

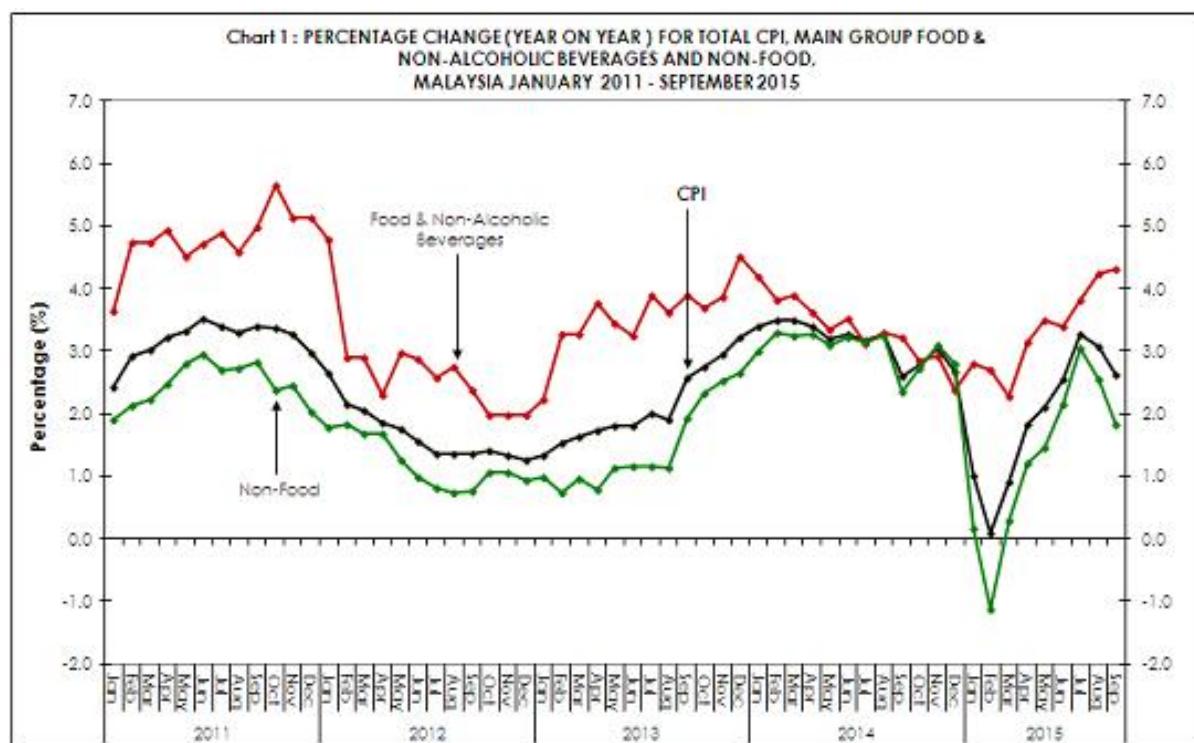


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA SEPTEMBER 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2015 increased by 2.6 per cent to 113.6 compared with 110.7 in the same month last year. The rise in the CPI was led by increases in the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group by 9.8 per cent; Miscellaneous Goods and Services (+5.6 per cent); Health and Restaurants & Hotels by 4.6 per cent respectively; Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.3 per cent) and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.7 per cent). These six groups of goods and services which weighted 47.4 contributed 86.6 per cent to the increase in the CPI for the month of September 2015. In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the increase in Communication (+3.2 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group by 2.7 per cent and Education (+2.5 per cent).

Overall, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.3) rose 4.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis in September 2015. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.7) recorded an increase of 1.8 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI for September 2015 decreased by 0.3 per cent. CPI for the first nine months in 2015 registered an increase by 1.9 per cent as compared to the same period last year span> increase of 1.8 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).



Monthly Changes for CPI

When compared with the previous month, CPI for September 2015 decreased by 0.3 per cent. Of the twelve major groups, seven recorded an increase, one registered a decline while four remained unchanged. Among the major groups which recorded increases in September 2015 were Miscellaneous Goods and Services (+1.0 per cent); Health (+0.3 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.2 per cent); Clothing & Footwear (+0.2 per cent); Recreation Services & Culture (+0.2 per cent); and Restaurants & Hotels (+0.2 per cent). On the other hand, a decrease was recorded in the index of Transport by 2.8 per cent.

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for September 2015 decreased by 0.3 per cent as compared to August 2015 (Table 1).

Table 1 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change				Month-on-Month Percentage Change		Seasonally Adjusted Index	
			Sep 2015	Aug 2015/ Aug 2014	Sep 2015/ Sep 2014	Jan - Sep 2015/2014	Aug 2015/ July 2015	Sep 2015/ Aug 2015	Sep 2015	% Change Sep 2015/ Aug 2015
TOTAL	100.0	113.6	3.1		2.6	1.9	0.0	-0.3	113.6	-0.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	120.8	4.2		4.3	3.4	0.5	0.2	121.0	0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	138.1	13.4		9.8	11.5	0.1	0.0	138.1	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	99.0	0.7		0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.2	99.0	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	112.2	2.7		2.7	2.4	0.7	0.0	112.2	0.2
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	110.7	3.7		3.7	2.3	0.3	0.0	110.7	0.0
Health	1.3	115.9	4.7		4.6	4.4	0.1	0.3	115.9	0.3
Transport	14.9	106.8	-1.2		-3.8	-4.1	-2.7	-2.8	106.8	-2.8
Communication	5.7	100.6	3.0		3.2	1.4	0.1	0.1	100.6	0.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	107.4	2.1		2.3	1.5	0.2	0.2	107.4	0.2
Education	1.4	112.8	2.5		2.5	2.4	0.3	0.0	113.1	0.1
Restaurants & Hotels	3.2	123.0	4.5		4.6	4.0	0.2	0.2	123.0	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	111.5	4.5		5.6	3.6	0.0	1.0	111.5	1.0

Non-Food	69.7	110.5	2.5	1.8	1.2	-0.1	-0.5	110.5	-0.5
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The 0.2 per cent rise in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in September 2015 compared with the previous month was the result of increases in the index for Food At Home by 0.3 per cent; Food Away From Home (+0.2 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic (+0.3 per cent) .

Among the food items which recorded notable increases in September 2015 compared with the previous month were **Carrots (+16.3 per cent); Garlic (+5.4 per cent); Hen's Eggs (+5.1 per cent); Big Onion, Red (+4.9 per cent); Long Bean (+4.6 per cent); Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+3.3 per cent); Black Pomfret (Fish) (+1.5 per cent); Watermelon (+1.2 per cent); Cuttlefish (+0.8 per cent); and Beef (+0.4 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index of some food items decreased in September 2015 compared with the previous month. Among these food items were **Spinach (-7.1 per cent); Red Chillies (-6.3 per cent); Choy Sum (-4.0 per cent); Round Scad (Fish) (-3.4 per cent); Longtail Tuna (Fish) (-2.2 per cent); Tomatoes (-1.5 per cent); Cucumber (-1.5 per cent); and Round Cabbage (-0.8 per cent).**

Table 2 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SUB-GROUPS OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Sub-Groups	Wt.	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change			Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
			Sep 2015/Aug 2014	Sep 2015/Sep 2014	Jan - Sep 2015/2014	Aug 2015/July 2015	Sep 2015/Aug 2015
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	120.8	4.2	4.3	3.4	0.5	0.2
Food	28.9	121.3	4.3	4.4	3.4	0.5	0.3
Food At Home	18.9	120.8	4.3	4.4	3.2	0.6	0.3
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	4.4	107.5	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.2	-0.2
Meat	2.9	120.4	3.4	0.9	1.7	0.4	0.2
Fish & Seafood	4.5	132.5	4.8	6.2	3.6	0.6	0.6
Milk & Eggs	1.8	123.7	3.5	4.3	5.4	-0.2	1.2
Oils & Fats	0.6	101.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.1
Fruits	1.2	122.9	5.4	5.9	3.5	0.9	0.5
Vegetables	2.1	122.1	10.1	10.5	5.9	2.6	-0.2
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	132.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	0.2	0.0
Food Products n.e.c	0.8	120.5	5.3	5.4	4.1	0.3	0.3
Food Away From Home	10.0	122.2	4.4	4.4	3.8	0.3	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.4	111.6	3.1	3.2	2.3	0.2	0.3

CPI changes for the period January - September 2015 / 2014

The increase of 1.9 per cent in the CPI for the first nine months in 2015 was led by increases among the main groups with high weights: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.4 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.4 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+11.5 per cent); Health (+4.4 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+4.0 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+3.6 per cent). On the other hand, a decrease was recorded in the index of Transport by 4.1 per cent.

Based on the above changes and the weights assigned to the main groups, the relative contribution to the overall increase of 1.9 per cent in the CPI is shown in Table 3.

Table 3 : CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHANGES IN THE OVERALL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	2014 / 2013		September 2015 / 2014		January - September 2015 / 2014	
		% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution
TOTAL	100.0	3.2	100.0	2.6	100.0	1.9	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	3.3	34.0	4.3	51.4	3.4	54.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	11.6	8.3	9.8	9.0	11.5	14.2
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	3.4	24.1	2.7	22.6	2.4	27.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.0	1.3	3.7	5.6	2.3	4.5
Health	1.3	2.9	1.2	4.6	2.3	4.4	3.0
Transport	14.9	4.9	23.1	-3.8	-20.9	-4.1	-31.0
Communication	5.7	-0.7	-1.3	3.2	5.9	1.4	3.8
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	1.5	2.2	2.3	3.8	1.5	3.2
Education	1.4	2.4	1.1	2.5	1.3	2.4	1.7
Restaurant & Hotel	3.2	4.7	5.0	4.6	5.9	4.0	7.0
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	0.7	1.3	5.6	12.4	3.6	11.2

The increase of 3.4 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+3.2 per cent); Food Away From Home (+3.8 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.3 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Vegetables (+5.9 per cent); Milk & Eggs (+5.4 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+3.6 per cent); and Fruits (+3.5 per cent)**.

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