1	-0.4	4.5	-1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	121.1	0.0	1.9	2.0	121.0	0.1	26.5	2.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.8	0.2	3.3	1.0	116.8	0.2	5.5	3.3
Health	1.9	122.8	0.1	1.3	0.2	122.8	0.1	2.6	1.3
Transport	14.6	114.6	0.2	-1.9	-3.8	114.6	0.2	6.5	-1.9
Communication	4.8	96.0	0.0	2.1	-0.3	96.0	0.0	6.5	2.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.5	-0.1	2.4	0.4	111.5	-0.1	6.6	2.4
Education	1.3	119.6	0.1	1.4	1.3	119.6	0.2	1.8	1.4
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	131.8	0.1	1.7	1.2	131.8	0.1	3.9	1.7
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	113.0	0.4	1.8	-1.1	113.0	0.4	9.1	1.8
Non-Food	70.5	116.6	0.0	1.0	-0.2	116.6	-	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, July 2019 (RM)

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