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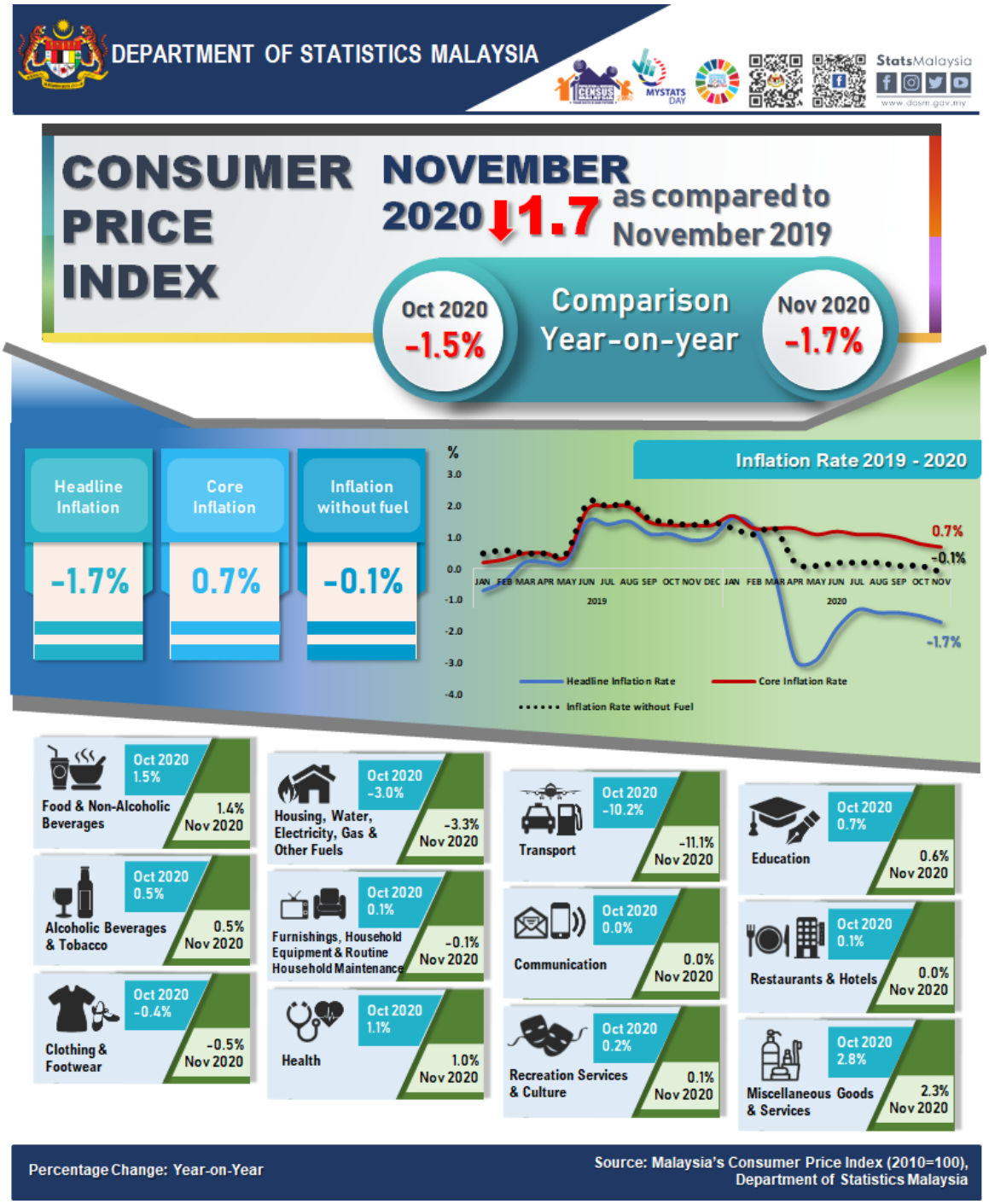
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA NOVEMBER 2020

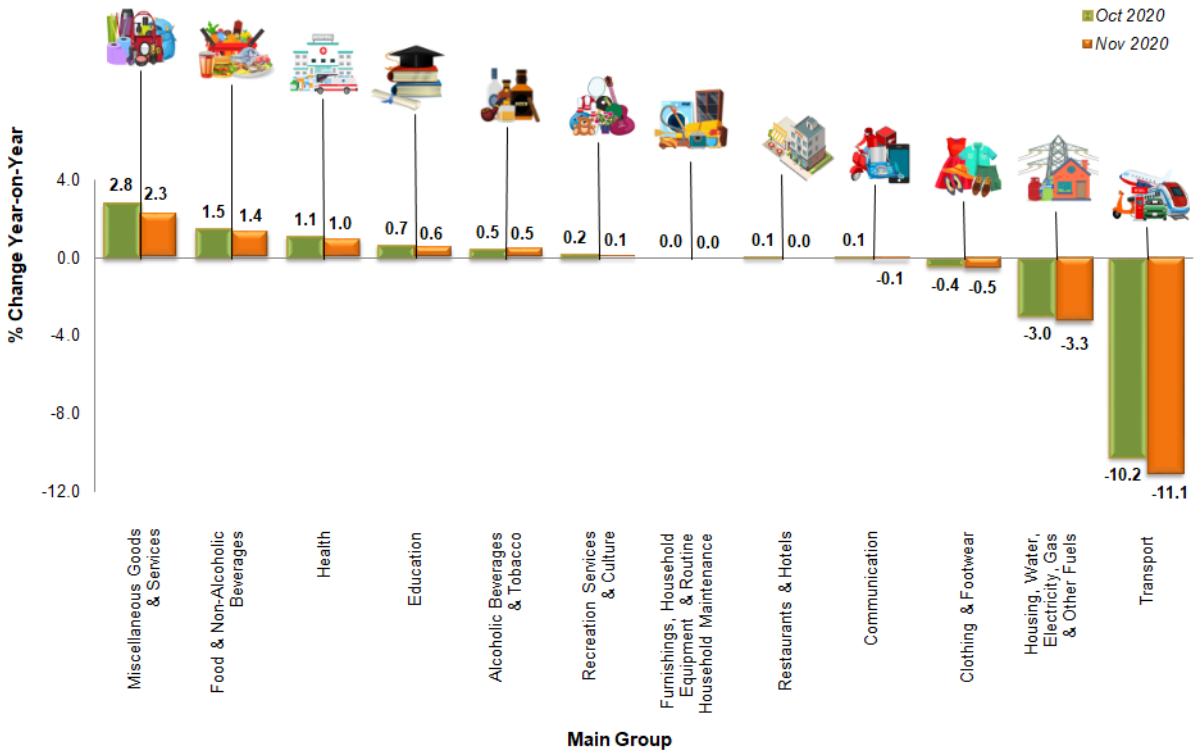


Summary Findings

Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined 1.7 per cent in November 2020 to 120.0 as against 122.1 in the same month of the preceding year. The decrease in the overall index was attributed by the decline in Transport (-11.1%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (-3.3%), Clothing & Footwear (-0.5%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-0.1%) which contributed 45.7 per cent to overall weight.

Nevertheless, Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 1.4 per cent to 135.1 as compared to 133.3 in corresponding month of the preceding year. This group contributes 29.5 per cent of CPI weight. Similarly, Miscellaneous Goods & Services inclined by 2.3 per cent, followed by Health (1.0%), Education (0.6%), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (0.5%) and Recreation Services & Culture (0.1%).

Chart 1: Percentage Change of Consumer Price Index by Main Group



Meanwhile, CPI for the period of January to November 2020 decreased 1.1 per cent as compared to the same period last year. The decrease was attributed by Transport (-10.1%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (-1.7%) and Clothing & Footwear (-1.0%).

On a monthly basis, CPI declined 0.2 per cent as compared to October 2020. The decrease was attributed by Transport (-1.0%), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (-0.1%), Miscellaneous Goods & Services (-0.1%), Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-0.1%) and Education (-0.1%).

Index for Group Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Table 1: Percentage Change for Subgroup Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Main Group	Weight	Index	Percentage Change	
		Nov 2020	Nov 2020 / Oct 2020	Nov 2020 / Nov 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	135.1	-0.1	1.4
Food	28.4	136.2	-0.1	1.4
Food at Home	16.9	131.6	-0.2	1.2
Rice bread & other cereals	3.5	111.7	-0.1	0.7
Meat	2.5	124.8	-1.3	1.1
Fish & seafood	4.0	154.3	0.1	1.6
Milk, cheese & eggs	1.5	123.8	-0.2	-1.9
Oil & fats	0.6	119.9	0.0	1.7
Fruits	1.2	135.6	-0.1	1.7
Vegetables	2.1	140.0	0.0	3.0
Sugar, jem, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.6	134.0	0.1	-0.7
Food products n.e.c	1.0	136.2	0.0	2.3
Food away from Home	11.5	143.2	0.0	1.6
Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	112.8	-0.1	0.1

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased 1.4 per cent in November 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the subgroup that showed an increase include Vegetables (3.0%), Food products not elsewhere classified (2.3%), Fruits (1.7%), Oil & fats (1.7%), Fish & seafood (1.6%), Meat (1.1%) and Rice bread & other cereals (0.7%).

Among the index of goods which recorded year-on-year price increase in most states were Ginger (25.0%), Long Beans (15.0%), Broccoli (11.3%) and Big onion (10.7%).

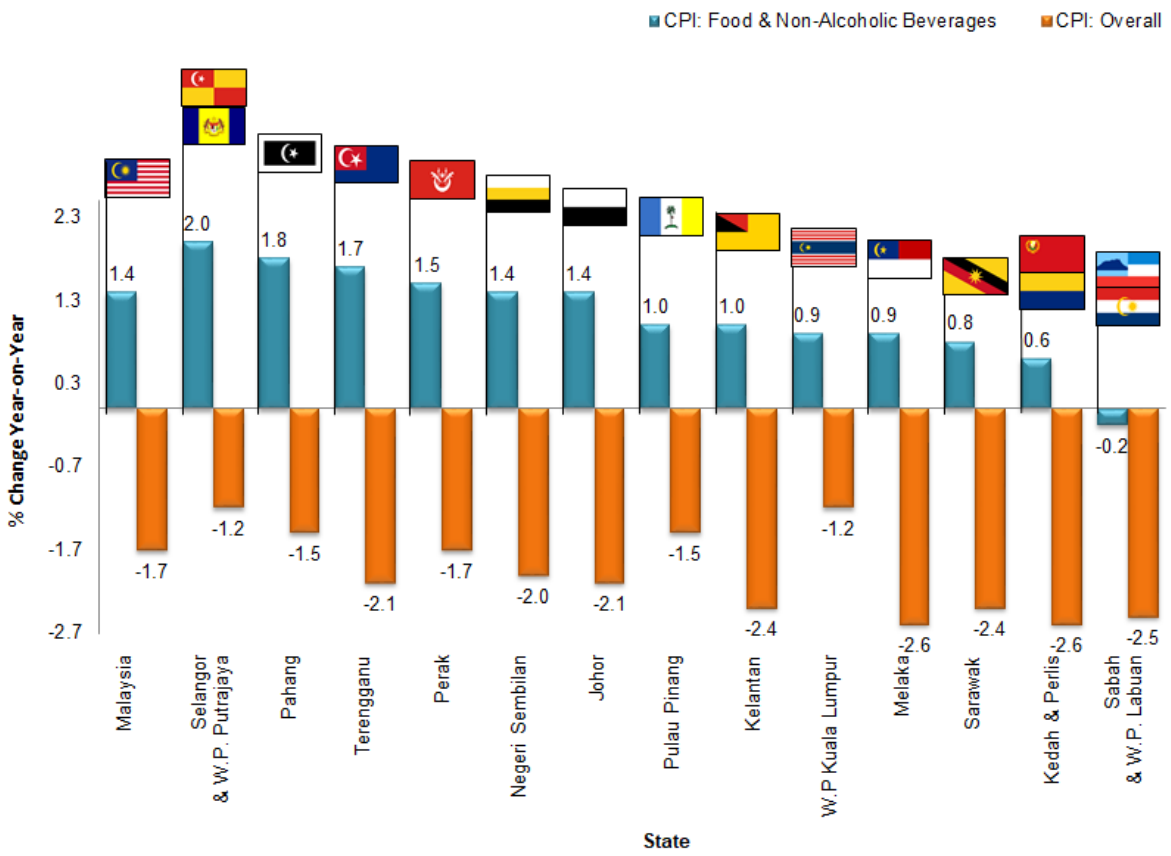
The index for Food away from Home increased 1.6 per cent in November 2020 as against November 2019. The increase in price of Cooked beef, Cooked fish and Nasi lemak contributed to the increase of the index of this subgroup.

Consumer Price Index by State

The index for all states decreased between -1.2 to -2.6 per cent in November 2020 as compared to November 2019. The highest decrease was recorded by Melaka and Kedah & Perlis at -2.6 per cent respectively. This was followed by Sabah & Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (-2.5%), Sarawak (-2.4%) and Negeri Sembilan (-2.4%).

However, all states registered an increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.0%). This was followed by Terengganu (1.8%), Johor (1.7%) and Kelantan (1.5%).

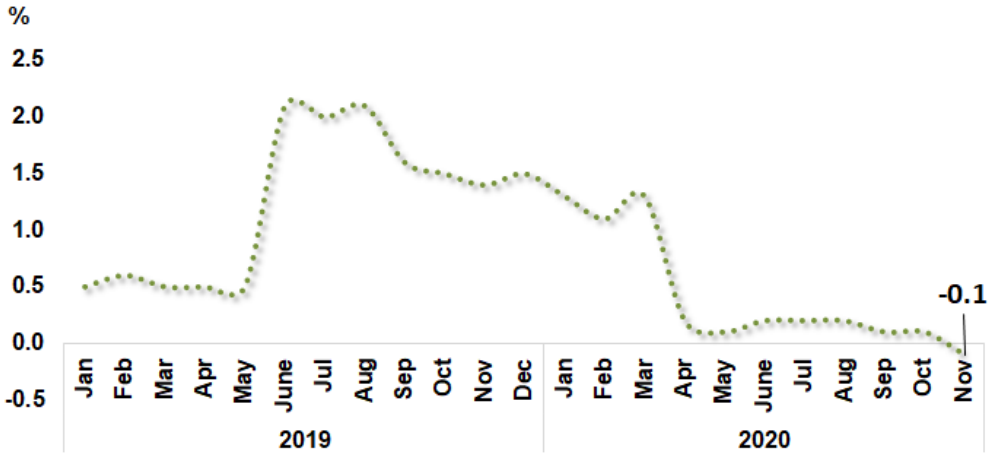
Chart 2: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Group by State



CPI without Fuel

The CPI without fuel fell 0.1 per cent in November 2020 as compared to November 2019. CPI without fuel covers all goods and services except Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel.

Chart 3: Percentage Change of CPI without Fuel, Jan 2019 - November 2020



Core Index

Core index rose 0.7 per cent in November 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the increase were Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.3%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.2%), Health (1.0%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (0.6%) and Education (0.6%).

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

Table 2: Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Group

Main Group	Weight	HEADLINE CPI Index	Percentage Change			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX Index	Month-on-Month Percentage Change	CORE INDEX Core Index Weight	Year-on-Year Percentage Change
		Nov 2020	Nov 2020/ Oct 2020	Nov 2020/ Nov 2019	Jan-Nov 2020/2019	Nov 2020	Nov 2020/ Oct 2020		Nov 2020/ Nov 2019
Total	**100.0**	**120.0**	**-0.2**	**-1.7**	**-1.1**	**120.0**	**-0.2**	**100.0**	**0.7**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	135.1	-0.1	1.4	1.3	135.5	-0.2	26.5	1.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	168.8	0.1	0.5	0.3	168.8	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	93.4	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	93.4	0.0	4.5	-0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	118.2	0.1	-3.3	-1.7	118.1	-0.1	26.5	0.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	116.7	-0.1	5.5	-0.1
Health	1.9	124.4	0.0	1.0	1.2	124.4	0.0	2.6	1.0
Transport	14.6	102.1	-1.0	-11.1	-10.1	102.1	-1.0	6.5	-0.2
Communication	4.8	97.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	97.5	0.0	6.5	0.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	112.4	0.0	0.1	0.5	112.4	0.0	6.6	0.1
Education	1.3	121.0	-0.1	0.6	1.1	121.4	0.1	1.8	0.6
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	132.3	0.0	3.9	0.0
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	116.9	-0.1	2.3	2.7	116.9	-0.1	9.1	2.3
Non-Food	**70.5**	**113.7**	**-0.2**	**-3.2**	**-2.2**	-	-	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, November 2020 (RM)

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