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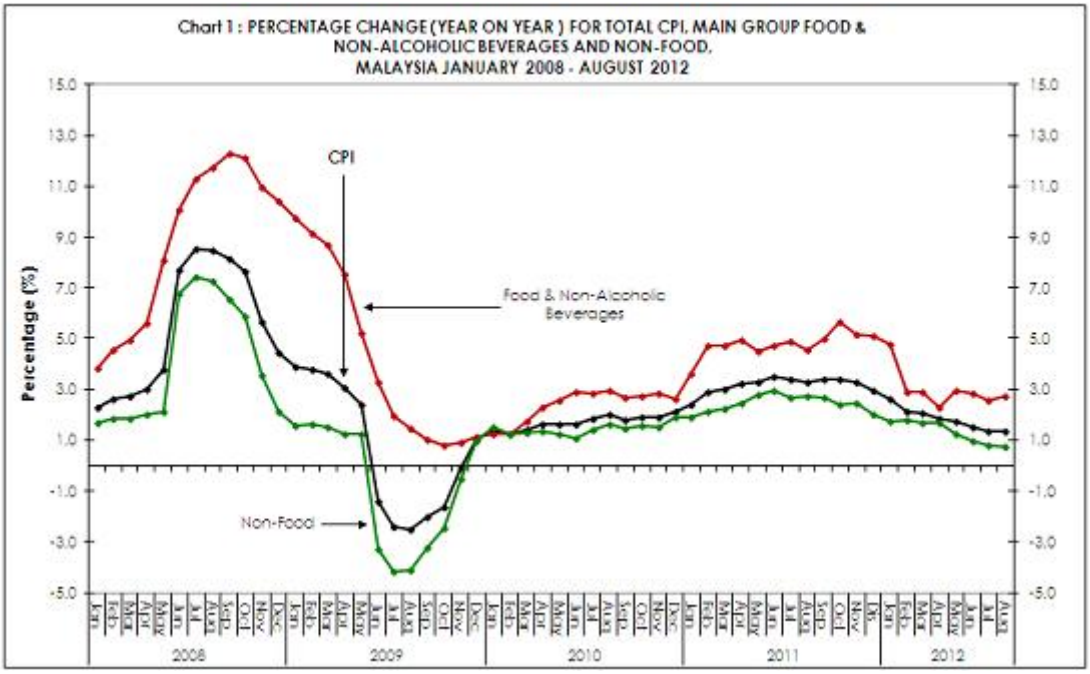
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA AUGUST 2012

Consumer Price Index Malaysia August 2012

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the period January to August 2012 increased by **1.8 per cent** to 104.6 compared with that of 102.8 in the same period last year. Compared with the same month in 2011, the CPI for August 2012 registered an increase of 1.4 per cent from 103.6 to 105.0 and when compared with the previous month, the CPI increased by 0.2 per cent.

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food for the month of August 2012 showed increases of 2.8 and 0.7 per cent respectively as compared to the same month in 2011. For the period January to August 2012, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food increased by 3.0 and 1.2 per cent respectively. Compared with the previous month, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food increased by 0.2 respectively (Table 1).



CPI changes for the period January - August 2012 / 2011

The 1.8 per cent increase in the CPI was brought about by increases observed in the indices for all the main groups except those of Communication (- 0.6 per cent) and Clothing & Footwear (- 0.5 per cent). Notable increases among these main groups with high weights were Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+

3.0 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+ 1.6 per cent) and Transport (+ 0.7 per cent). Other increases were Restaurants & Hotels (+ 3.2 per cent); Education (+ 2.5 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+ 2.4 per cent); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance and Health by 2.1 per cent respectively: Recreation Services & Culture (+ 1.8 per cent) and Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+ 0.1 per cent).

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

Group	Wt.	Index					% Change		
		Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2012	Aug 2012/ Jul 2012	Aug 2012/ Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2012/ 2011
TOTAL	**100.0**	**103.6**	**104.8**	**105.0**	**102.8**	**104.6**	**0.2**	**1.4**	**1.8**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.3**	**105.1**	**107.8**	**108.0**	**104.1**	**107.2**	**0.2**	**2.8**	**3.0**
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	104.6	104.7	104.8	104.6	104.7	0.1	0.2	0.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.4	99.3	99.1	98.7	99.8	99.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	102.3	103.3	103.8	101.5	103.1	0.5	1.5	1.6
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	102.1	103.8	104.0	101.5	103.6	0.2	1.9	2.1
Health	1.3	103.1	104.8	104.9	102.3	104.4	0.1	1.7	2.1
Transport	14.9	104.8	104.5	104.8	104.2	104.9	0.3	0.0	0.7
Communication	5.7	99.6	99.1	99.0	99.8	99.2	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	102.9	103.3	103.2	101.4	103.2	-0.1	1.3	1.8
Education	1.4	102.4	104.7	104.7	102.0	104.9	0.0	2.2	2.5
Restaurants and Hotels	3.2	106.5	109.2	109.2	105.2	108.6	0.0	2.5	3.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	103.2	104.5	104.4	101.7	104.1	-0.1	1.2	2.4
Non-Food	**69.7**	**102.9**	**103.5**	**103.7**	**102.2**	**103.5**	**0.2**	**0.7**	**1.2**
Durable Goods	6.5	101.1	100.1	99.9	100.4	100.3	-0.2	-1.2	-0.1
Semi-Durable Goods	4.4	100.0	99.9	99.5	100.2	100.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1
Non-Durable Goods	41.6	104.7	105.9	106.1	104.0	105.8	0.2	1.3	1.7
Services	47.5	103.2	105.0	105.3	102.3	104.7	0.3	2.0	2.3

Based on the above changes and the weights assigned to the main groups, the relative contribution to the overall increase of 1.8 per cent in the CPI can be identified as shown in Table 2. The three main groups, Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels and Transport together

accounted for 77.0 per cent of the overall increase recorded for the current period.

Table 2 : CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHANGES IN THE OVERALL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	2011 / 2010		August 2012 / 2011		January - August 2012 / 2011	
		% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution
TOTAL	**100.0**	**3.2**	**100.0**	**1.4**	**100.0**	**1.8**	**100.0**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	4.8	46.4	2.8	58.8	3.0	51.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	4.6	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-1.5	-0.5	-0.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	1.8	12.5	1.5	23.8	1.6	19.8
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.8	2.3	1.9	5.2	2.1	4.5
Health	1.3	2.7	1.2	1.7	1.6	2.1	1.4
Transport	14.9	4.4	20.7	0.0	-0.1	0.7	5.8
Communication	5.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-2.5	-0.6	-2.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	2.0	2.8	0.3	1.0	1.8	4.2
Education	1.4	2.2	1.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.0
Restaurants and Hotels	3.2	5.9	6.0	2.5	6.0	3.2	5.9
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	2.4	4.7	1.2	5.2	2.4	7.8

The 3.0 per cent increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+ 2.4 per cent); Food Away From Home (+ 4.1 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+ 3.0 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period were **Fish & Seafood (+ 7.7 per cent); Milk & Eggs (+ 3.3 per cent); Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (+ 2.7 per cent); Fruits (+ 2.4 per cent); Rice, Bread and Other Cereals (+ 1.2 per cent)** and **Oils & Fats (+ 0.9 per cent).**

Table 3 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SUB-GROUPS OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Sub-group	Wt.	Index					% Change		
		Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2012	Aug 2012/ Jul 2012	Aug 2012/ Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2012/2011
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.3**	**105.1**	**107.8**	**108.0**	**104.1**	**107.2**	**0.2**	**2.8**	**3.0**
Food	28.9	**105.2**	**107.9**	**108.1**	**104.2**	**107.4**	**0.2**	**2.8**	**3.1**

Food At Home	18.9	105.2	107.5	107.7	104.5	107.0	0.2	2.4	2.4
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	4.4	101.6	102.4	102.4	101.2	102.4	0.0	0.8	1.2
Meat	2.9	109.0	107.0	105.4	106.6	105.3	-1.5	-3.3	-1.2
Fish & Seafood	4.5	107.1	114.0	115.5	104.6	112.7	1.3	7.8	7.7
Milk & Eggs	1.8	107.4	109.0	108.0	105.2	108.7	-0.9	0.6	3.3
Oils and Fats	0.6	100.6	101.2	101.1	100.4	101.3	-0.1	0.5	0.9
Fruits	1.2	105.1	108.2	108.9	105.5	108.0	0.6	3.6	2.4
Vegetables	2.1	100.1	102.8	103.6	105.8	103.2	0.8	3.5	-2.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	113.2	113.7	113.7	110.6	113.6	0.0	0.4	2.7
Food Products n.e.c.	0.8	107.1	110.0	109.9	104.7	110.1	-0.1	2.6	5.2
Food Away From Home	10.0	105.2	108.7	108.9	103.8	108.1	0.2	3.5	4.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.4**	**103.0**	**105.5**	**105.6**	**101.9**	**105.0**	**0.1**	**2.5**	**3.0**

Monthly Changes for CPI

Compared with the previous month, the CPI for August 2012 increased by 0.2 per cent. Increases were for main groups Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+ 0.5 per cent); Transport (+ 0.3 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance by 0.2 per cent respectively; Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco and Health by 0.1 per cent respectively. On the other hand, decreases were for Clothing & Footwear (- 0.4 per cent); Communication; Recreation Services & Culture and Miscellaneous Goods & Services by 0.1 per cent respectively. The indices for Restaurants & Hotels and Education remained unchanged at 104.7 and 109.2 respectively.

The 0.2 per cent increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in August 2012 compared with that of the previous month was the result of increases in the index for Food At Home and Food Away From Home by 0.2 per cent respectively as well as Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+ 0.1 per cent).

Among the food items which recorded notable increases in August 2012 compared with the previous month were **Long Beans (+ 6.7 per cent); Hardtail Scad (Fish) (+ 5.9 per cent); Water Spinach (+ 4.1 per cent); Cuttlefish (+ 4.1 per cent); Red Snapper (Fish) (+ 3.2 per cent); Crabs (+ 3.2 per cent); Spanish Mackerel (Fish) (+ 3.0 per cent); Choy Sum (+ 2.8 per cent); Black Pomfret (Fish) (+ 1.8 per cent)** and **Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+ 1.2 per cent).**

Meanwhile, the index of some food items decreased in August 2012 compared with the previous month. Among these were **Chicken (- 3.5 per cent); Round Cabbage (- 3.4 per cent); Hen's Eggs (- 3.3 per cent); Carrots (- 3.2 per cent); Round Scad (Fish) (- 2.1 per cent); Garlic (- 1.4 per cent)** and **Shallots (- 1.1 per cent).**

A reclassification of items according to their durability and services rendered showed increases in Non-Durable Goods and Services by 0.2 and 0.3 per cent respectively. While the index for Durable Goods and Semi-Durable Goods decreased by 0.2 and 0.4 per cent respectively.

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