



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA OCTOBER 2018



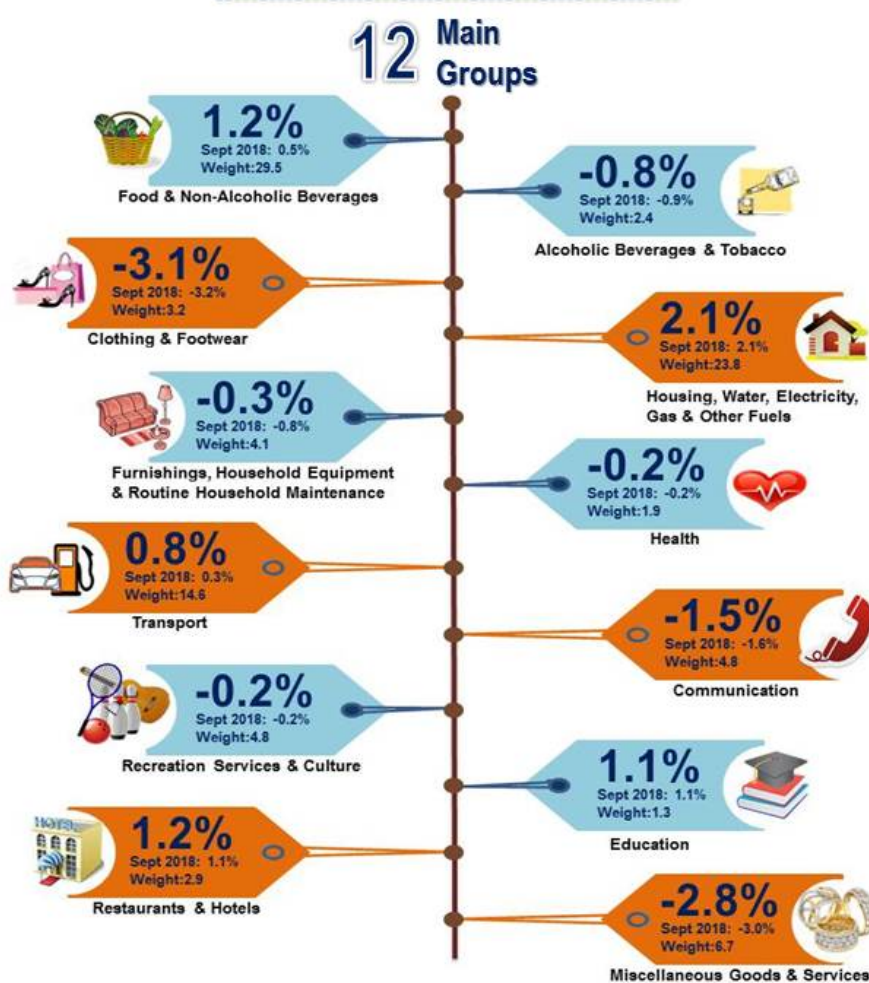
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CPI OCTOBER 2018 **INCREASED 0.6%**
AS COMPARED TO OCTOBER 2017



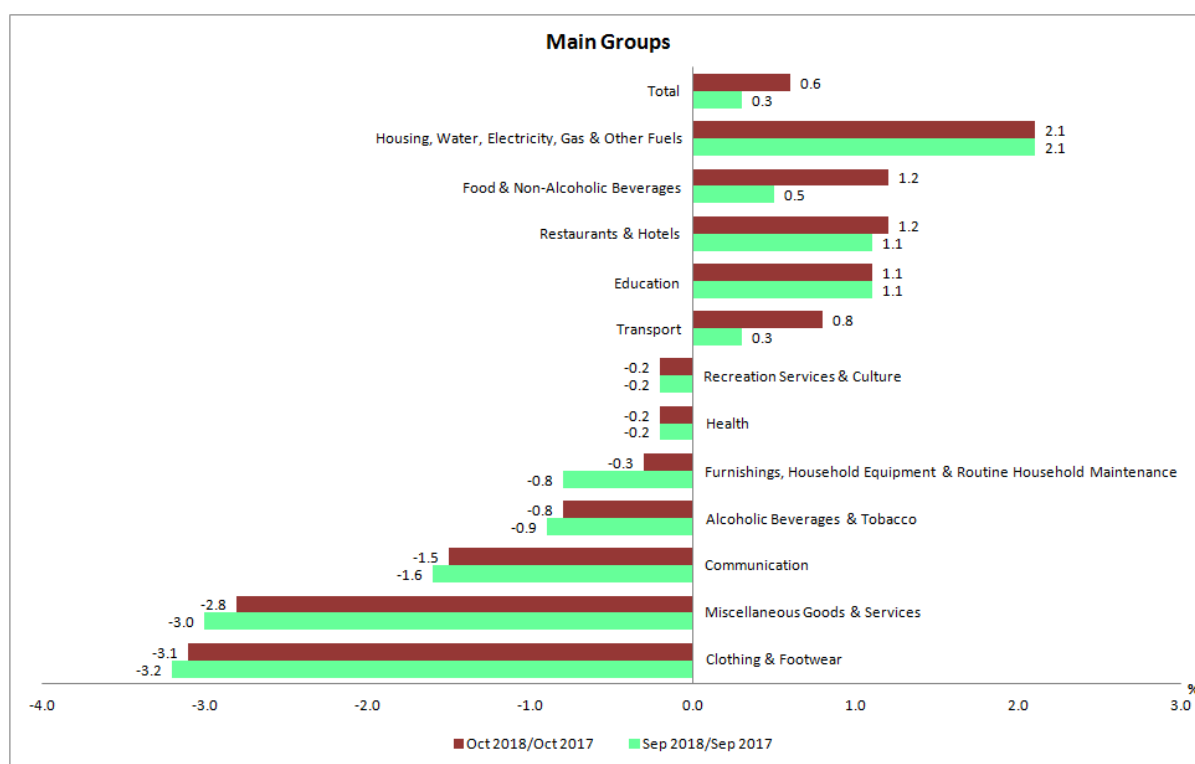
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), October 2018

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CPI increased 0.6 per cent in October 2018 to 120.7 compared to 120.0 in corresponding month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was due to higher price for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.1 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.2 per cent), Restaurants & Hotels (+1.2 per cent), Education (+1.1 per cent) and Transport (+0.8 per cent). (Chart 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI increased 0.2 per cent as compared to September 2018. CPI for the period January-October 2018 registered an increase of 1.1 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change by Main Groups, Malaysia, October 2018/October 2017



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The overall index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages which accounted 29.5 per cent in the CPI weights increased 1.2 per cent in October 2018. This was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (+3.0 per cent)** and **Fish & Seafood (+0.8 per cent)**. Meanwhile, the index for sub-group **Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery** decreased **2.3 per cent**, followed by index for sub-groups and **Oils & Fats (-0.8 per cent)** and **Fruits (-0.4 per cent)**. The decrease was due to the index of goods which dropped in most states such as **Chicken (-5.2 per cent)**, **White Sugar (-3.1 per cent)**, **Sweetened Creamer Milk (-3.1 per cent)**, **Fresh Coconut Milk (-1.5 per cent)**, **Grapes (-1.1 per cent)** and **Dried Chilly (-0.8 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index for **Food Away From Home** increased **2.7 per cent** in October 2018 as against October 2017

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change by Sub-Groups Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia, October 2018/October 2017

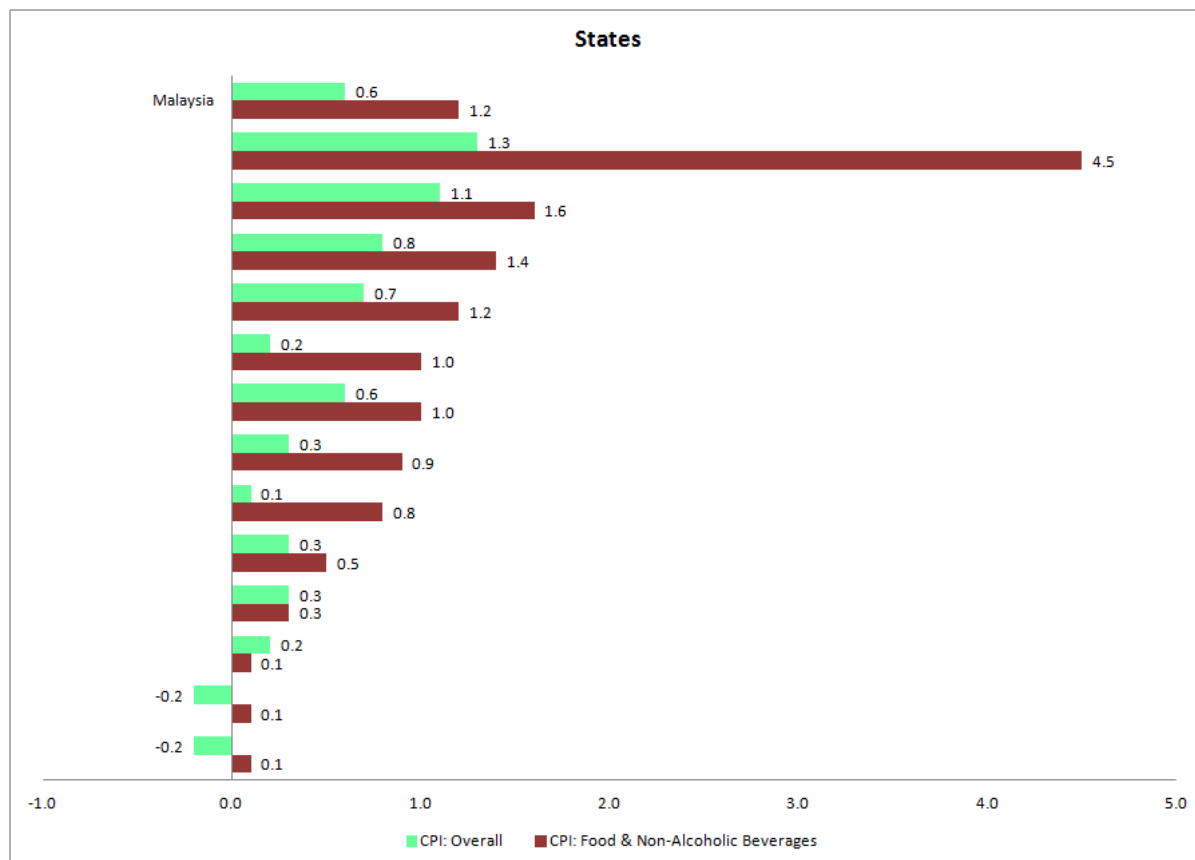
Sub-groups		Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
	Weight	Oct 2018	Sept 2018/ Sept 2017	Oct 2018/ Oct 2017	Sept 2018/ Aug 2018	Oct 2018/ Sept 2018
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	131.0	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.5
Food	28.4	131.9	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.5
Food At Home	16.9	128.9	-0.7	0.3	-0.7	0.5
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.2
Meat	2.5	124.7	-2.3	-0.3	-2.9	1.4
Fish & Seafood	4.0	149.7	0.4	0.8	-1.0	-0.5
Milk & Eggs	1.5	124.6	-1.3	-0.2	1.2	0.2
Oils & Fats	0.6	118.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.1	0.1
Fruits	1.2	131.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3
Vegetables	2.1	133.3	-1.2	3.0	-0.5	3.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	134.0	-2.3	-2.3	-0.9	0.1
Food Products n.e.c.	1.0	131.0	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.2
Food Away From Home	11.5	136.7	2.6	2.7	1.3	0.4
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	110.2	-1.5	-1.3	0.3	0.3

States Index

In terms of overall CPI, four states surpassed the national CPI rate of 0.6 per cent recorded in October 2018 as compared to October 2017. The states were Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+1.3 per cent), Negeri Sembilan (+1.1 per cent), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (+0.8 per cent) and Pulau Pinang (+0.7 per cent). Johor showed the same rate as the national CPI.

The increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia. Three states recorded higher increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index above the national index level (+1.2 per cent) in October 2018 as compared to the corresponding month in 2017. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose 4.5 per cent in Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, followed by Negeri Sembilan (+1.6 per cent), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (+1.4 per cent) while Pulau Pinang showed the same rate as the national CPI of this main group. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State, October 2018/October 2017



Core Index

Core index increased 0.4 per cent in October 2018, as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.3 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.3 per cent), Restaurants & Hotels (+1.2 per cent) and Education (+1.1 per cent). Core index, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food, as well as administered prices of goods and services recorded changes ranging from -0.2 per cent to 2.2 per cent for the period January to October 2018 as compared with the same period of the previous year. (Table 2)

Table 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia, October 2018/October 2017

HEADLINE CPI						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX	CORE INDEX		
Main Group	Weight	Index	Percentage Change			Index	Month-on- Month Percentage Change	Core Index Weight	Year-on- Year Percentage Change
		Oct 2018	Oct 2018/ Sept 2018	Oct 2018/ Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2018/2017	Oct 2018	Oct 2018/ Sept 2018		Oct 2018/ Oct 2017
Total	100.0	120.7	0.2	0.6	1.1	120.7	0.2	100.0	0.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	131.0	0.5	1.2	1.8	131.5	0.9	26.5	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	164.3	0.2	-0.8	-0.4	164.3	0.2	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	95.0	0.0	-3.1	-1.8	95.0	0.0	4.5	-3.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	119.8	0.0	2.1	2.0	120.0	0.2	26.5	2.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	114.8	0.4	-0.3	0.5	114.8	0.4	5.5	-0.3
Health	1.9	121.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	121.3	0.0	2.6	-0.2
Transport	14.6	117.5	0.3	0.8	2.3	117.5	0.3	6.5	-1.4
Communication	4.8	96.1	0.0	-1.5	-1.8	96.1	0.0	6.5	-1.5
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	111.4	0.1	6.6	-0.2
Education	1.3	118.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	118.5	0.2	1.8	1.1
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	130.6	0.2	1.2	1.6	130.6	0.2	3.9	1.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	111.3	0.3	-2.8	-1.2	111.3	0.3	9.1	-2.8
Non-Food	70.5	116.4	0.0	0.3	0.7	116.4	0.0	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, October 2018 (RM)

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