



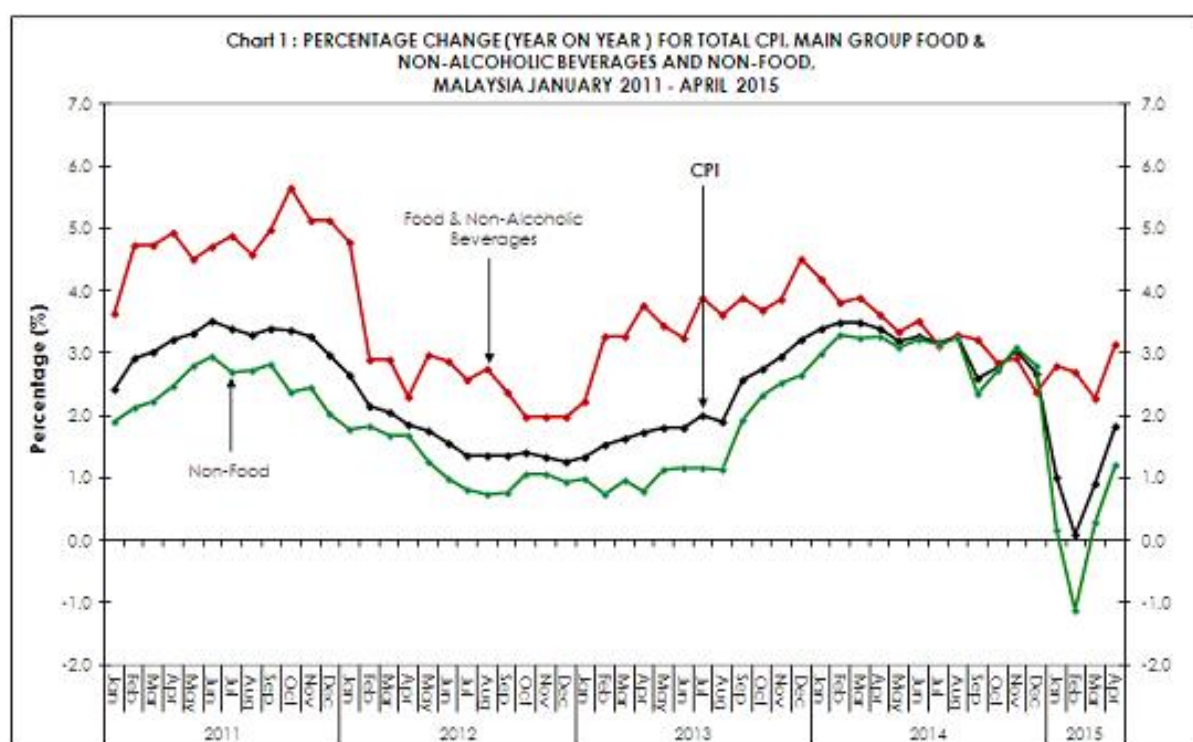
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA APRIL 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for April 2015 increased by 1.8 per cent to 111.9 compared with 109.9 in the same month last year. The increase was contributed by significant rise in the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group by 13.0 per cent; Health by 5.0 per cent ; Restaurants & Hotels (+4.3 per cent); and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.1 per cent). These four groups of goods and services contributed 79.3 per cent of the increased of CPI. In addition, this index is also influenced by the decreased in Transport group by 4.8 per cent; lower increased in Clothing & Footwear (+0.7 per cent); and Recreation Services & Culture (+1.5 per cent).

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Overall, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages moved up by 3.1 per cent as compared with the index for Non-Food which increased only 1.2 per cent in April 2015 compared with the same month in 2014 (Chart 1 and Table 1).

CPI for April 2015 recorded an increased by 0.9 per cent as compared to March 2015. CPI for the first four month in 2015 also showed an increased by 0.9 per cent as compared to the same period last year.



Monthly Changes for CPI

CPI for April 2015 increased by 0.9 per cent as compared to March 2015. The increases was contributed by groups namely Communication (+3.1 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.5 per cent); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance by 2.2 per cent respectively; Health (+1.9 per cent); Restaurant & Hotel (+1.8 per cent); Recreation Services & Culture (+0.9 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Clothing & Footwear by 0.8 per cent respectively; Education (+0.5 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+0.4 per cent); and Transport by 0.3 per cent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for April 2015 increased by 0.9 per cent as compared to March 2015 (Table 1).

Table 1 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	Index					% Change			Seasonally Adjusted Index	
		Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	Jan - Apr 2014	Jan - Apr 2015	Apr 2015/ Mar 2015	Apr 2015/ Apr 2014	Jan - Apr 2015/ 2014	Apr 2015	% Change Apr 2015/Mar 2015
TOTAL	100.0	109.9	110.9	111.9	109.8	110.8	0.9	1.8	0.9	111.9	0.9
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	114.4	117.1	118.0	114.5	117.6	0.8	3.1	2.7	118.3	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	121.7	134.6	137.5	121.7	135.3	2.2	13.0	11.2	137.5	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	3.4	98.7	98.6	99.4	98.8	98.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	99.4	0.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	108.1	110.2	110.6	107.9	110.3	0.4	2.3	2.2	110.6	0.4
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	106.5	106.7	109.0	106.5	107.3	2.2	2.3	0.8	110.2	-0.3
Health	1.3	109.1	112.5	114.6	108.6	112.7	1.9	5.0	3.8	114.6	1.9
Transport	14.9	111.4	105.8	106.1	111.2	103.5	0.3	-4.8	-6.9	106.1	0.3
Communication	5.7	97.9	97.2	100.2	98.1	98.0	3.1	2.3	-0.1	100.2	3.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	104.9	105.5	106.5	104.9	105.8	0.9	1.5	0.9	106.5	0.9
Education	1.4	109.5	111.8	112.4	109.3	111.8	0.5	2.6	2.3	112.0	0.6
Restaurants and Hotels	3.2	116.4	119.2	121.4	115.6	119.5	1.8	4.3	3.4	121.4	0.5
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	105.4	107.0	109.7	105.1	107.4	2.5	4.1	2.2	109.7	2.5
Non-Food	69.7	107.9	108.2	109.2	107.8	107.8	1.0	1.2	0.0	109.2	1.0
Durable Goods	6.5	97.6	96.2	97.2	97.5	96.4	1.0	-0.4	-1.1	97.2	1.0
Semi-Durable Goods	4.4	99.5	99.3	100.4	99.6	99.5	1.1	0.9	-0.1	100.4	1.1
Non-Durable Goods	41.6	112.8	112.3	113.3	113.0	112.0	0.9	0.4	-0.9	113.3	0.9
Services	47.5	109.9	112.7	113.8	109.5	112.8	1.0	3.5	3.0	113.8	1.0

The 0.8 per cent increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in April 2015 compared with the previous month was the result of increases in the index for Food At Home by 0.4 per cent; Food Away From Home (+1.0 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.3 per cent).

**Table 2 : CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHANGES IN THE OVERALL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
BY MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)**

Group	Wt.	2014 / 2013		April 2015 / 2014		January - April 2015 / 2014	
		% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution
TOTAL	100.0	3.2	100.0	1.8	100.0	0.9	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	3.3	34.0	3.1	51.6	2.7	88.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	11.6	8.3	13.0	16.5	11.2	27.6
Clothing and Footwear	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.7	1.0	-0.1	-0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	3.4	24.1	2.3	27.3	2.2	50.6
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.0	1.3	2.3	4.9	0.8	3.1
Health	1.3	2.9	1.2	5.0	3.5	3.8	5.2
Transport	14.9	4.9	23.1	-4.8	-37.3	-6.9	-105.9
Communication	5.7	-0.7	-1.3	2.3	6.2	-0.1	-0.8
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	1.5	2.2	1.5	3.6	0.9	3.5
Education	1.4	2.4	1.1	2.6	2.0	2.3	3.3
Restaurants and Hotels	3.2	4.7	5.0	4.3	7.7	3.4	11.8
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	0.7	1.3	4.1	13.0	2.2	13.8

Among the food items which recorded notable increases in April 2015 compared with the previous month were **Cucumber (+21.9 per cent)**; **Choy Sum (+11.8 per cent)**; **Spinach (+5.0 per cent)**; **Sardin/Mackerel - Canned (+3.5 per cent)**; **Biscuits - Sweetened (+3.1 per cent)**; **Malt Drinks (+3.1 per cent)**; **Powdered Milk - Infant (+1.7 per cent)**; **Apples (+1.0 per cent)**; and **Chicken (+0.5 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, the index of some food items decreased in April 2015 compared with the previous month. Among these were **Tomatoes (-25.3 per cent)**; **Hen's Egg (-12.4 per cent)**; **Watermelon (-6.0 per cent)**; **Long Beans (-4.3 per cent)**; **Round Scad (Fish) (-3.2 per cent)**; **Carrots (-2.5 per cent)**; **Prawns (-2.2 per cent)**; **Indian Mackerel (Fish) (-1.6 per cent)**; and **Round Cabbage (-1.6 per cent)**.

The CPI according to physical longevity of goods and services showed increases in the index for Semi-Durable Goods (+1.1 per cent); Durable Goods and Services by 1.0 per cent respectively; and Non-Durable Goods (+0.9 per cent).

**Table 3 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SUB-GROUPS OF FOOD AND
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MALAYSIA (2010=100)**

Sub-group	Wt.	Index					% Change		
		Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	Jan - Apr 2014	Jan - Apr 2015	Apr 2015/ Mar 2015	Apr 2015/ Apr 2014	Jan - Apr 2015/2014
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	114.4	117.1	118.0	114.5	117.6	0.8	3.1	2.7
Food	28.9	114.8	117.5	118.3	114.8	118.0	0.7	3.0	2.8
Food At Home	18.9	114.3	116.9	117.4	114.7	117.5	0.4	2.7	2.4
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	4.4	105.3	106.4	107.3	105.2	106.5	0.8	1.9	1.2
Meat	2.9	115.6	118.0	118.8	116.1	116.9	0.7	2.8	0.7
Fish & Seafood	4.5	122.9	126.1	125.7	123.9	127.3	-0.3	2.3	2.7
Milk & Eggs	1.8	114.9	122.8	123.1	115.6	123.2	0.2	7.1	6.6
Oils and Fats	0.6	101.2	101.3	101.8	101.2	101.4	0.5	0.6	0.2
Fruits	1.2	116.7	118.4	118.5	116.0	118.6	0.1	1.5	2.2
Vegetables	2.1	110.8	112.5	113.3	111.8	115.9	0.7	2.3	3.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	129.0	129.9	131.6	128.8	130.3	1.3	2.0	1.2
Food Products n.e.c.	0.8	113.6	116.3	118.9	113.2	116.7	2.2	4.7	3.1
Food Away From Home	10.0	115.7	118.8	120.0	114.9	118.9	1.0	3.7	3.5
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.4	107.6	108.3	110.8	107.7	108.9	2.3	3.0	1.1

CPI changes for the period January - April 2014 / 2013

The increase of 0.9 per cent in the CPI for the first four month in 2015 was brought by increases among the groups with high weights were Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+ 2.7 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+ 2.2 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+11.2 per cent); Health (+3.8 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+3.4 per cent); and Education (+2.3 per cent). On the other hand, decreases were observed in the indices of Transport (-6.9 per cent); Communication and Clothing & Footwear by 0.1 per cent respectively.

Based on the above changes and the weights assigned to the main groups, the relative contribution to the overall increase of 0.9 per cent in the CPI can be identified as shown in Table 2.

The 2.7 per cent increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+2.4 per cent); Food Away From Home (+3.5 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.1 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 3 were **Milk & Eggs (+6.6 per cent); Vegetables (+3.7 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+2.7 per cent);** and **Fruits (+2.2 per cent).**

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