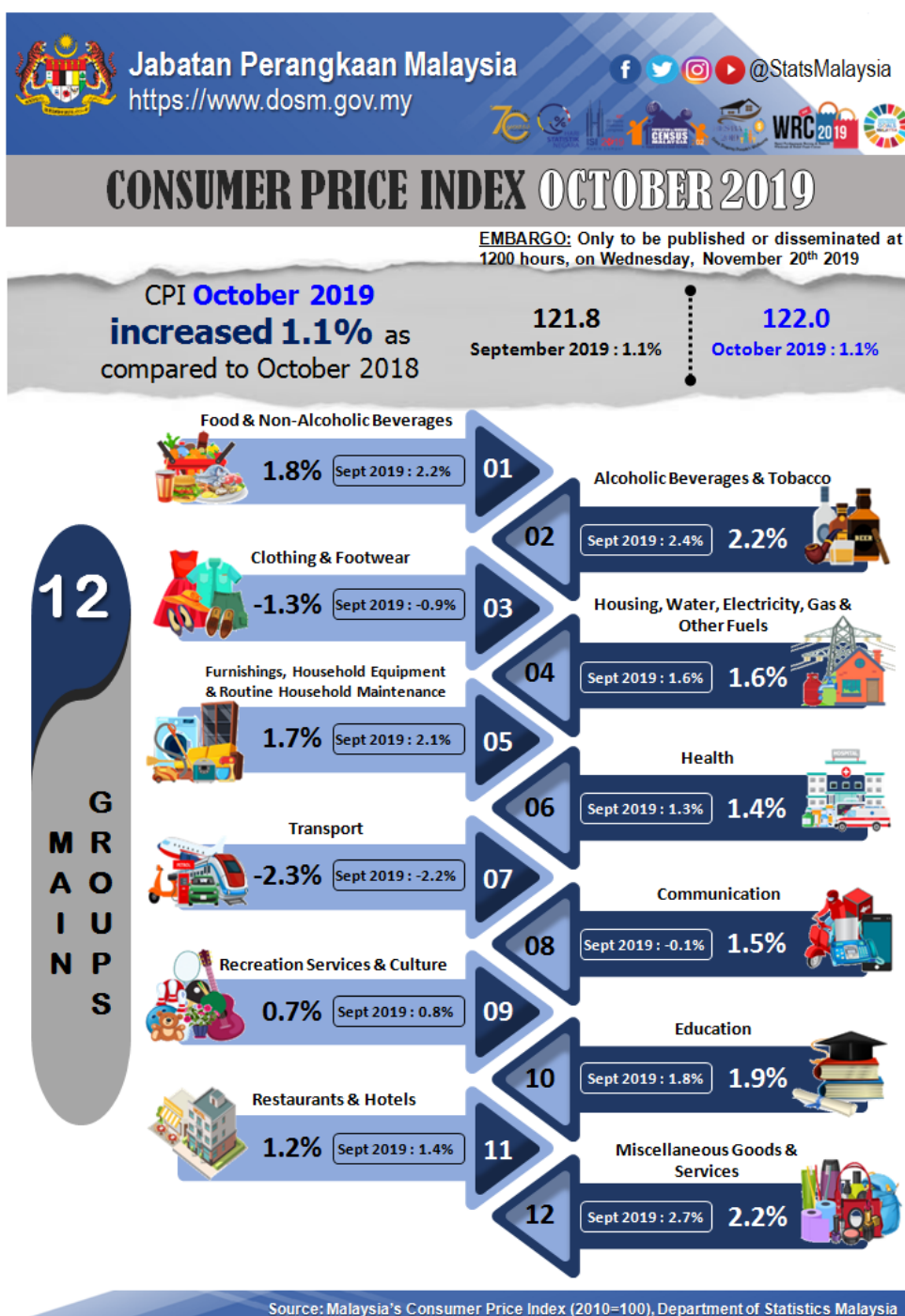




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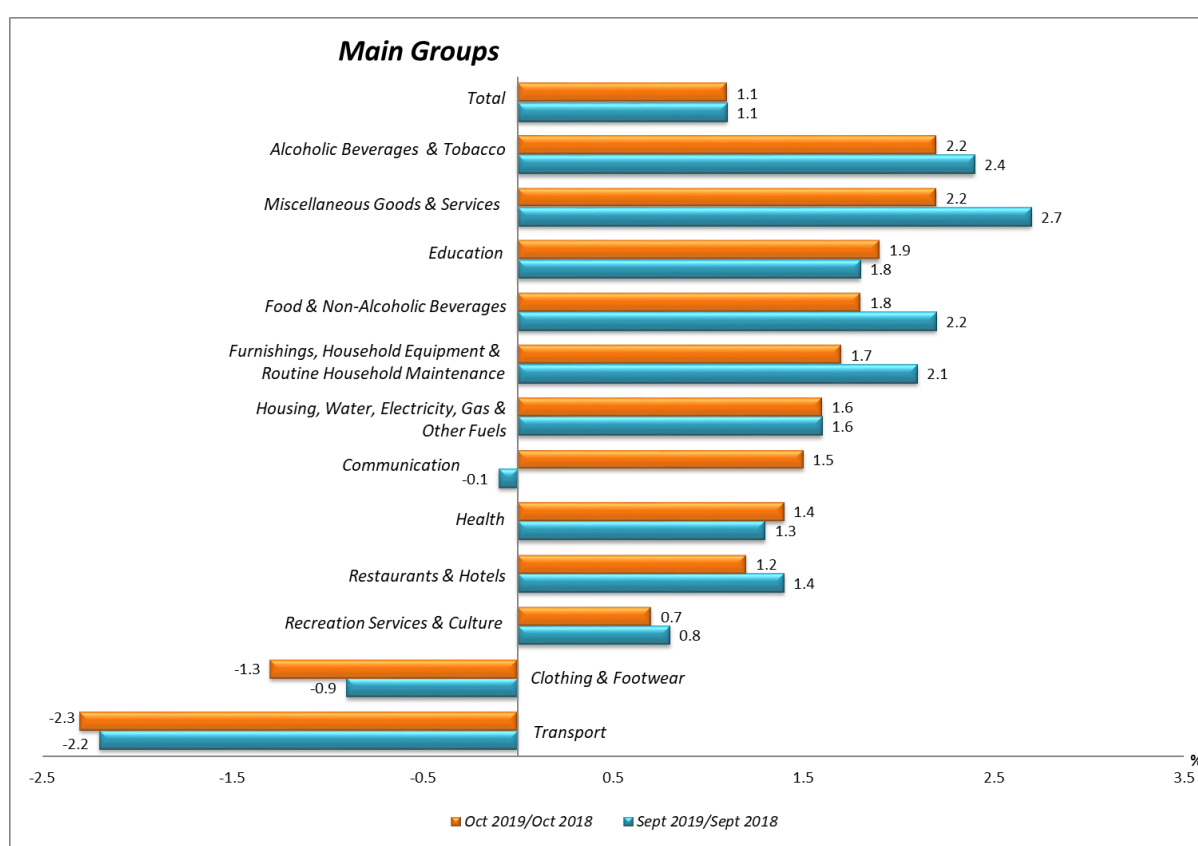
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased **1.1 per cent** in October 2019 to 122.0 as against 120.7 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.2%)**, **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.2%)**, **Education (1.9%)** and **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.8%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI increased **0.2 per cent** at 122.0 as compared to September 2019. The increase was contributed by **Communication (1.6%)**, **Transport (0.2%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.1%)**, **Health (0.1%)** and **Education (0.1%)**.

Meanwhile, the CPI for the period January to October 2019 increased 0.6 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **1.8 per cent** in October 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group **Milk & Eggs (2.3%)**, **Fish & Seafood (1.4%)**, **Fruits (1.4%)** and **Food Products not elsewhere classified (1.4%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **2.9 per cent** in October 2019 as against October 2018. The rise in the price of Fried Chicken, Burger 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 Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Sub-Groups, Malaysia, October 2019/October 2018

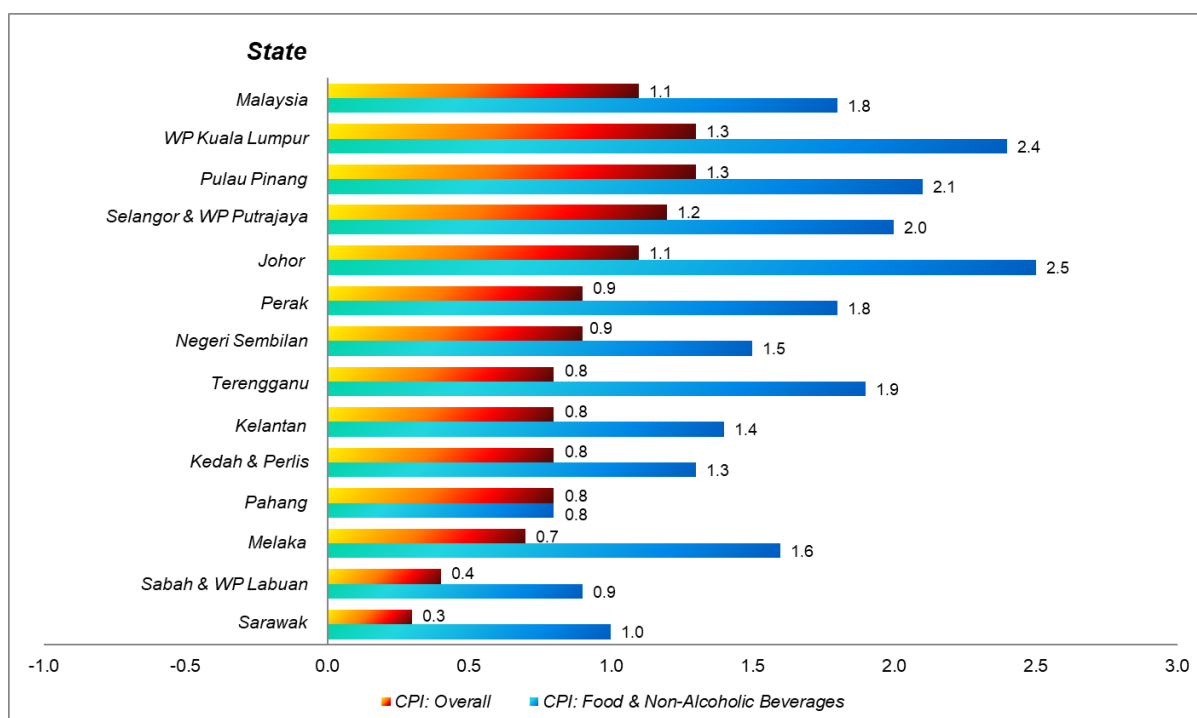
| Sub-groups | Weight | Index | Year-on-Year Percentage Change | | Month-on-Month Percentage Change | |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Sep 2019/ Sep 2018 | Oct 2019/ Oct 2018 | Sep 2019/ Ogos 2019 | Oct 2019/ Sep 2019 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 29.5 | 133.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Food | 28.4 | 134.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Food At Home | 16.9 | 130.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 | -0.5 | -0.1 |
| Rice, Bread & Other Cereals | 3.5 | 110.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Meat | 2.5 | 124.4 | 2.0 | -0.2 | -1.6 | -0.8 |
| Fish & Seafood | 4.0 | 151.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Milk & Eggs | 1.5 | 127.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Oils & Fats | 0.6 | 117.7 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Fruits | 1.2 | 132.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | -0.7 | -0.4 |
| Vegetables | 2.1 | 134.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | -1.1 | 2.1 |
| Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery | 0.6 | 134.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Food Products n.e.c. | 1.0 | 132.8 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Food Away From Home | 11.5 | 140.7 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 1.1 | 112.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Consumer Price Index by States

Three states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.3%), Pulau Pinang (1.3%) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.2%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.1 per cent in October 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 increases were recorded by Johor (2.5%), followed by Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.4%), Pulau Pinang (2.1%) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.0%). The increase surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in October 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index rose 1.4 per cent in October 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups, which influenced the higher core rate were Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.2%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.1%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (2.0%).

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, October 2019/October 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 |
| | | Oct 2019 | Oct 2019/ Sep 2019 | Oct 2019/ Oct 2018 | Jan-Oct 2019/2018 | Oct 2019 | Oct 2019/ Sep 2019 | Oct 2019 | Oct 2019/ Oct 2018 |
| Total | 100 | 122.0 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 122.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 29.5 | 133.3 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 133.8 | 0.3 | 26.5 | 2.1 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 2.4 | 167.9 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 167.9 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Clothing and Footwear | 3.2 | 93.8 | -0.3 | -1.3 | -2.1 | 93.8 | -0.3 | 4.5 | -1.3 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels | 23.8 | 121.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 121.9 | 0.2 | 26.5 | 2.0 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance | 4.1 | 116.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 116.7 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 1.7 |
| Health | 1.9 | 123.0 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 123.0 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 1.4 |
| Transport | 14.6 | 114.8 | 0.2 | -2.3 | -3.3 | 114.8 | 0.2 | 6.5 | -2.3 |
| Communication | 4.8 | 97.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 97.5 | 1.6 | 6.5 | 1.4 |
| Recreation Services & Culture | 4.8 | 112.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 112.2 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 0.7 |
| Education | 1.3 | 120.3 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 120.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Restaurants and Hotels | 2.9 | 132.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 132.2 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 1.2 |
| Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 6.7 | 113.8 | -0.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 113.8 | -0.2 | 9.1 | 2.2 |
| Non-Food | 70.5 | 117.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - |

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

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