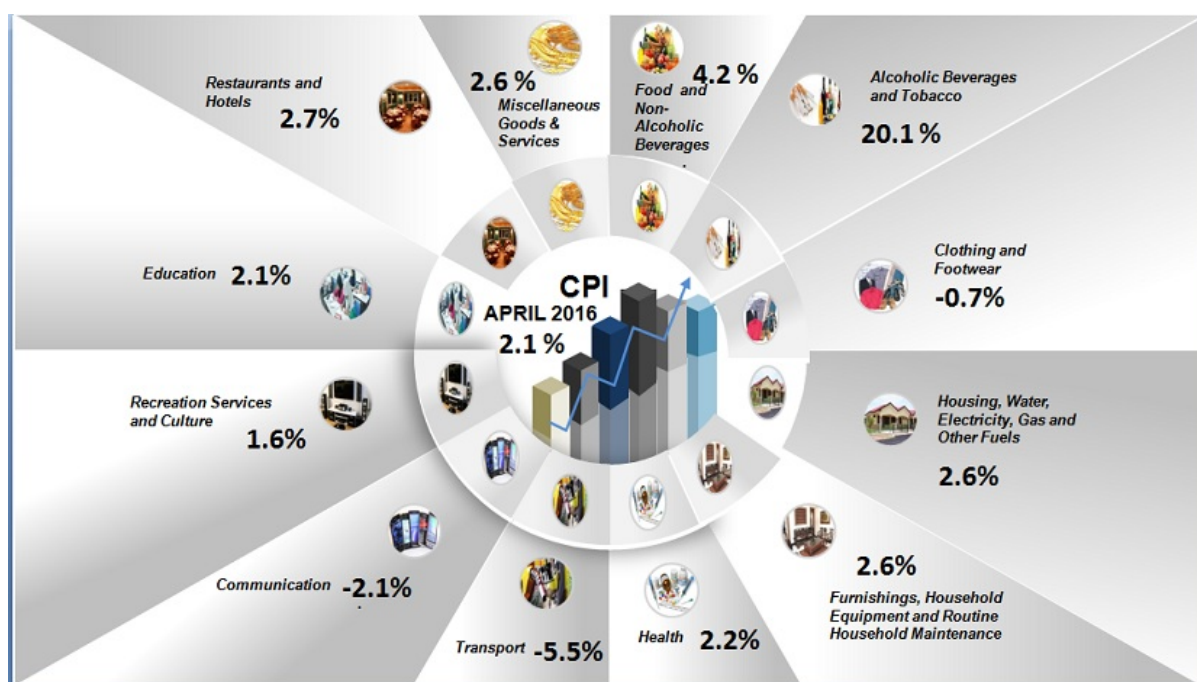




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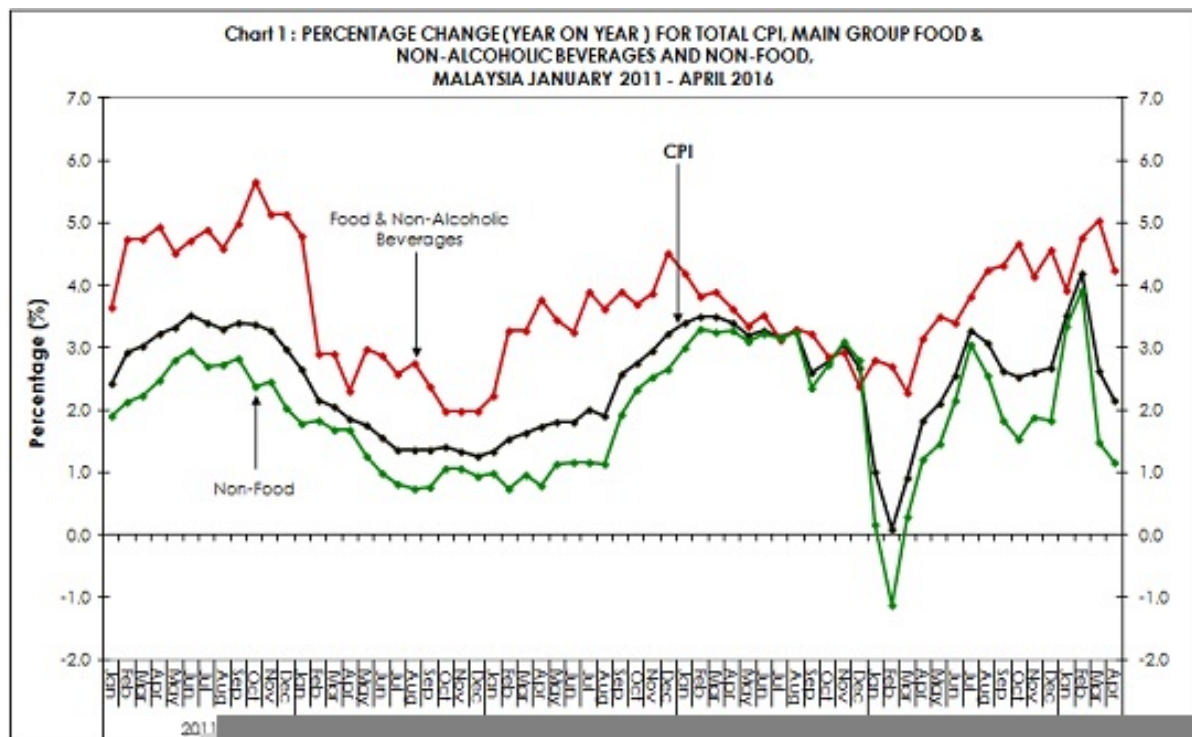
Malaysia CPI increased at a moderate pace in April 2016



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of April 2016 increased at a more moderate pace of 2.1 per cent compared to 2.6 per cent which recorded in March 2016. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco by 20.1 per cent; Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.2 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+2.7 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.6 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.6 per cent) and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+2.6 per cent). In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the decrease in prices of Transport group by 5.5 per cent; Communication (-2.1 per cent) and Clothing & Footwear (-0.7 per cent).

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) rose 4.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in April 2016. The increase was led by increases in three food sub-groups namely, index for **Vegetables (+12.5 per cent)**; **Fish & Seafood (+8.4 per cent)** and **Fruits (+7.3 per cent)**. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded an increase of 1.2 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI for April 2016 increased 0.4 per cent to 114.3 from 113.8. CPI for the period January to April in 2016 registered an increase of 3.2 per cent as compared to the same period last year.



Monthly Changes for CPI

When compared with the previous month, CPI for April 2016 increased 0.4 per cent to 114.3 from 113.8. Of the twelve major groups, five recorded an increase, while two main groups registered a decline and five remained unchanged. Among the main groups that recorded increases were Transport (+3.3 per cent); Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+0.1 per cent); Clothing and Footwear (+0.1 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+0.1 per cent) and Education (+0.1 per cent).

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for April 2016 increased by 0.4 per cent as compared to March 2016 (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	
		Apr 2016	Mac 2016/ Mac 2015	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015	Jan - Apr 2016/2015	Mac 2016/ Apr 2016	Apr 2016/ Mac 2016	Apr 2016	% Change Apr 2016/ Mac 2016
TOTAL	100.0	114.3	2.6	2.1	3.2	-0.6	0.4	114.3	0.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	123.0	5.0	4.2	4.5	-0.1	0.0	123.2	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.1	22.7	20.1	22.0	0.1	0.0	165.1	0.1
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.7	0.0	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.1	98.7	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	113.6	3.1	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1	113.6	0.1

Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	111.8	4.7	2.6	4.0	0.1	0.1	111.8	0.0
Health	1.7	117.1	4.2	2.2	3.9	0.0	-0.1	117.1	0.1
Transport	13.7	100.3	-8.2	-5.5	-2.5	-4.3	3.3	100.3	-0.1
Communication	5.2	98.1	0.9	-2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	98.1	3.3
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.2	2.6	1.6	2.2	0.0	0.0	108.2	0.0
Education	1.1	114.7	2.6	2.1	2.4	0.2	0.1	114.4	0.2
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	124.7	4.5	2.7	4.1	0.2	0.1	124.7	0.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	112.5	5.1	2.6	4.6	0.2	0.0	112.5	0.0
Non-Food	69.8	110.5	1.5	1.2	2.6	-0.9	0.7	110.5	0.7

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages remained unchanged in April 2016 compared with the previous month. Falling prices for Food At Home by 0.1 per cent offset the rise in the index for Food Away From Home which increased by 0.2 per cent. Meanwhile, the index for Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages stood at 111.9, unchanged from March 2016 (Table 2).

Among the index of food items which recorded notable increases in April 2016 compared with the previous month were **Watermelon (+11.1 per cent)**; **Choy Sam (+8.4 per cent)**; **Garlic (+8.3 per cent)**; **Cucumber (+8.3 per cent)**; **Round Cabbage (+7.9 per cent)**; **Long Bean (+4.5 per cent)** and **Red Chillies (+4.3 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index of some food items decreased in April 2016 compared with the previous month. Among these food items were **French Beans (-9.2 per cent)**; **Lady's Finger (-5.7 per cent)**; **Short Mackerel (Fish) (-5.1 per cent)**; **Round Scad (Fish) (-3.9 per cent)**; **Shallots (-3.9 per cent)**; **Kai Lan (-3.8 per cent)** and **Indian Mackerel (Fish) (-3.4 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	
		Apr 2016	Mar 2016/ Mar 2015	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015	Jan - Apr 2016/2015	Mar 2016/ Feb 2016	Apr 2016/ Mar 2016
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	123.0	5.0	4.2	4.5	-0.1	0.0
Food	29.0	123.5	5.1	4.4	4.6	-0.2	0.0
Food At Home	17.9	122.8	5.1	4.6	4.5	-0.3	-0.1
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.7	108.3	1.8	0.9	1.6	0.2	0.0
Meat	2.8	119.4	1.8	0.5	3.3	-1.0	-0.6
Fish & Seafood	4.3	136.3	9.3	8.4	7.9	-0.7	-1.1
Milk & Eggs	1.6	123.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.5
Oils & Fats	0.5	102.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.1
Fruits	1.1	127.2	6.2	7.3	6.5	-0.2	1.1
Vegetables	2.4	127.5	11.6	12.5	8.3	-0.3	1.5

Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	134.4	3.5	2.1	3.1	0.1	0.0
Food Products n.e.c	0.9	124.7	6.7	4.9	6.1	0.5	0.5
Food Away From Home	11.1	124.7	4.8	3.9	4.5	0.2	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.2	111.9	3.3	1.0	2.7	0.3	0.0

CPI changes for the period January - April 2016 / 2015

The increase of 3.2 per cent in the CPI for period January to April 2016 was led by increases in the main groups with high expenditure percentages: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.5 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.8 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+22.0 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+4.6 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+4.1 per cent); Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+4.0 per cent) and Health (+3.9 per cent).

The increase of 4.5 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+4.5 per cent); Food Away From Home (+4.5 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.7 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Vegetables (+8.3 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+7.9 per cent); Fruits (+6.5 per cent) and Meat (+3.3 per cent).**

Core Inflation

Core inflation, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food, as well as administered prices of goods and services rose 2.3 percent in April 2016 compared to the same period of the previous year (Table 3). Among factors contributing to a higher core rate were price increases for Transport (+3.6 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.9 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.8 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+2.7 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.6 per cent) and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+2.6 per cent).

Table 3 : Headline CPI and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	HEADLINE CPI			CORE INDEX	
		Index	Percentage Change		Core Index	Percentage Change
		Apr 2016	Apr 2016/ Mar 2016	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015	Wt.	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015
TOTAL	100.0	114.3	0.4	2.1	100.0	2.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	123.0	0.0	4.2	26.3	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.1	0.0	20.1	-	-
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.7	0.1	-0.7	4.6	-0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	113.5	-0.1	2.6	26.8	2.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	111.8	0.1	2.6	5.2	2.6
Health	1.7	117.1	-0.1	2.2	2.3	2.2
Transport	13.7	100.3	3.3	-5.5	6.7	3.6
Communication	5.2	98.1	0.0	-2.1	7.2	-2.1

Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.2	0.0	1.6	6.6	1.6
Education	1.1	114.8	0.1	2.1	1.5	2.1
Restaurant & Hotel	2.9	124.7	0.1	2.7	3.9	2.7
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	112.5	0.0	2.6	8.9	2.6

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