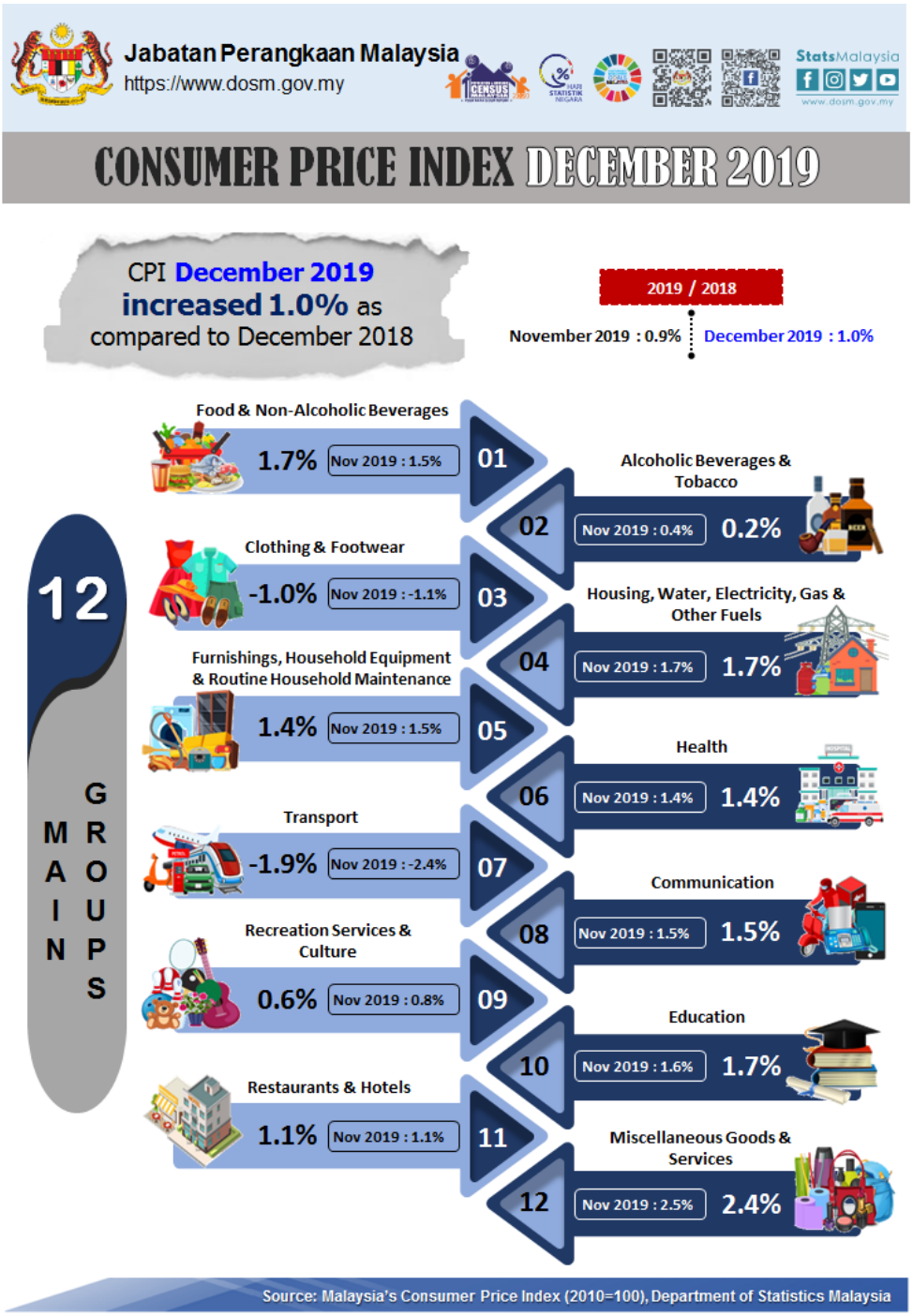
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA DECEMBER 2019



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

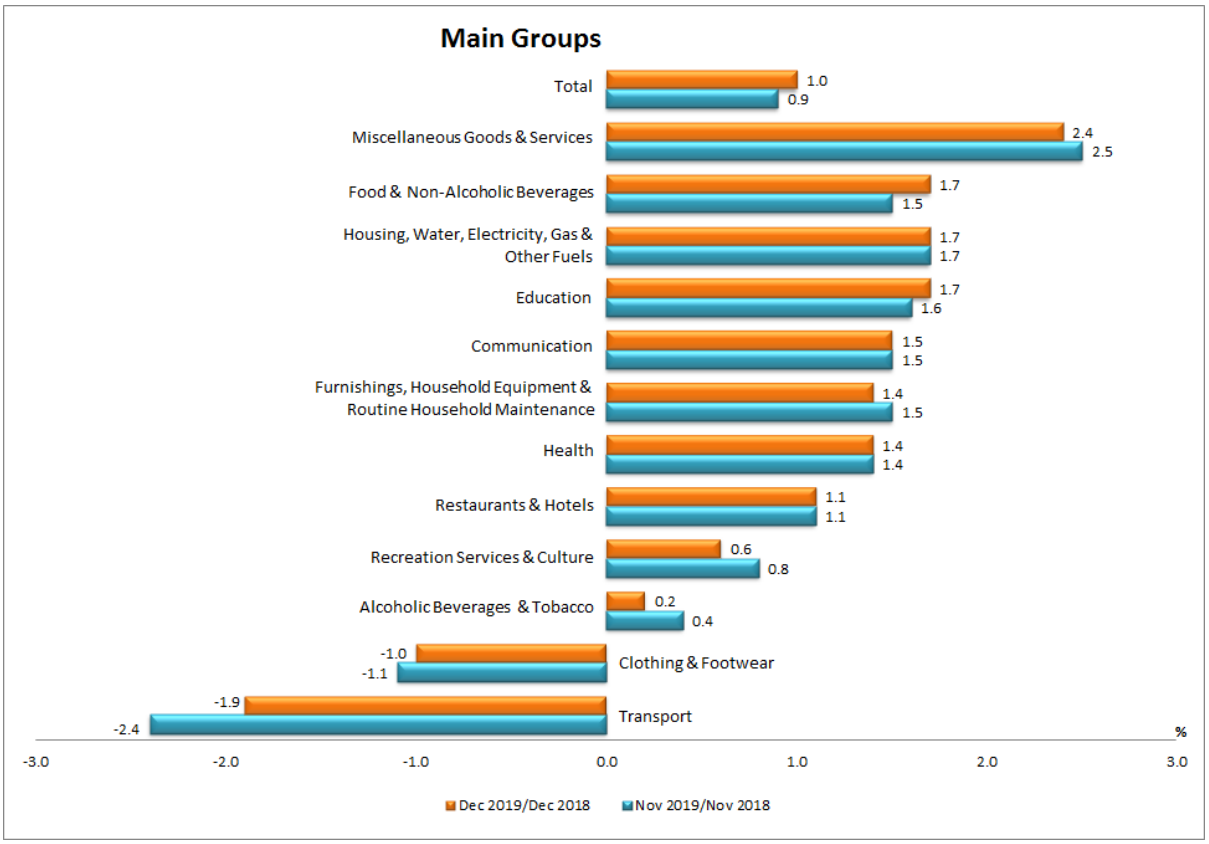
Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased **1.0 per cent** in December 2019 to 122.3 as against 121.1 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.4%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.7%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.7%), Education (1.7%), Communication (1.5%), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (1.4%)** and **Health (1.4%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI rose **0.2 per cent as** compared to November 2019. The increase was mainly supported by the index of **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.5%)** and **Restaurants & Hotels (0.2%)**.

Meanwhile, CPI in the fourth quarter of 2019 increased **1.0 per cent** to 122.1 as compared to 120.9 in the same quarter of the previous year. On a quarterly basis, the CPI increased 0.3 per cent as compared to the third quarter of 2019.

The CPI for the year 2019 registered an increase of **0.7 per cent** as compared to last year.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **1.7 per cent** in December 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group of **Vegetables (5.7%), Fish & Seafood (2.5%), Food Products not elsewhere classified (1.8%)** and **Fruits (1.4%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Small Onion (30.7%),**

Garlic (25.3%), Big Onion (21.7%) and **Cucumbers (19.7%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **2.5 per cent** in December 2019 as against December 2018. The increase in price of Rice with Side Dishes, Food Made from Noodles and Fried Chicken contributed to the increase of the index of this sub-group. (Table 1)

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

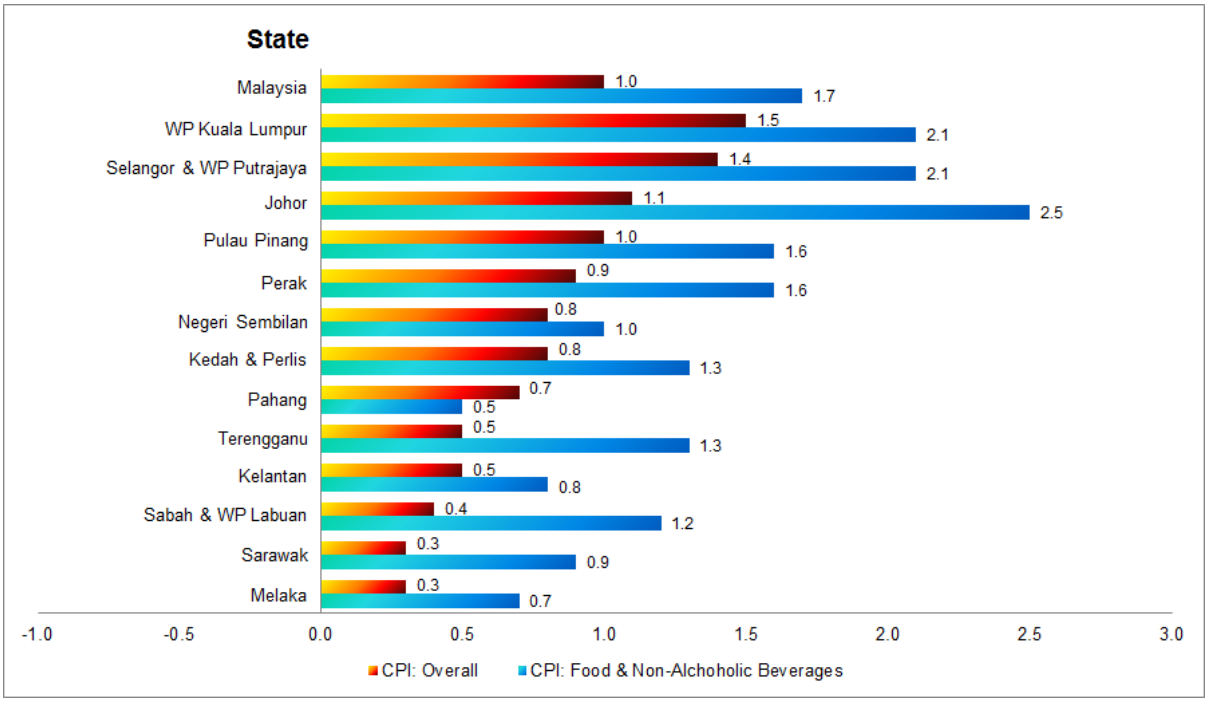
Sub-groups		Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
	Weight	Dec 2019	Nov 2019/ Nov 2018	Dec 2019/ Dec 2018	Nov 2019/ Oct 2019	Dec 2019/ Nov 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**29.5**	**133.9**	**1.5**	**1.7**	**0.0**	**0.5**
Food	**28.4**	**134.9**	**1.5**	**1.7**	**0.0**	**0.4**
Food At Home	16.9	130.9	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.6
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	111.0	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.1
Meat	2.5	123.6	0.5	-3.0	-0.8	0.2
Fish & Seafood	4.0	153.8	1.3	2.5	0.1	1.3
Milk & Eggs	1.5	125.0	1.4	-1.5	-1.0	-1.0
Oils & Fats	0.6	118.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Fruits	1.2	133.8	1.1	1.4	0.4	0.4
Vegetables	2.1	139.0	2.0	5.7	1.1	2.3
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	134.9	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0
Food Products n.e.c.	1.0	133.3	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.2
Food Away From Home	11.5	141.2	2.2	2.5	0.1	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.1**	**112.4**	**1.9**	**1.4**	**0.1**	**-0.3**

Consumer Price Index by States

Three states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.5%), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.4%) and Johor (1.1%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.0 per cent in December 2019 as compared to the same month in the preceding year.

All states registered an increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by Johor (2.5%) followed by Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.1%) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.1%), surpassed the national index of 1.7 per cent for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in December 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index rose 1.4 per cent in December 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the increases were Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.4%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (2.1%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.8%), Education (1.7%), Communication (1.5%), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (1.4%) and Health (1.4%).

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, December 2019/December 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
		Dec 2019	Dec 2019/ Nov 2019	Dec 2019/ Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019/2018	Dec 2019	Dec 2019/ Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019/ Dec 2018
Total	**100**	**122.3**	**0.2**	**1.0**	**0.7**	**122.3**	**0.2**	**120.1**	**1.4**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	133.9	0.5	1.7	1.7	134.1	0.1	130.8	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.8	-0.1	0.2	1.5	167.8	-0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	93.8	-0.1	-1.0	-2.0	93.8	-0.1	93.8	-1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	122.2	0.0	1.7	1.9	122.3	0.2	126.1	2.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.9	0.1	1.4	1.4	116.9	0.1	116.9	1.4
Health	1.9	123.2	0.0	1.4	0.7	123.2	0.0	123.2	1.4
Transport	14.6	114.9	0.1	-1.9	-3.1	114.9	0.1	109.9	-1.9
Communication	4.8	97.5	0.0	1.5	0.4	97.5	0.0	97.5	1.5
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	112.2	-0.1	0.6	0.7	112.2	-0.1	112.2	0.6
Education	1.3	120.3	0.0	1.7	1.4	120.8	0.0	120.3	1.7
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.5	0.2	1.1	1.2	132.5	0.2	132.5	1.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	114.2	-0.1	2.4	0.4	114.2	-0.1	114.2	2.4
Non-Food	**70.5**	**117.4**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**0.1**	-	-	-	-

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

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