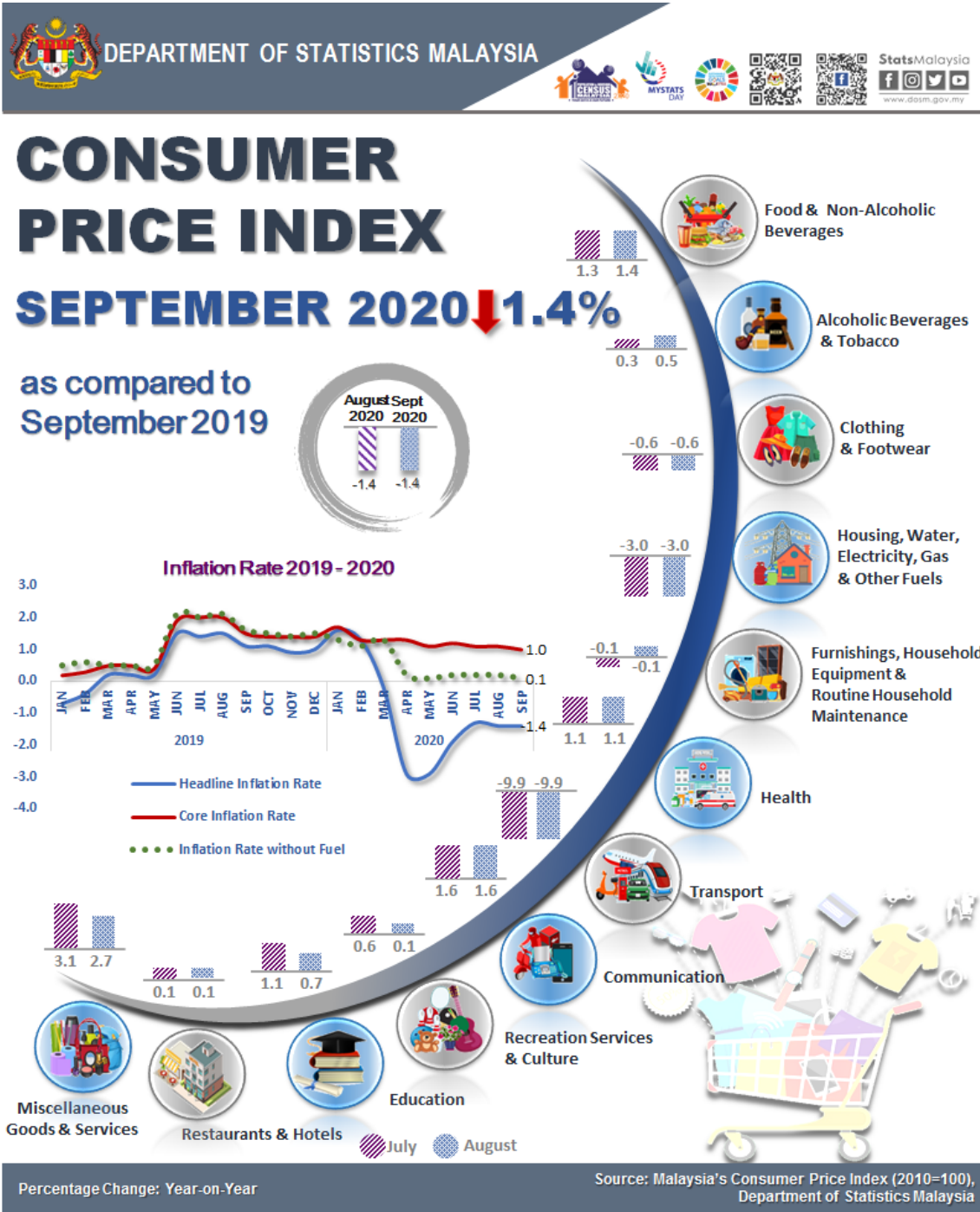




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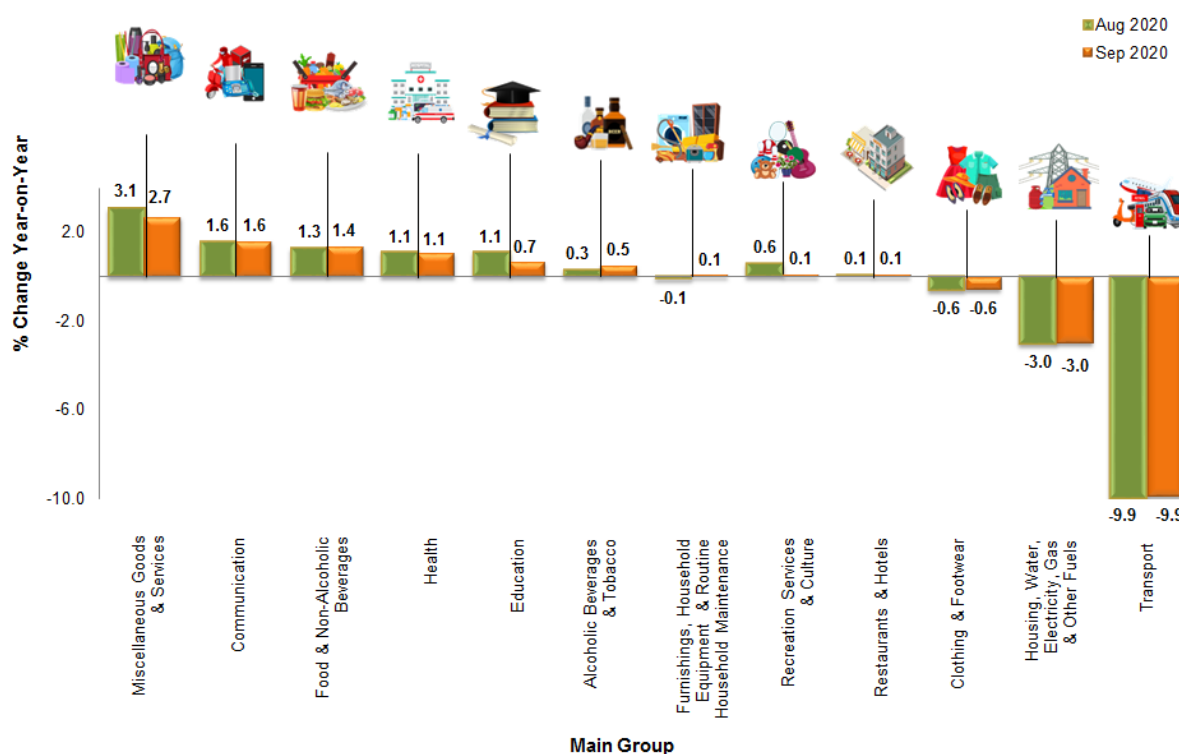


Summary Findings

Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined 1.4 per cent in September 2020 to 120.1 as against 121.8 in the same month of the preceding year. The decrease in the overall index was attributed by the decline in Transport (-9.9%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (-3.0%) and Clothing & Footwear (-0.6%) which contributed 41.6 per cent to overall weight.

Nevertheless, Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 1.4 per cent to 135.1 as compared to 133.2 in corresponding month of the preceding year. This group contributes 29.5 per cent of CPI weight. Similarly, Miscellaneous Goods & Services inclined by 2.7 per cent, followed by Communication (1.6%) and Health (1.1%).

Chart 1: Percentage Change of Consumer Price Index by Main Group



CPI on monthly basis remained unchanged as compared to August 2020. Nevertheless, there are groups that show an increase namely Restaurants & Hotels (0.2%), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (0.1%), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.1%), Recreation Services & Culture (0.1%) and Education (0.1%).

Meanwhile, CPI in the third quarter of 2020 decreased 1.4 per cent to 120.0 as compared to 121.7 in the same quarter of the previous year. On a quarterly basis, the CPI increased 1.5 per cent as compared to the second quarter of 2020.

Index for Group Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Table 1: Percentage Change for Subgroup Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Main Group	Weight	Index	Percentage Change	
		Sep 2020	Sep 2020 / Aug 2020	Sep 2020 / Sep 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	135.1	-0.1	1.4
Food	28.4	136.1	-0.1	1.4
Food at Home	16.9	131.7	-0.2	1.2
Rice bread & other cereals	3.5	111.8	0.0	0.8
Meat	2.5	126.7	-0.2	1.0
Fish & seafood	4.0	153.8	0.1	0.6
Milk, cheese & eggs	1.5	124.3	-1.1	-2.5
Oil & fats	0.6	119.8	0.2	1.7
Fruits	1.2	135.7	0.3	1.8
Vegetables	2.1	138.4	-1.0	5.1
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.6	133.9	0.0	-0.7
Food products n.e.c	1.0	136.1	0.1	2.7
Food away from Home	11.5	143.1	0.1	1.9
Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	112.8	0.0	0.2

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased 1.4 per cent in September 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the subgroup that showed an increase include Vegetables (5.1%), Food products not elsewhere classified (2.7%), Fruits (1.8%), Oil & fats (1.7%) and Meat (1.0%).

Among the index of goods which recorded year-on-year price increase in most states were Ginger (19.5%), Small onion (16.4%), Dried chilly (14.6%) and Big onion (14.2%).

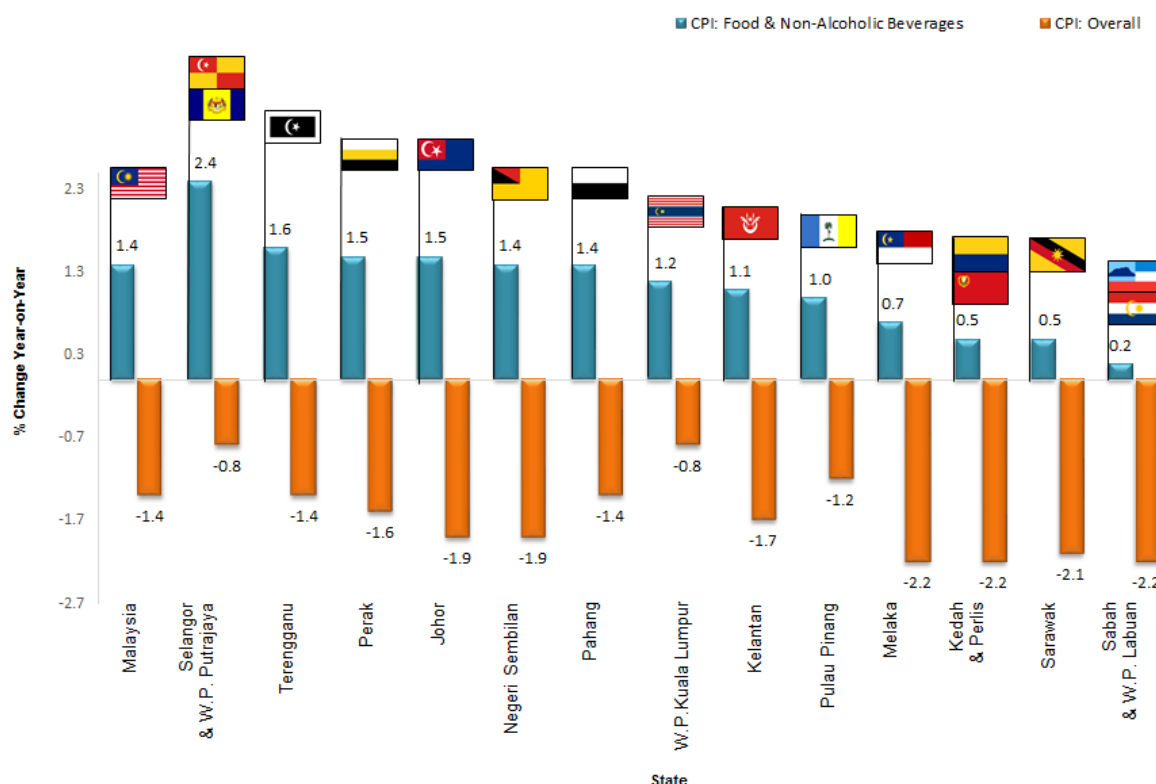
The index for Food away from Home increased 1.9 per cent in September 2020 as against September 2019. The increase in price of Cooked beef, Cooked fish and Nasi lemak contribute to the increase of the index of this subgroup.

Consumer Price Index by State

The index for all states decreased between -0.8 to -2.2 per cent in September 2020 as compared to September 2019. The highest decrease was recorded by Melaka (-2.2%), Sabah & Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (-2.2%) and Kedah & Perlis (-2.2%). It was followed by Sarawak (-2.1%), Negeri Sembilan (-1.9%) and Johor (-1.9%).

However, all states registered an increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.4%), followed by Terengganu (1.6%), Johor (1.5%) and Perak (1.5%).

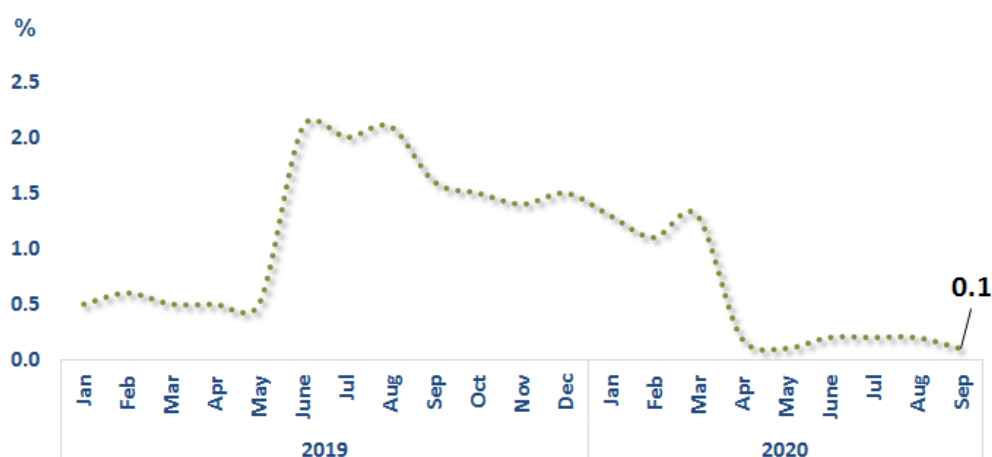
Chart 2: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Group by State



CPI without Fuel

The CPI without fuel shows a positive rate of 0.1 per cent in September 2020 as compared to September 2019. CPI without fuel covers all goods and services except Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel.

Chart 3: Percentage Change of CPI without Fuel, Jan 2019 - September 2020



Core Index

Core index rose 1.0 per cent in September 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the increase were Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.7%), Communication (1.6%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.4%) and Health (1.1%).

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

Table 2: Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Group

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
		Sep 2020	Sep 2020/ Aug 2020	Sep 2020/ Sep 2019	Jan-Sep 2020/2019	Sep 2020	Sep 2020/ Aug 2020		Sep 2020/ Sep 2019
Total	100.0	120.1	0.0	-1.4	-1.1	120.1	0.0	100.0	1.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	135.1	-0.1	1.4	1.2	135.6	0.2	26.5	1.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	168.7	0.1	0.5	0.3	168.7	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	93.5	0.0	-0.6	-1.0	93.5	0.0	4.5	-0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	118.1	0.0	-3.0	-1.2	118.0	0.1	26.5	1.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	116.8	0.1	5.5	0.1
Health	1.9	124.3	0.0	1.1	1.2	124.3	0.0	2.6	1.1
Transport	14.6	103.2	0.0	-9.9	-10.0	103.2	0.0	6.5	-0.1
Communication	4.8	97.5	0.0	1.6	1.6	97.5	0.0	6.5	1.6
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	112.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	112.3	0.1	6.6	0.1
Education	1.3	121.1	0.1	0.7	1.2	121.3	0.2	1.8	0.7
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	132.3	0.2	3.9	0.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	117.1	0.0	2.7	2.8	117.1	0.0	9.1	2.7
Non-Food	70.5	113.8	0.0	-2.7	-2.2	-	-	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, September 2020 (RM)

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