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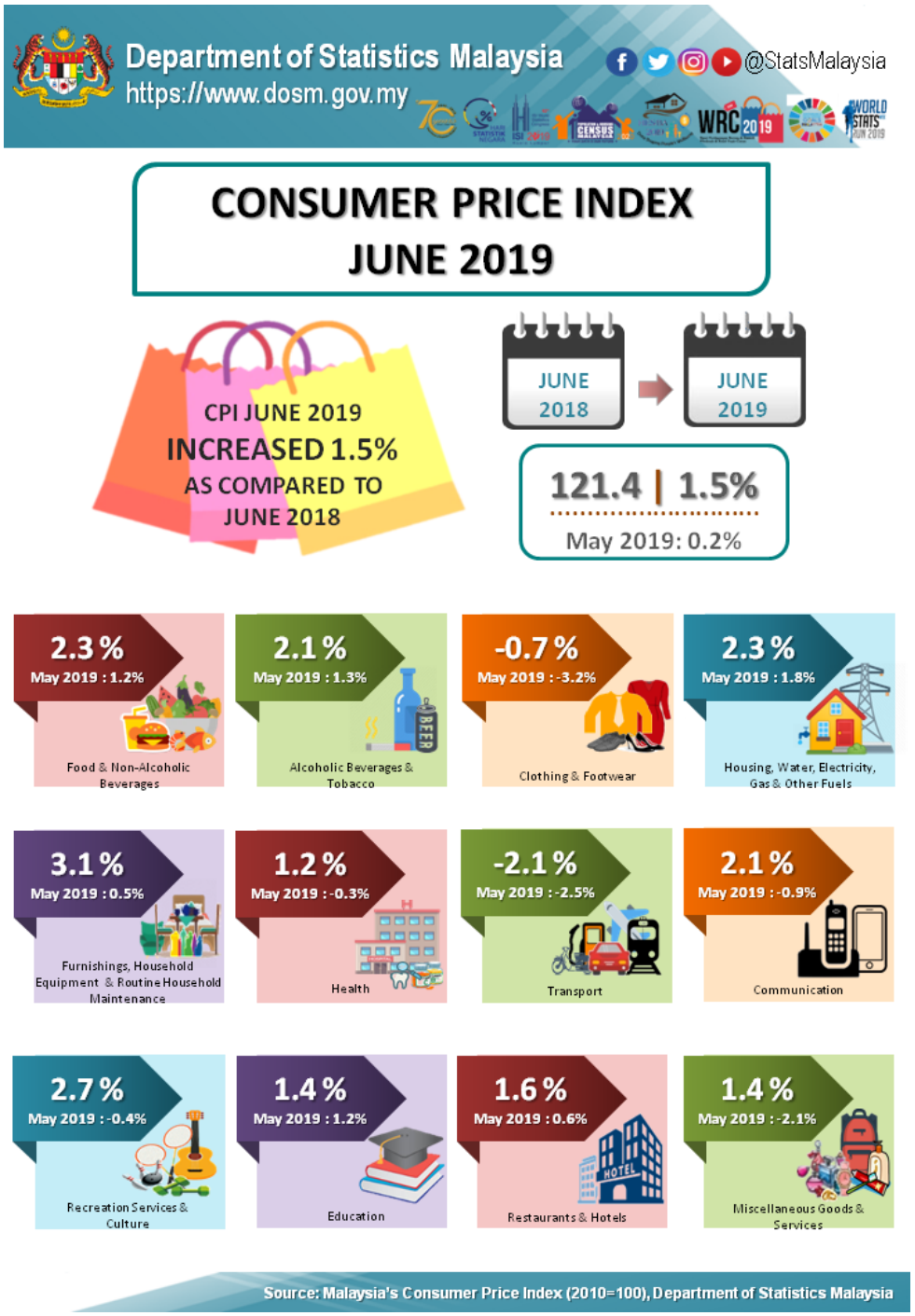
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA JUNE 2019

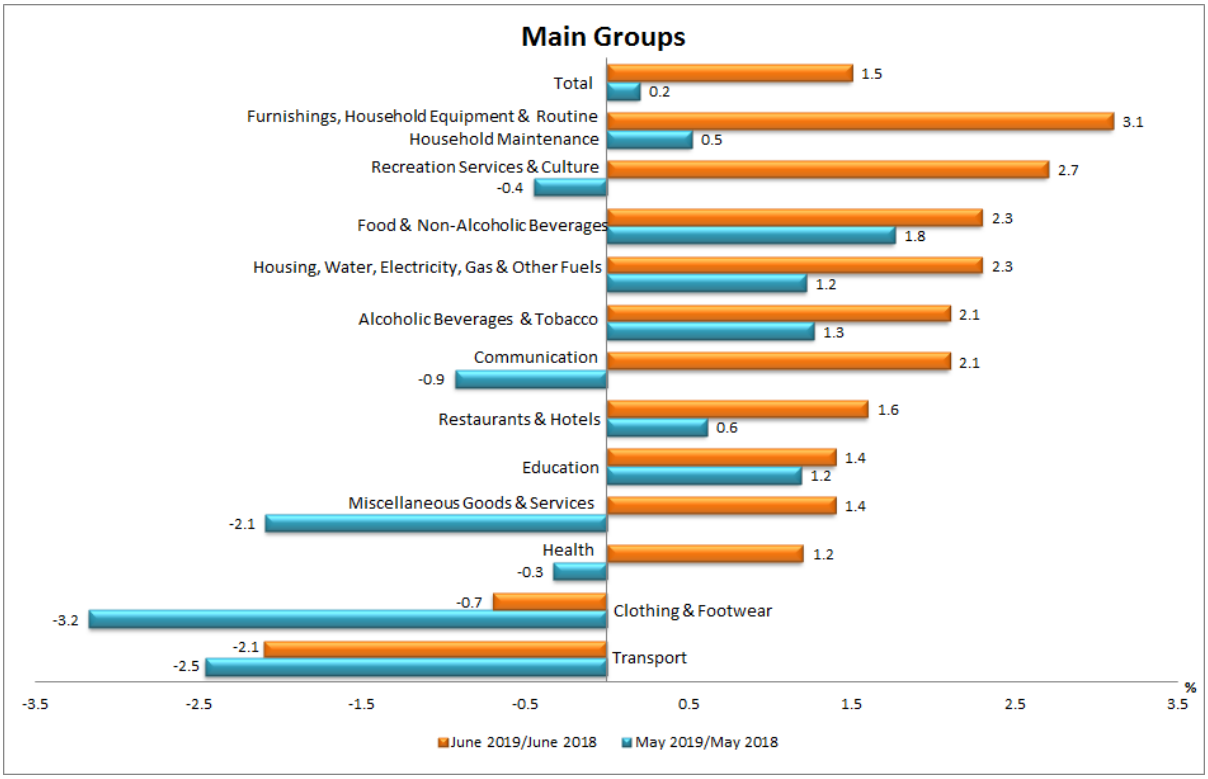


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at **1.5 per cent** in June 2019 to 121.4 as against 119.6 in the same month of the preceding year. The abolishment of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to zero-rated on 1st June 2018 led to the increase in some of the index of the main groups namely **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.1 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+2.7 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.3 per cent)** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.3 per cent)**. (Chart 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI remained unchanged as compared to May 2019. Meanwhile, CPI in the second quarter of 2019 increased **0.7 per cent** to 121.3 as compared to 120.5 in the same quarter of the previous year. The increase was mainly contributed by the index of **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.0 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.5 per cent), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+1.5 per cent)** and **Education (+1.3 per cent)**. On a quarterly basis, the CPI increased 0.4 per cent as compared to the first quarter of 2019.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The overall index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **2.3 per cent** in June 2019. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (+5.2 per cent), Milk & Eggs (+2.5 per cent)** and **Fruits (+1.1 per cent)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Fresh Chilly Red (+40.5 per cent), Cucumbers (+37.7 per cent), Fresh Chilly Green (+22.7 per cent), Bird's Eye Chillies (+22.3 per cent), Yoghurt (+13.9 per cent), Cockles (13.8 per cent)** and **Tomatoes (+12.6 per cent)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **4.2 per cent** in June 2019 as against June 2018. The

rise in the price of Burger, Fried Chicken, Pizza and Sea Food Other Than Fish 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, June 2019/June 2018

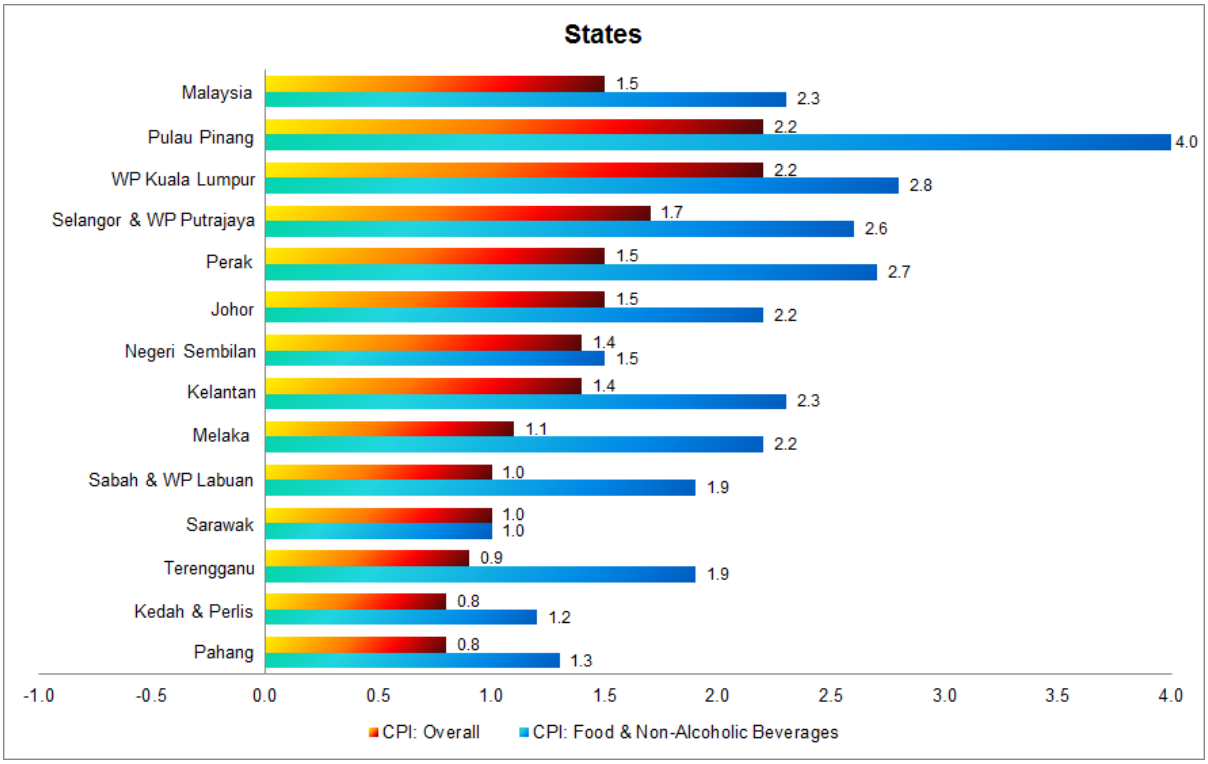
Sub-groups		Weight	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
			June 2019	May 2019/ May 2018	June 2019/ June 2018	May 2019/ Apr 2019	June 2019/ May 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages		**29.5**	**132.8**	**1.2**	**2.3**	**0.3**	**0.1**
Food		**28.4**	**133.7**	**1.2**	**2.3**	**0.3**	**0.1**
Food At Home		16.9	129.9	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.2
	Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.7	-0.3	0.8	0.0	0.0
	Meat	4.5	122.5	-3.1	-1.8	1.3	-0.3
	Fish & Seafood	5.5	152.3	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.5
	Milk & Eggs	6.5	125.2	0.7	2.5	0.0	-0.2
	Oils & Fats	7.5	117.6	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4	0.1
	Fruits	8.5	133.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.4
	Vegetables	9.5	137.0	4.5	5.2	2.3	1.0
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	10.5	135.0	-2.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.1
	Food Products n.e.c.	11.5	132.0	-0.8	1.5	0.1	0.2
	Food Away From Home	12.5	139.7	2.9	4.2	0.1	-0.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages		**1.1**	**112.3**	**-0.4**	**2.7**	**-0.1**	**0.1**

Consumer Price Index by States

Three states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+2.2 per cent), Pulau Pinang (+2.2 per cent) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (+1.7 per cent) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.5 per cent in June 2019 as compared to June 2018. Meanwhile, Perak and Johor showed the same rate of increase as the national CPI.

All states registered increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increases were recorded by Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+4.0 per cent), Pulau Pinang (+2.8 per cent), Perak (+2.7 per cent) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (+2.6 per cent) and the increase surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in June 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index increased 1.9 per cent in Jun 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 Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.1 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.3 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+2.7 per cent) and Communication (+2.1 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, June 2019/June 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
		June 2019	June 2019/ May 2019	June 2019/ June 2018	Jan-June 2019/2018	June 2019	June 2019/ May 2019	June 2019	June 2019/ June 2018
Total	**100.0**	**121.4**	**0.0**	**1.5**	**0.2**	**121.4**	**0.0**	**100.0**	**1.9**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	132.8	0.1	2.3	1.2	132.7	-0.1	26.5	3.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.9	0.1	2.1	1.3	167.9	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.5	-0.1	-0.7	-2.8	94.5	-0.1	4.5	-0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	121.1	0.0	2.3	2.0	120.9	0.0	26.5	2.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.6	0.1	3.1	0.6	116.6	0.1	5.5	3.1
Health	1.9	122.7	0.2	1.2	-0.1	122.7	0.2	2.6	1.2
Transport	14.6	114.4	-0.3	-2.1	-4.1	114.4	-0.3	6.5	-2.0
Communication	4.8	96.0	0.0	2.1	-0.6	96.0	0.0	6.5	2.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.6	0.1	2.7	0.1	111.6	0.1	6.6	2.7
Education	1.3	119.5	0.0	1.4	1.2	119.4	0.1	1.8	1.4
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	131.7	0.2	1.6	1.1	131.7	0.2	3.9	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	112.6	0.3	1.4	-1.6	112.6	0.3	9.1	1.4
Non-Food	**70.5**	**116.6**	**0.0**	**1.1**	**-0.4**	**116.6**	-	-	-

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

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