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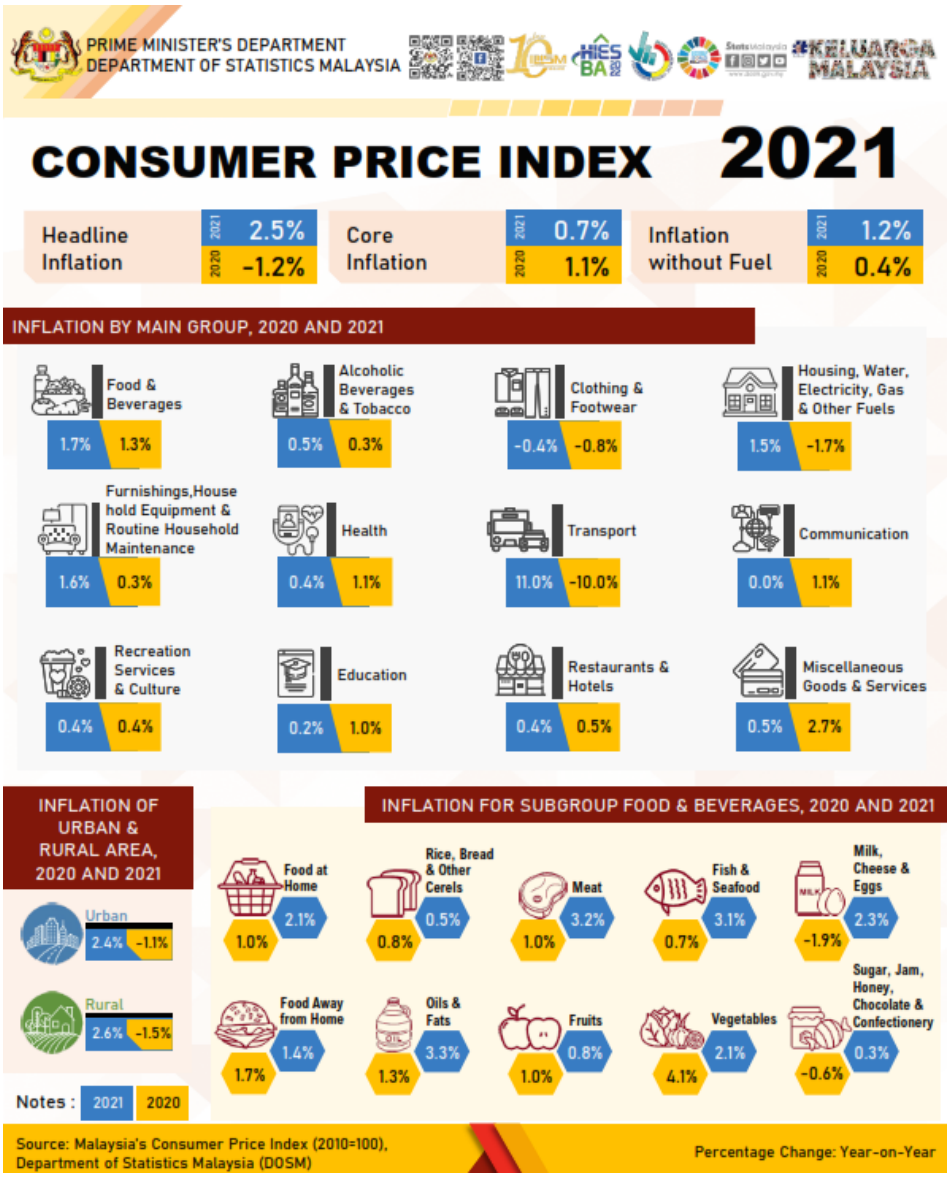
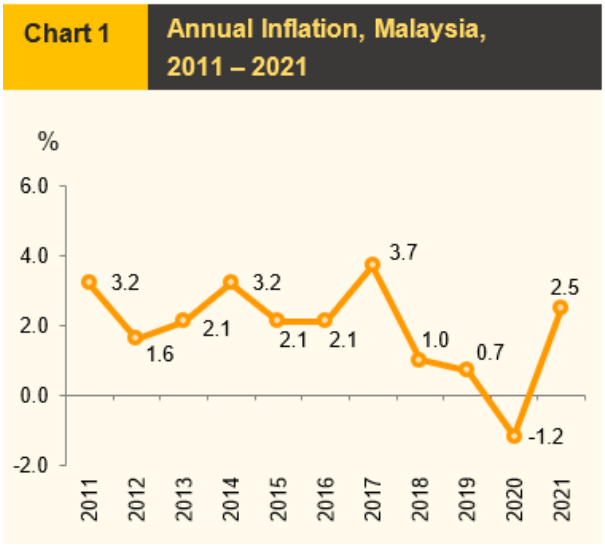
ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2021

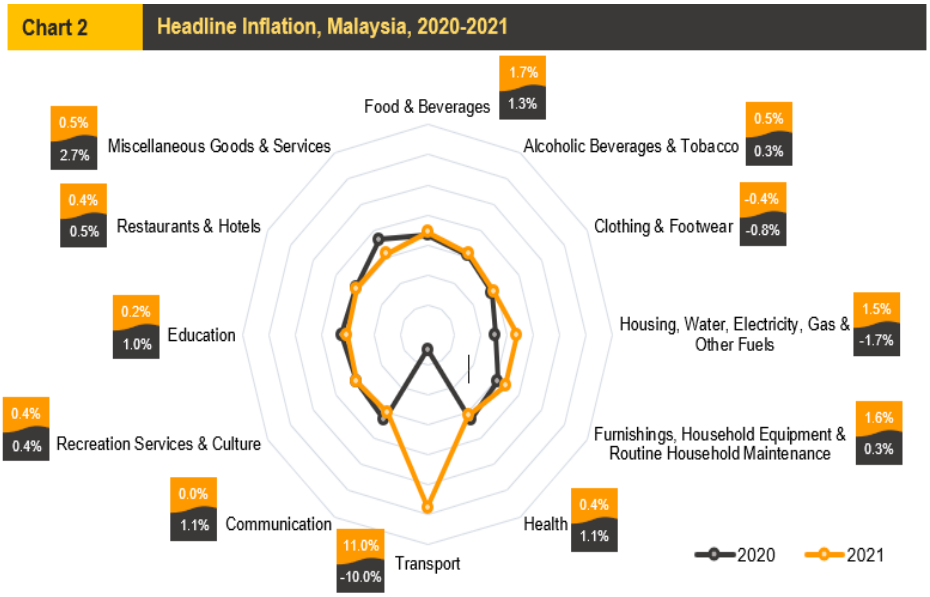


Headline Inflation

The implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) 2.0 and 3.0 in early and mid-2021 has caused the inflation rate to increase significantly to 2.5 per cent as compared to 2020, negative 1.2 per cent. The inflation rate increased to the highest level of 4.7 per cent in April 2021 as a result of the lower base effect last year, which recorded a significant increase mainly by the group of Transport as well as an increase in the prices of miscellaneous goods.



Overall, the 2.5 per cent increase was contributed by the index of Transport (11.0%); Food & Beverages (1.7%); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (1.6%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.5%) contributed 72.0 per cent to the total weight of Consumer Price Index (CPI). Meanwhile, the core inflation was slower at 0.7 per cent as compared to 1.1 per cent recorded in the previous year.



In 2021, all subgroups of Food & Beverages recorded increases between 0.3 per cent to 3.3 per cent. The subgroup of Oils & fats was the main contributor to the increase of this group which inclined of 3.3 per cent. This was followed by the increase in Meat (3.2%); Fish & seafoods (3.1%); Milk, cheese & eggs (2.3%); Food products not else where classified (2.3%) and Vegetables (2.1%). **(Table 1)**

Furthermore, inflation for urban in 2021 inclined 2.4 per cent as compared to negative 1.1 per cent recorded in the previous year. Inflation in rural areas increased 2.6 per cent in 2021 as compared to

negative 1.5 per cent in 2020. Inflation for the income group below RM3,000 increased 2.2 per cent in 2021 as compared to 2020 (-1.0%).

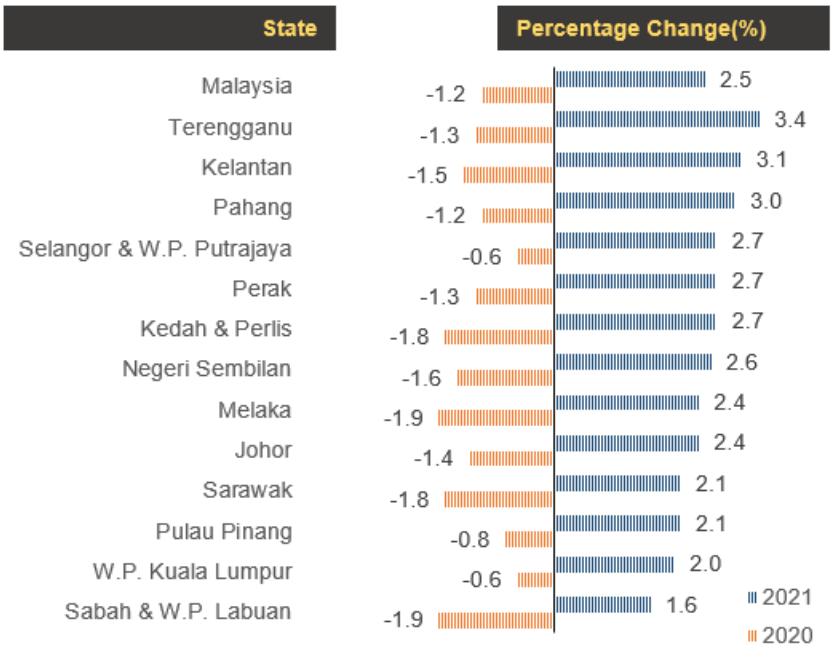
Table 1 **Inflation for Subgroup of Food & Beverages, 2020 – 2021**

Main Group	Index		Percentage Change (%)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Food & Beverages	**134.8**	**137.1**	**1.3**	**1.7**
Food	**135.8**	**138.3**	**1.3**	**1.8**
Food at home	131.5	134.3	1.0	2.1
Rice bread & other cereals	111.6	112.2	0.8	0.5
Meat	126.3	130.3	1.0	3.2
Fish & seafood	153.6	158.4	0.7	3.1
Milk, cheese & eggs	124.1	127.0	-1.9	2.3
Oils & fats	119.4	123.3	1.3	3.3
Fruits	134.7	135.8	1.0	0.8
Vegetables	139.5	142.4	4.1	2.1
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	134.1	134.5	-0.6	0.3
Food products n.e.c	135.5	138.6	2.5	2.3
Food away from home	142.5	144.5	1.7	1.4
Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages	**112.7**	**113.1**	**0.4**	**0.4**

In 2021, all states registered increases in inflation while seven states showed increases which surpassed the national inflation level of 2.5 per cent. The highest increase was recorded by Terengganu (3.4%). Meanwhile, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.0%) and Sabah & Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (1.6%) were the two states with the lowest increase. All states registered an increase in the inflation of Food & Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.4%) followed by Pahang (2.3%), Terengganu (2.2%), Kelantan (2.1%), Johor (1.8%) and Perak (1.8%). **(Chart 3)**

The increase was mainly due to the higher prices of chicken, eggs, cooking oils and fish & seafood in 2021 as compared to the preceding year. Meanwhile, other states showed an increase below the national inflation of Food & Beverages rate of 1.7 per cent in 2021.

Chart 3 **Inflation by State, 2020 – 2021**



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