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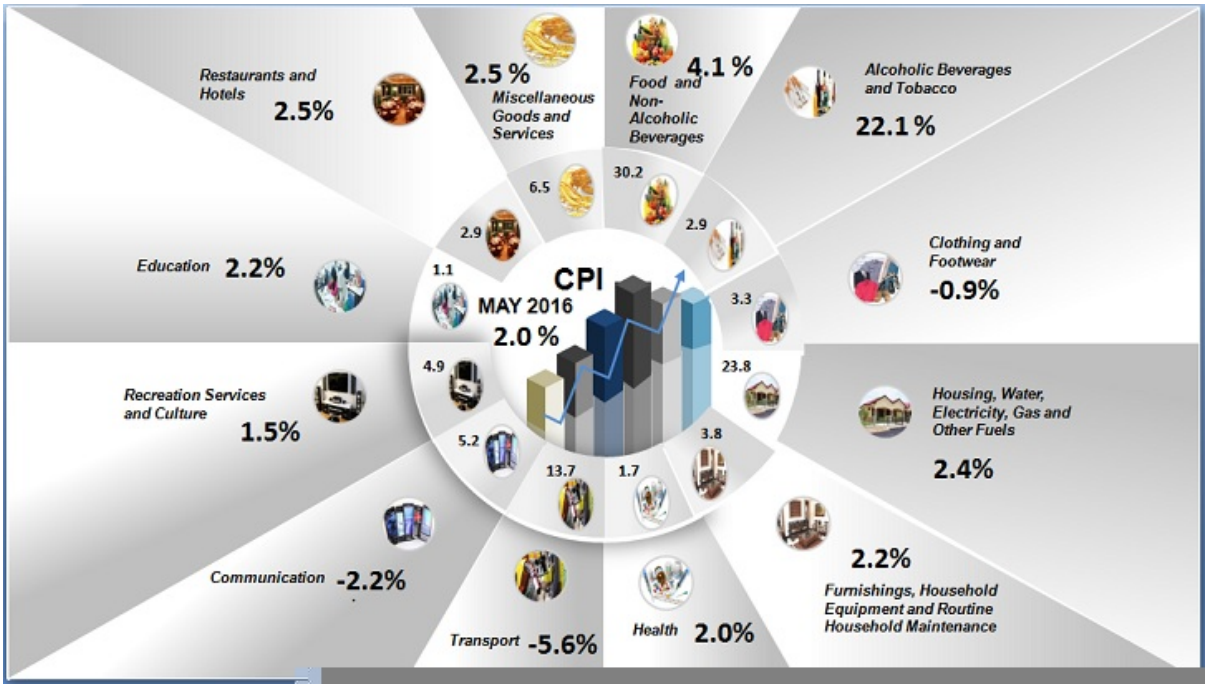
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA MAY 2016

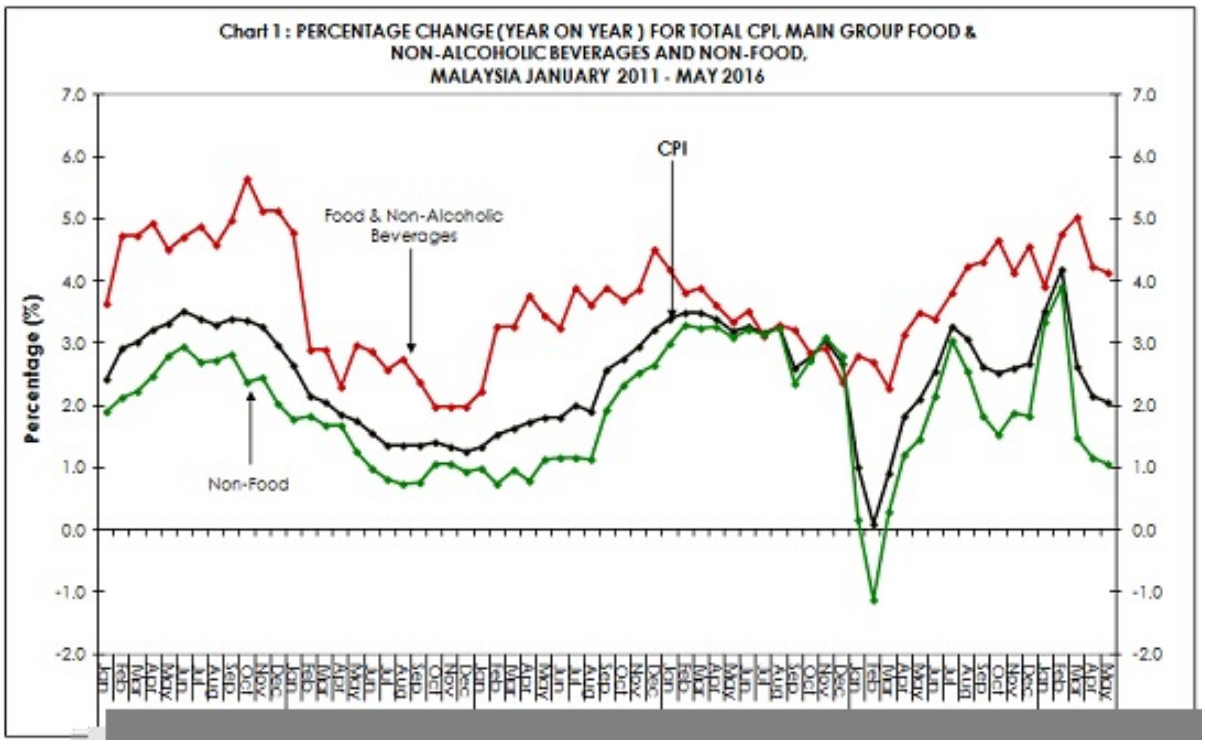
Malaysia CPI rose at 2.0 per cent in May 2016



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.0 per cent in May 2016 compared with the same month last year. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco by 22.1 per cent; Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.1 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+2.5 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.5 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.4 per cent). In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the decrease in prices of Transport group by 5.6 per cent; Communication (-2.2 per cent) and Clothing & Footwear (-0.9 per cent).

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) rose 4.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis in May 2016. The increase was led by increases in three food sub-groups namely, index for **Vegetables (+15.3 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+6.6 per cent) and Fruits (+6.1 per cent)**. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded an increase of 1.1 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI for May 2016 increased 0.3 per cent to 114.6 from 114.3. CPI for the period January to May in 2016 registered an increase of 2.9 per cent as compared to the same period last year.



Monthly Changes for CPI

When compared with the previous month, CPI for May 2016 increased 0.3 per cent to 114.6 from 114.3. Of the twelve major groups, seven recorded increases, one registered a decline while four remained unchanged. Among the main groups that recorded increases were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+0.5 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.3 per cent) and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+0.2 per cent).

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for May 2016 increased by 0.3 per cent as compared to April 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	
		May 2016	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015	May 2016/ May 2015	Jan - May 2016/2015	Apr 2016/ Mar 2016	May 2016/ Apr 2016	May 2016	% Change May 2016/ Apr 2016
TOTAL	**100.0**	**114.6**	**2.1**	**2.0**	**2.9**	**0.4**	**0.3**	**114.6**	**0.3**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	123.4	4.2	4.1	4.4	0.0	0.3	123.6	0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.3	20.1	22.1	22.0	0.0	0.1	165.3	0.1
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.6	-0.7	-0.9	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	98.6	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	114.1	2.6	2.4	2.7	-0.1	0.5	113.9	0.2
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	111.8	2.6	2.2	3.6	0.1	0.0	111.8	0.0
Health	1.7	117.2	2.2	2.0	3.4	-0.1	0.1	117.2	0.1

Transport	13.7	100.3	-5.5	-5.6	-3.2	3.3	0.0	100.3	0.0
Communication	5.2	98.1	-2.1	-2.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	98.1	0.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.3	1.6	1.5	2.1	0.0	0.1	108.3	0.1
Education	1.1	114.8	2.1	2.2	2.4	0.1	0.0	114.5	0.1
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	125.0	2.7	2.5	3.8	0.1	0.2	125.0	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	112.7	2.6	2.5	4.2	0.0	0.2	112.7	0.2
Non-Food	**69.8**	**110.8**	**1.2**	**1.1**	**2.1**	**0.7**	**0.2**	**110.8**	**0.2**

The increase of 0.3 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in May 2016 compared with the previous month was due to the result of an increase in the index for Food At Home by 0.4 per cent, Food Away From Home (+0.2 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.1 per cent) (Table 2).

Among the index of food items which recorded notable increases in May 2016 compared with the previous month were **Red Chillies (+21.6 per cent); Cucumber (+20.3 per cent); Green Chillies (+17.3 per cent); Choy Sam (+13.8 per cent); Kai Lan (+8.0 per cent); Carrot (+7.6 per cent) and Spinach (+6.9 per cent)?.**
Meanwhile, decreases were registered in the index of some food items such as **Tomatoes (-8.2 per cent); Watermelon (-4.7 per cent); Short Mackerel (Fish) (-4.6 per cent); Indian Mackerel (Fish) (-3.9 per cent); Shallots (-3.7 per cent); Round Scad (Fish) (-2.6 per cent) and Hardtail Scad (Fish) (-2.4 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	
		May 2016	Apr 2016/ Apr 2015	May 2016/ May 2015	Jan - May 2016/2015	Apr 2016/ Mar 2016	May 2016/ Apr 2016
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	**123.4**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.4**	**0.0**	**0.3**
Food	**29.0**	**123.9**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**4.5**	**0.0**	**0.3**
Food At Home	17.9	123.3	4.6	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0.4
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.7	108.4	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.1
Meat	2.8	119.5	0.5	0.3	2.7	-0.6	0.1
Fish & Seafood	4.3	135.0	8.4	6.6	7.5	-1.1	-1.0
Milk & Eggs	1.6	124.2	0.1	1.1	0.3	-0.5	0.8
Oils & Fats	0.5	102.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Fruits	1.1	126.1	7.3	6.1	6.4	1.1	-0.9
Vegetables	2.4	132.7	12.5	15.3	9.6	1.5	4.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	134.2	2.1	1.8	2.8	0.0	-0.1
Food Products n.e.c	0.9	125.5	4.9	5.3	6.0	0.5	0.6

Food Away From Home	11.1	125.0	3.9	3.6	4.4	0.2	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.2**	**112.0**	**1.0**	**0.6**	**2.2**	**0.0**	**0.1**

CPI changes for the period January – May 2016 / 2015

CPI for the period January to May 2016 registered an increase of 2.9 per cent as compared to the same period last year. The increase was led by increases in the main groups with high expenditure percentages: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.4 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.7 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+22.0 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+4.2 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+3.8 per cent); Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.6 per cent) and Health (+3.4 per cent).

The increase of 4.4 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 (+4.4 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.2 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Vegetables (+9.6 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+7.5 per cent); Fruits (+6.4 per cent); Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery (+2.8 per cent) and Meat (+2.7 per cent).**

Core Inflation

Core inflation, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food, as well as administered prices of goods and services rose 2.1 per cent in May 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 (+3.4 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.7 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.6 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+2.5 per cent) and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.5 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
		May 2016	May 2016/ Apr 2016	May 2016/ May 2015	Wt.	May 2016/ May 2015
TOTAL	**100.0**	**114.6**	**0.3**	**2.0**	**100.0**	**2.1**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	**123.4**	**0.3**	**4.1**	**26.3**	**2.7**
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.3	0.1	22.1	-	-
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.6	-0.1	-0.9	4.6	-0.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	114.1	0.5	2.4	26.8	2.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	111.8	0.0	2.2	5.2	2.2
Health	1.7	117.2	0.1	2.0	2.3	2.0
Transport	13.7	100.3	0.0	-5.6	6.7	2.4
Communication	5.2	98.1	0.0	-2.2	7.2	-2.2
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.3	0.1	1.5	6.6	1.5

Education	1.1	114.8	0.0	2.2	1.5	2.2
Restaurant & Hotel	2.9	125.0	0.2	2.5	3.9	2.5
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	112.7	0.2	2.5	8.9	2.5

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