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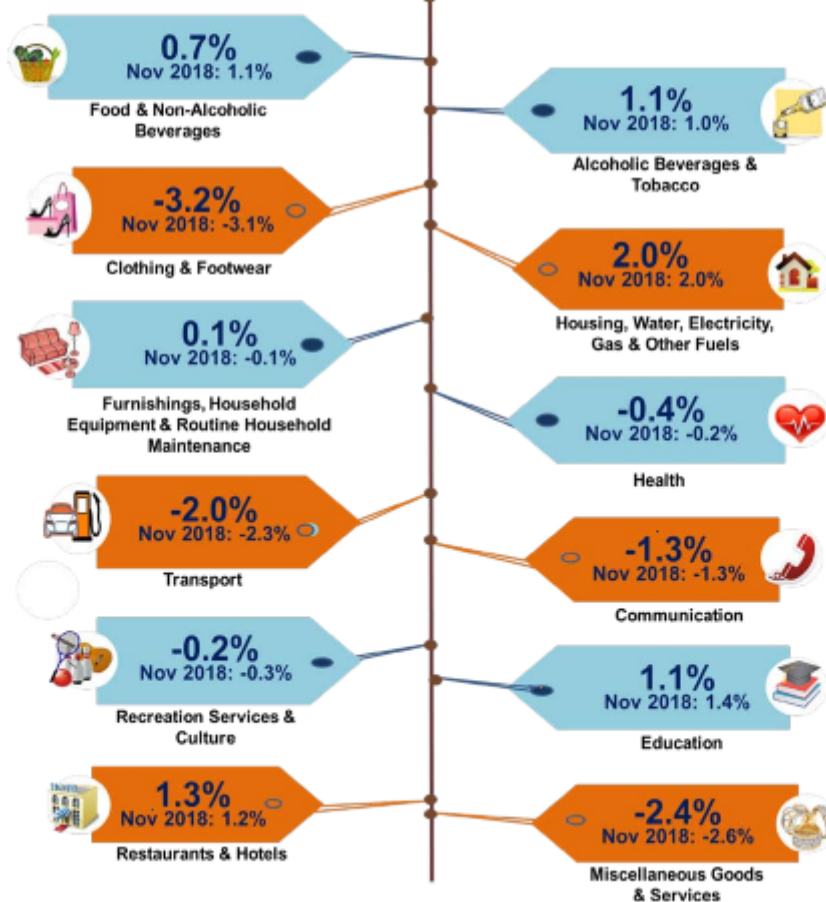


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CPI DECEMBER 2018 **INCREASED 0.2%**
AS COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2017

12 Main Groups



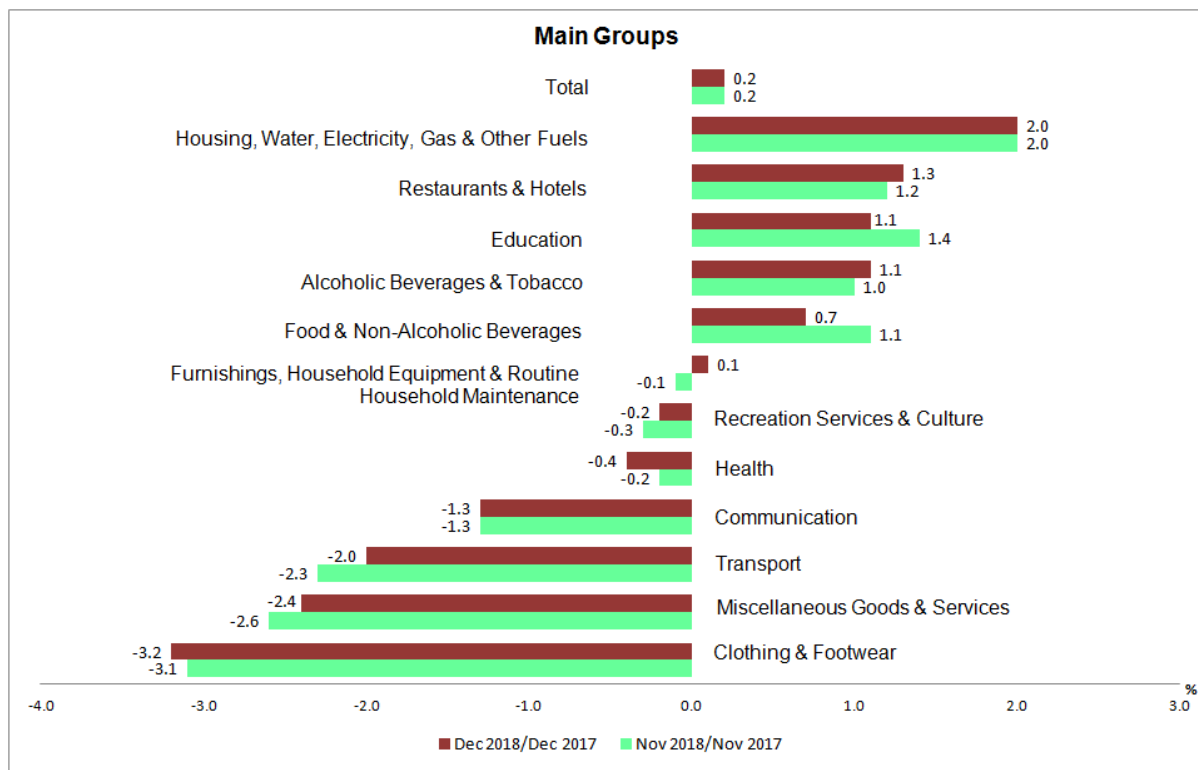
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), December 2018

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.2 per cent in December 2018 to 121.1 compared to 120.9 in corresponding month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was due to higher price for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.0 per cent), Restaurants & Hotels (+1.3 per cent), Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+1.1 per cent), Education (+1.1 per cent) and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.7 per cent). (Chart 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI increased 0.1 per cent as compared to November 2018. CPI for the period January-December 2018 registered an increase of 1.0 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change by Main Groups, Malaysia, December 2018/December 2017



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The overall index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages which accounted 29.5 per cent in the CPI weights increased 0.7 per cent in December 2018. This was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Meat (+1.0 per cent)**, **Milk & Eggs (+0.9 per cent)** and **Fruits (+0.5 per cent)**. Meanwhile, the index for sub-group **Vegetables decreased 4.4 per cent**, followed by index for sub-groups **Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery (-2.0 per cent)** and **Oils & Fats (-0.8 per cent)**. The decrease was due to the decline in the index of goods in most states such as **Garlic (-19.5 per cent)**, **Shallot (-13.7 per cent)**, **Red Chilly (-11.1 per cent)**, **Onion Big (-9.9 per cent)**, **Choy Sum (-7.0 per cent)**, **Cuttlefish (-3.2 per cent)**, **Indian Mackerel (Fish) (-0.5 per cent)** and **Prawn (-0.5 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index for **Food Away From Home** increased **2.7 per cent** in December 2018 as against December 2017. The rise in the price of Fried Chicken, Rice with Side Dishes and Food Made from Noodles contributed to the increase of the index of this sub-group.

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change by Sub-Groups Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia, December 2018/December 2017

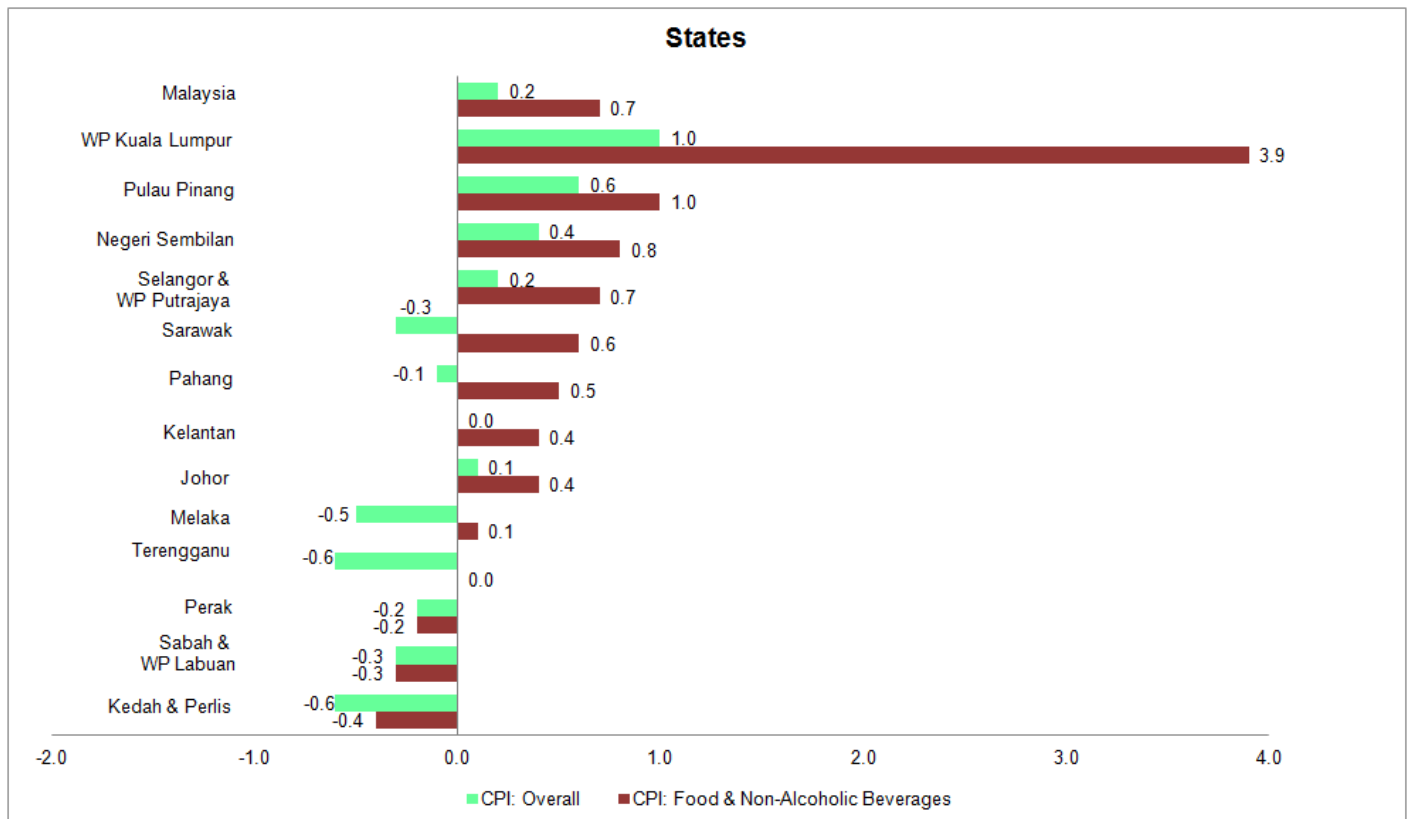
Sub-groups	Weight	Index Dec 2018	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
			Nov 2018/ Nov 2017	Dec 2018/ Dec 2017	Nov 2018/ Oct 2018	Dec 2018/ Nov 2018
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	131.7	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.3
Food	28.4	132.7	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.3
Food At Home	16.9	129.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.5
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Meat	2.5	127.4	-2.2	1.0	-1.5	3.7
Fish & Seafood	4.0	150.0	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Milk & Eggs	1.5	126.9	-0.2	0.9	-0.2	2.0
Oils & Fats	0.6	118.0	-0.7	-0.8	0.1	-0.1
Fruits	1.2	132.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.2
Vegetables	2.1	131.5	0.8	-4.4	0.0	-1.4
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	134.4	-2.3	-2.0	0.1	0.2
Food Products n.e.c.	1.0	131.0	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	0.0
Food Away From Home	11.5	137.8	3.3	2.7	0.8	0.0
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	110.9	-1.1	-0.8	0.4	0.3

States Index

In terms of overall CPI, three states surpassed the national CPI rate of 0.2 per cent recorded in December 2018 as compared to December 2017. The states were Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+1.0 per cent), Pulau Pinang (+0.6 per cent) and Negeri Sembilan (+0.4 per cent). Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya recorded the same rate as the national CPI.

The increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia. Three states recorded higher increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index above the national index level (+0.7 per cent) in December 2018 as compared to the corresponding month in 2017. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose 3.9 per cent in Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, followed by Pulau Pinang (+1.0 per cent) and Negeri Sembilan (+0.8 per cent). Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya recorded the same rate as the national index level for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State, December 2018/December 2017



Core Index

Core index increased 0.4 per cent in December 2018 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.3 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.3 per cent), Restaurants & Hotels (+1.3 per cent) and Education (+1.1 per cent). (Table 2)

Core index, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food as well as administered prices of goods and services recorded changes ranging from -0.2 per cent to 2.2 per cent for the period January to December 2018 as compared with the same period of the previous year. (Table 2)




Table 2: Consumer Price Index (2010=100): Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia, December 2018/December 2017

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
		Dec 2018	Dec 2018/ Nov 2018	Dec 2018/ Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018/2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2018/ Nov 2018		Dec 2018/ Dec 2017
Total	100	121.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	121.1	0.1	100.0	0.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	131.7	0.3	0.7	1.6	132.0	0.1	26.5	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	167.5	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.7	-0.2	-3.2	-2.0	94.7	-0.2	4.5	-3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	120.1	0.0	2.0	2.0	120.2	0.2	26.5	2.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	115.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	115.3	0.2	5.5	0.1
Health	1.9	121.5	0.0	-0.4	0.8	121.5	0.0	2.6	-0.4
Transport	14.6	117.1	-0.4	-2.0	1.6	117.1	-0.4	6.5	-2.0
Communication	4.8	96.1	0.0	-1.3	-1.7	96.1	0.0	6.5	-1.3
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	111.5	0.1	6.6	-0.2
Education	1.3	118.3	-0.1	1.1	1.1	118.8	-0.1	1.8	1.1
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	131.1	0.2	1.3	1.6	131.1	0.2	3.9	1.3
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	111.5	0.0	-2.4	-1.4	111.5	0.0	9.1	-2.4
Non-Food	70.5	116.7	0.0	-0.1	0.7	116.7	-	-	-

[Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, December 2018 \(RM\)](#) 

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