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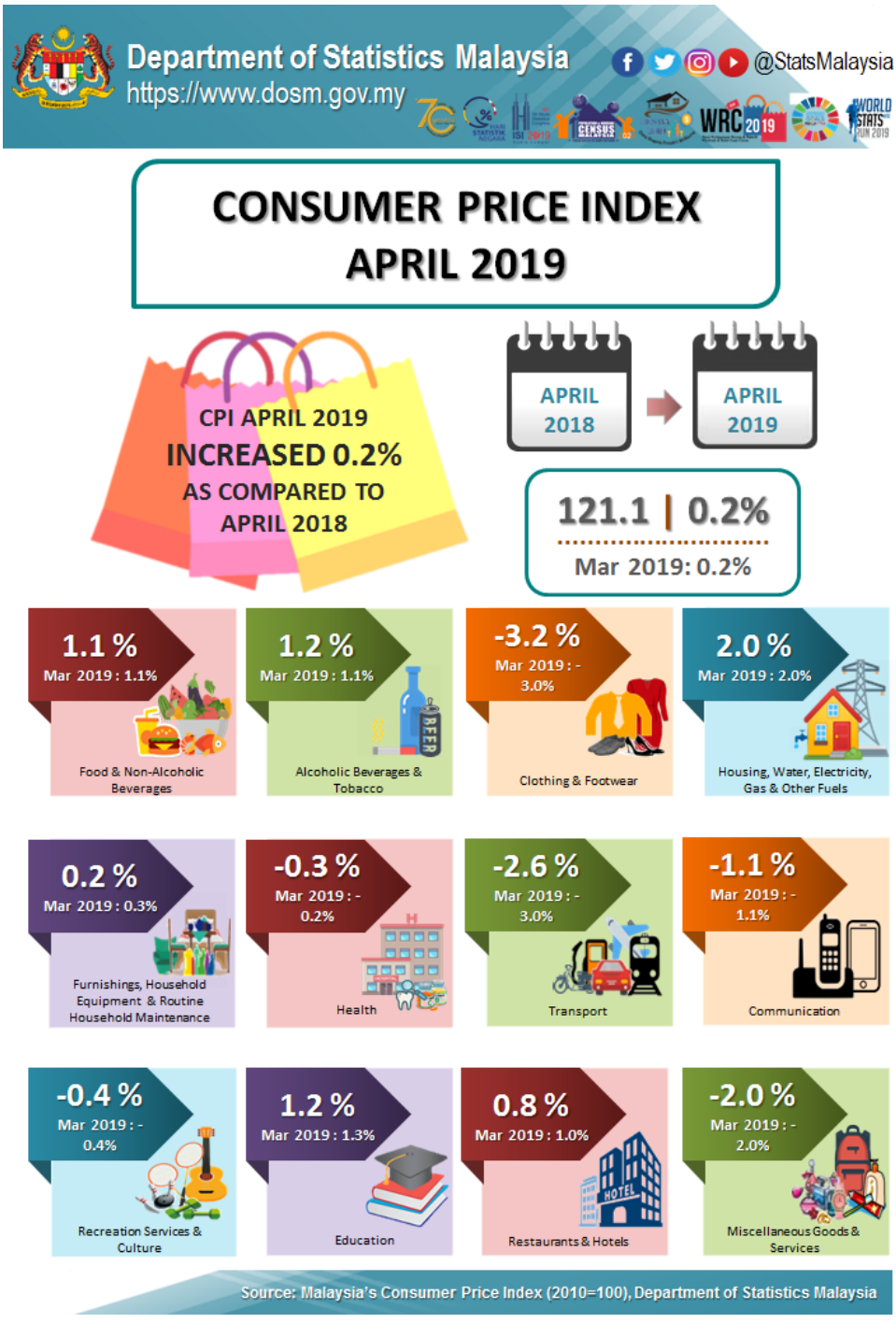
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA APRIL 2019

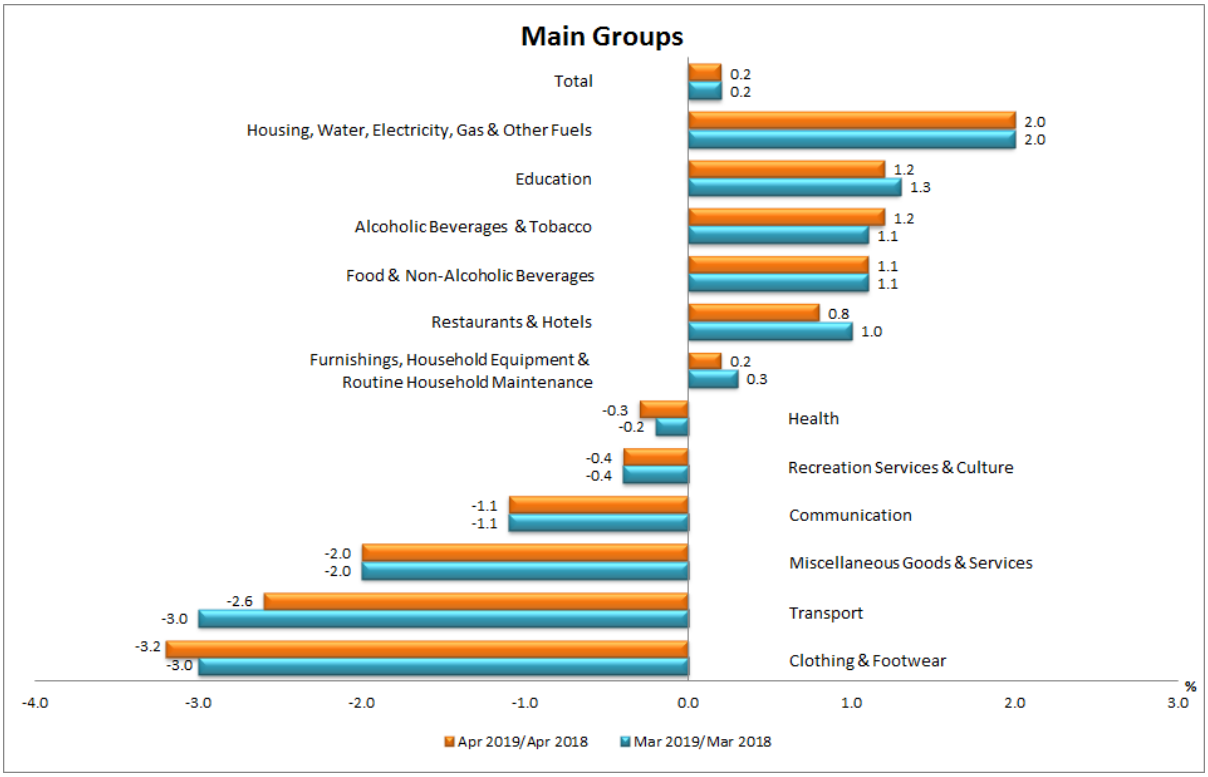


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by **0.2 per cent** in April 2019 to 121.1 as compared to 120.9 in the same month of the preceding year. The main groups that contributed to the increases were **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.0 per cent), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+1.2 per cent), Education (+1.2 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.1 per cent)** and **Restaurants & Hotels (+0.8 per cent)**. (Chart 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI remains unchanged as compared to March 2019. Meanwhile, CPI for the period of January - April 2019 registered a decrease of 0.2 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change by Main Groups, Malaysia, April 2019/April 2018



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The overall index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **1.1 per cent** in April 2019. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (+2.2 per cent), Milk & Eggs (+1.9 per cent), Fish & Seafood (+0.2 per cent)** and **Fruits (+0.1 per cent)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Eggs (+13.7 per cent), Cockles (+9.7 per cent), Round Cabbage (+5.4 per cent), Spanish Mackerel (Fish) (+3.2 per cent), Bananas (+3.2 per cent), Choy Sam (+3.0 per cent), Prawns (+1.8 per cent)** and **Apples (+1.6 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index for **Food Away From Home** increased **3.1 per cent** in April 2019 as against April 2018. The rise in the price of Burger, Fried Chicken, Rice with Side Dishes and Food Made from Noodles contributed to the increase of the index of this sub-group. (Table 1)

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change by Sub-Groups Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia, April 2019/April 2018

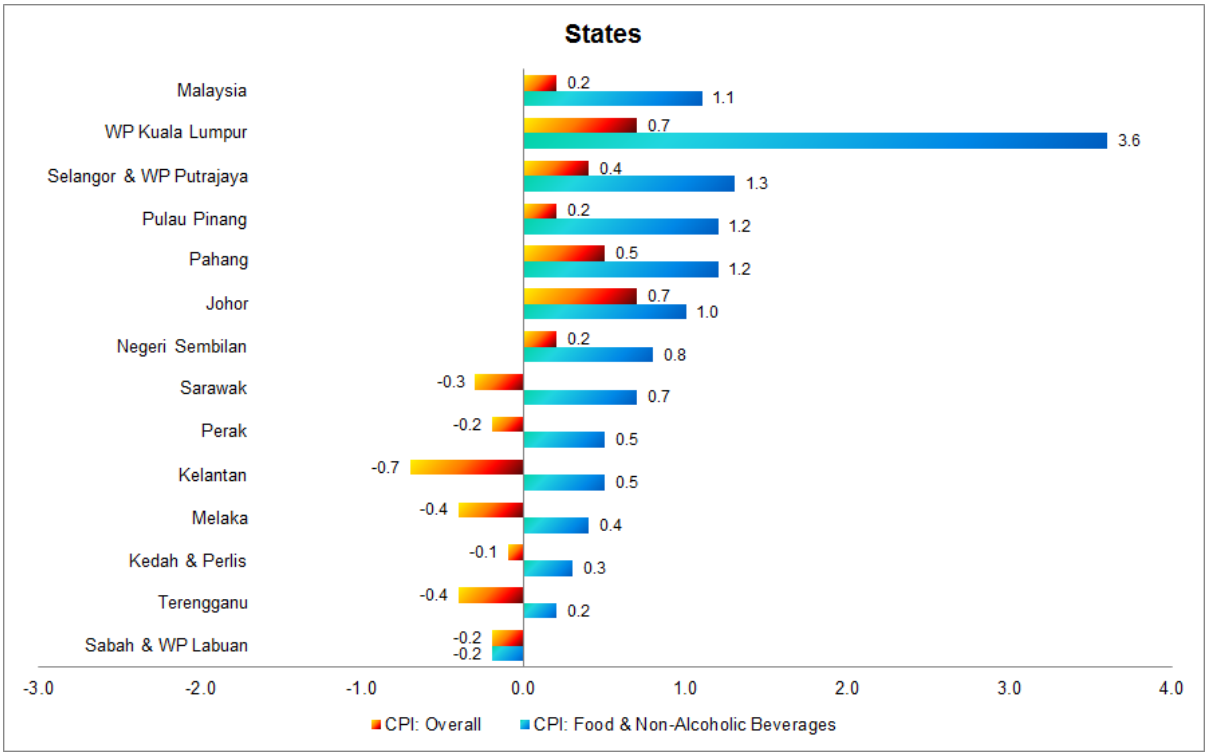
Sub-groups		Index		Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
	Weight	Apr 2019	Mar 2019/ Mar 2018	Apr 2019/ Apr 2018	Mar 2019/ Feb 2018	Apr 2019/ Mar 2018
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**29.5**	**132.3**	**1.1**	**1.1**	**-0.5**	**-0.2**
Food	**28.4**	**133.2**	**1.1**	**1.1**	**-0.4**	**-0.2**
Food At Home	16.9	129.0	-0.4	-0.2	-0.9	-0.5
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.7	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.1
Meat	2.5	121.3	-1.1	-3.6	-2.9	-3.1
Fish & Seafood	4.0	151.0	0.1	0.2	-1.3	-0.4
Milk & Eggs	1.5	125.5	2.0	1.9	0.0	-1.8
Oils & Fats	0.6	118.0	-0.8	-1.0	0.2	-0.4
Fruits	1.2	132.9	-0.2	0.1	-0.7	0.1
Vegetables	2.1	132.6	-2.0	2.2	-1.1	1.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	135.0	-2.3	-2.2	0.0	0.2
Food Products n.e.c.	1.0	131.7	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	0.2
Food Away From Home	11.5	139.8	3.4	3.1	0.1	0.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.1**	**112.3**	**-0.5**	**-0.2**	**0.4**	**0.3**

Consumer Price Index by States

Four states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+0.7 per cent), Pulau Pinang (+0.7 per cent), Negeri Sembilan (+0.5 per cent) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (+0.4 per cent) surpassed the national CPI rate of 0.2 per cent in April 2019 as compared to April 2018. Meanwhile, Johor and Perak showed the same rate of increase as the national CPI.

The increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia. Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur recorded the highest increases 3.6 per cent for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index as compared to the corresponding month in 2018 and above the national index level in April 2019. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State, April 2019/April 2018



Core Index

Core index increased 0.5 per cent in April 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.3 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.6 per cent), Education (+1.2 per cent) and Restaurants & Hotels (+0.8 per cent).

Core index excludes most volatile items of fresh food as well as administered prices of goods and services. (Table 2)

Table 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia, April 2019/April 2018

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
		Apr 2019	Apr 2019/ Mar 2019	Apr 2019/ Apr 2018	Jan-Apr 2019/2018	Apr 2019	Apr 2019/ Mar 2019		Apr 2019/ Apr 2018
Total	**100.0**	**121.1**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**-0.2**	**121.1**	**0.0**	**100.0**	**0.5**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	132.3	-0.2	1.1	1.0	132.4	0.1	26.5	1.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.7	0.1	1.2	1.1	167.7	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.7	-0.1	-3.2	-3.1	94.7	-0.1	4.5	-3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	120.7	0.0	2.0	2.0	120.9	0.2	26.5	2.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	116.1	0.0	5.5	0.2
Health	1.9	122.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	122.5	0.2	2.6	-0.3
Transport	14.6	114.6	0.4	-2.6	-5.0	114.6	0.4	6.5	-2.7
Communication	4.8	96.0	-0.1	-1.1	-1.2	96.0	-0.1	6.5	-1.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.6	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	111.6	0.1	6.6	-0.4
Education	1.3	119.4	0.0	1.2	1.1	119.1	0.1	1.8	1.2
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	131.6	0.2	0.8	1.1	131.6	0.2	3.9	0.8
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	112.3	0.1	-2.0	-2.1	112.3	0.1	9.1	-2.0
Non-Food	**70.5**	**116.4**	**0.1**	**-0.3**	**-0.7**	**116.4**	-	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, April 2019 (RM)

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