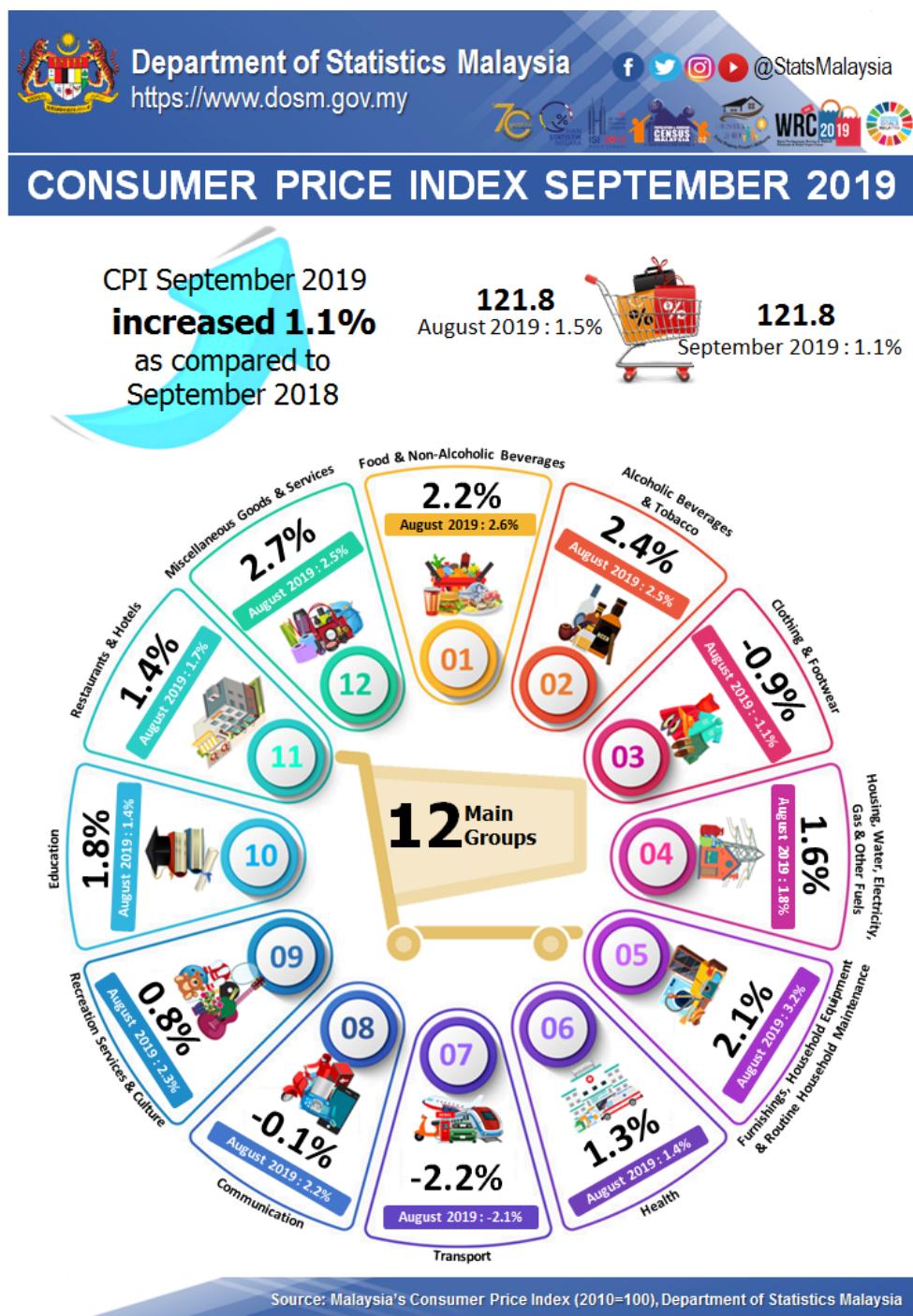




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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA SEPTEMBER 2019

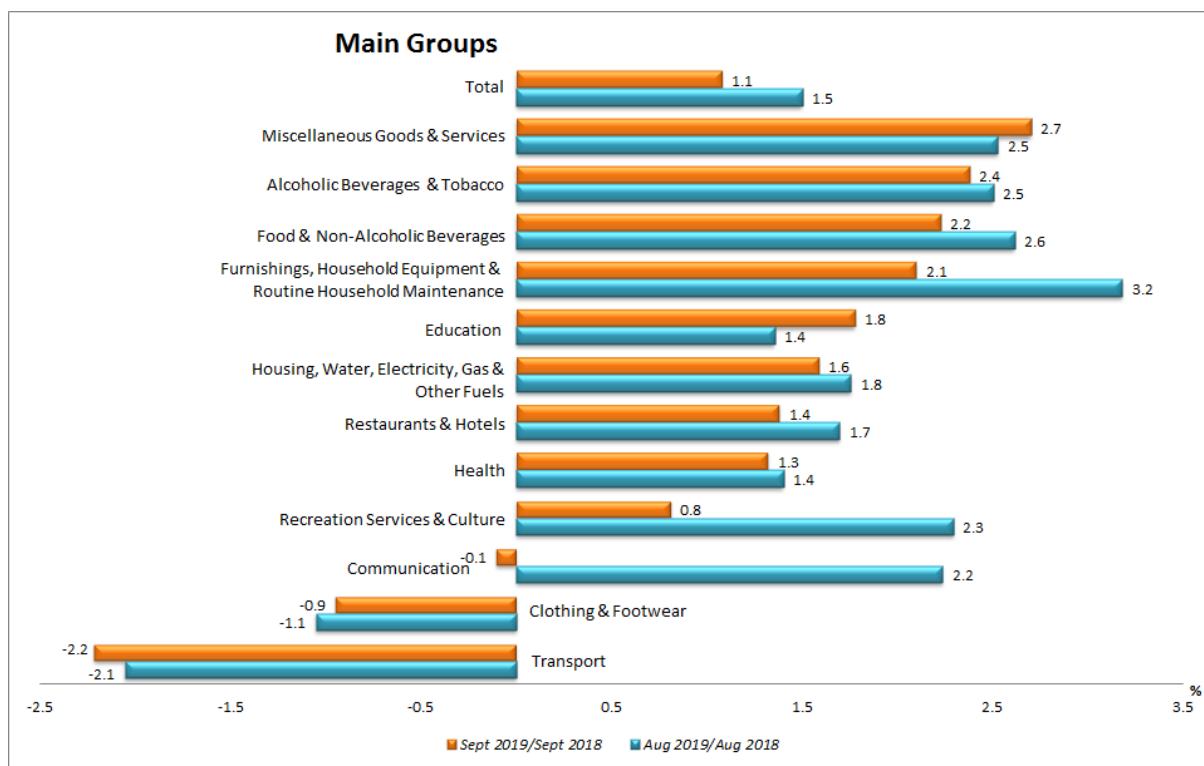


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased **1.1 per cent** in September 2019 to 121.8 as against 120.5 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.7%)**, **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.4%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.2%)** and **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (2.1%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI remained unchanged at 121.8 as compared to August 2019. Meanwhile, CPI in the third quarter of 2019 increased **1.3 per cent** to 121.7 as compared to 120.1 in the same quarter of the previous year. The increase was mainly contributed by the index of **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (2.9%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.4%)**, **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.4%)** and **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.3%)**. On a quarterly basis, the CPI increased 0.3 per cent as compared to the second quarter of 2019.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **2.2 per cent** in September 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (2.6%)**, **Milk & Eggs (2.6%)** and **Meat (2.0%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Garlic (17.9%)**, **Cockles (14.1%)**, **Ginger (10.6%)** and **French Beans (10.5%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **3.2 per cent** in September 2019 as against September 2018. The rise in the price of 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 Sub-Groups Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia, September 2019/September 2018

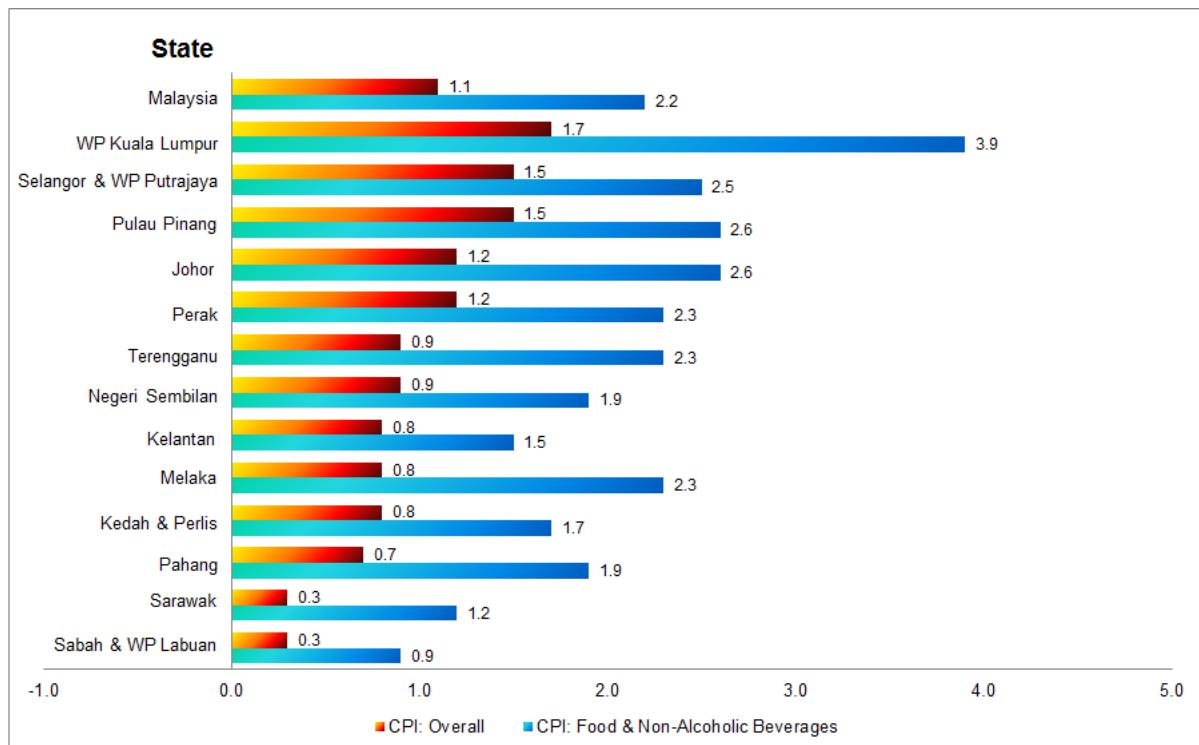
| Sub-groups | Index | Year-on-Year Percentage Change | | Month-on-Month Percentage Change | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | Weight | Sep 2019 | Aug 2019/Aug 2018 | Sep 2019/Sep 2018 | Aug 2019/July 2019 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 29.5 | 133.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| Food | 28.4 | 134.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Food At Home | 16.9 | 130.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| Rice, Bread & Other Cereals | 3.5 | 110.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Meat | 4.5 | 125.4 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | -1.6 |
| Fish & Seafood | 5.5 | 152.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| Milk & Eggs | 6.5 | 127.5 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| Oils & Fats | 7.5 | 117.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Fruits | 8.5 | 133.3 | 1.7 | 1.4 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| Vegetables | 9.5 | 131.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | -1.9 | -1.1 |
| Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery | 10.5 | 134.9 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Food Products n.e.c. | 11.5 | 132.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Food Away From Home | 12.5 | 140.5 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 1.1 | 112.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Consumer Price Index by States

The five states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.7%), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.5%), Pulau Pinang (1.5%), Johor (1.2%) and Perak (1.2%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.1 per cent in September 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 Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (3.9%) followed by Johor (2.6%), Pulau Pinang (2.6%) and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.5%). The increase surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in September 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index rose 1.5 per cent in September 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 (2.7%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.4%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (2.1%).

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, September 2019/September 2018

| Main Group | Weight | Index | HEADLINE CPI | | | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX | | CORE INDEX | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | | Percentage Change | | | Index | Month-on-Month Percentage Change | Core Index Weight | Year-on-Year Percentage Change | |
| | | Sep 2019 | Sep 2019/Aug 2019 | Sep 2019/Sep 2018 | Jan-Sep 2019/2018 | Sep 2019 | Sep 2019/Aug 2019 | Sep 2019 | Sep 2019/Sep 2018 | |
| Total | 100.0 | 121.8 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 121.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.5 | |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 29.5 | 133.2 | -0.2 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 133.4 | 0.1 | 26.5 | 2.4 | |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 2.4 | 167.9 | -0.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 167.9 | -0.1 | - | - | |
| Clothing and Footwear | 3.2 | 94.1 | 0.0 | -0.9 | -2.2 | 94.1 | 0.0 | 4.5 | -0.9 | |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels | 23.8 | 121.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 121.6 | -0.1 | 26.5 | 1.9 | |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance | 4.1 | 116.7 | -0.1 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 116.7 | -0.1 | 5.5 | 2.1 | |
| Health | 1.9 | 122.9 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 122.9 | -0.1 | 2.6 | 1.3 | |
| Transport | 14.6 | 114.6 | 0.1 | -2.2 | -3.5 | 114.6 | 0.1 | 6.5 | -2.2 | |
| Communication | 4.8 | 96.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 96.0 | 0.0 | 6.5 | -0.1 | |
| Recreation Services & Culture | 4.8 | 112.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 112.2 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 0.8 | |
| Education | 1.3 | 120.2 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 120.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | |
| Restaurants and Hotels | 2.9 | 132.2 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 132.2 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 1.4 | |
| Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 6.7 | 114.0 | 0.4 | 2.7 | -0.4 | 114.0 | 0.4 | 9.1 | 2.7 | |
| Non-Food | 70.5 | 116.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - | |

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

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