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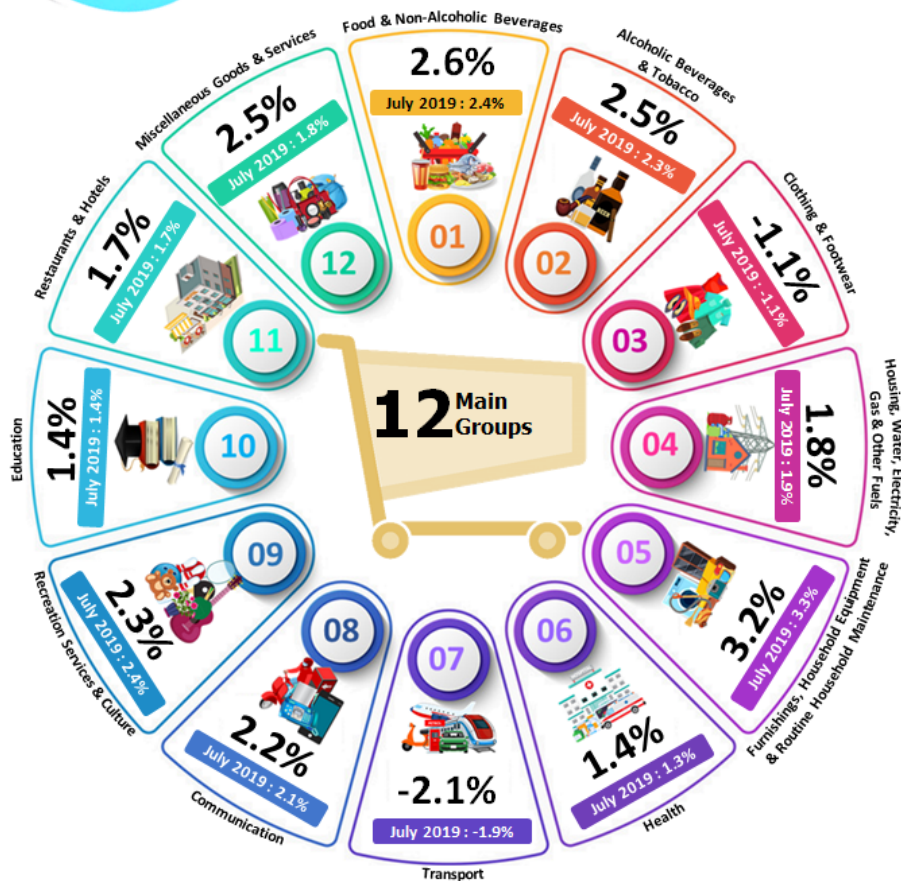
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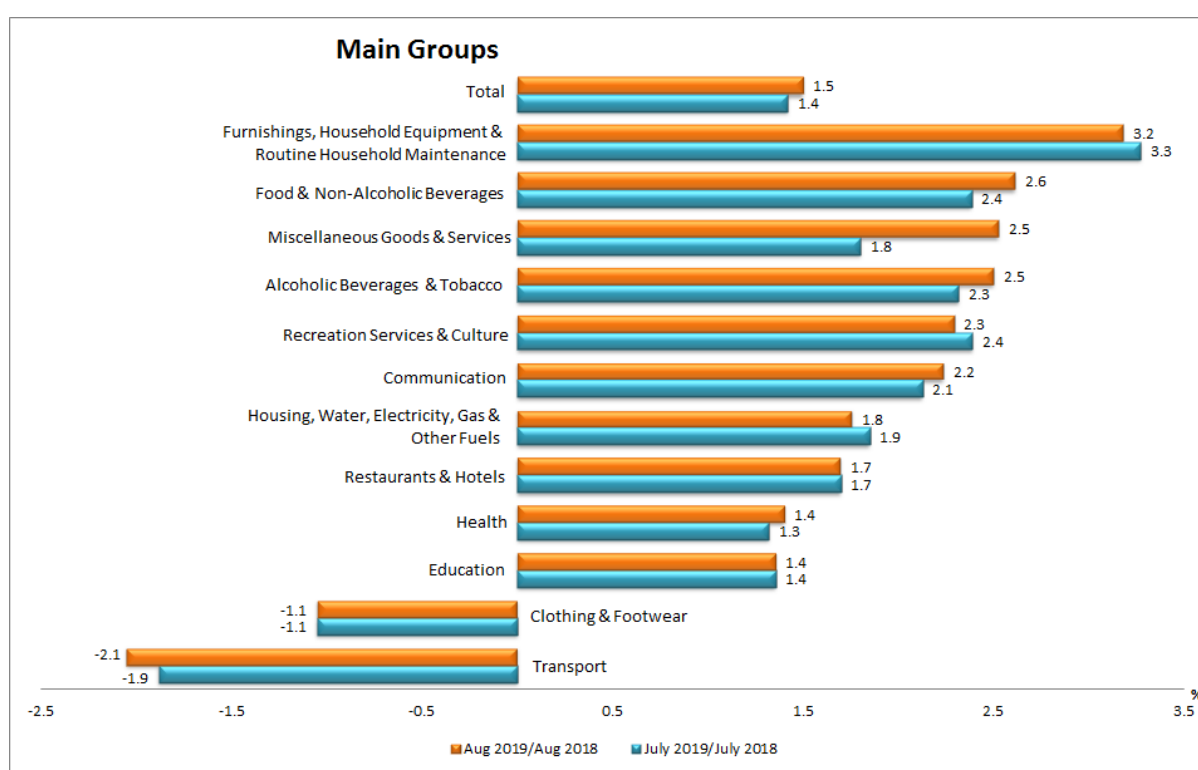
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), Department of Statistics Malaysia

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased **1.5 per cent** in August 2019 to 121.8 as against 120.0 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (3.2%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.6%)**, **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (2.5%)**, **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.5%)**, **Recreation Services & Culture (2.3%)** and **Communication (2.2%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI rose 0.2 per cent as compared to July 2019. It was mainly supported by the index of **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (0.5%)**, **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.5%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.2%)**, **Health (0.2%)** and **Restaurants & Hotels (0.2%)**. Meanwhile, CPI for the period of January – August 2019 registered an increase of 0.5 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **2.6 per cent** in August 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Milk & Eggs (3.4%)**, **Vegetables (3.2%)** and **Fruits (1.7%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Garlic (16.3%)**, **Fresh Green Chilli (15.2%)**, **Tomatoes (14.5%)**, **Cockles (14.1%)**, **Yoghurt (13.7%)**, **Fresh Red Chilli (13.3%)** and **Round Cabbage (11.7%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **4.4 per cent** in August 2019 as against August 2018. The rise in the price of Burger, Fried Chicken, Pizza 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, August 2019/August 2018

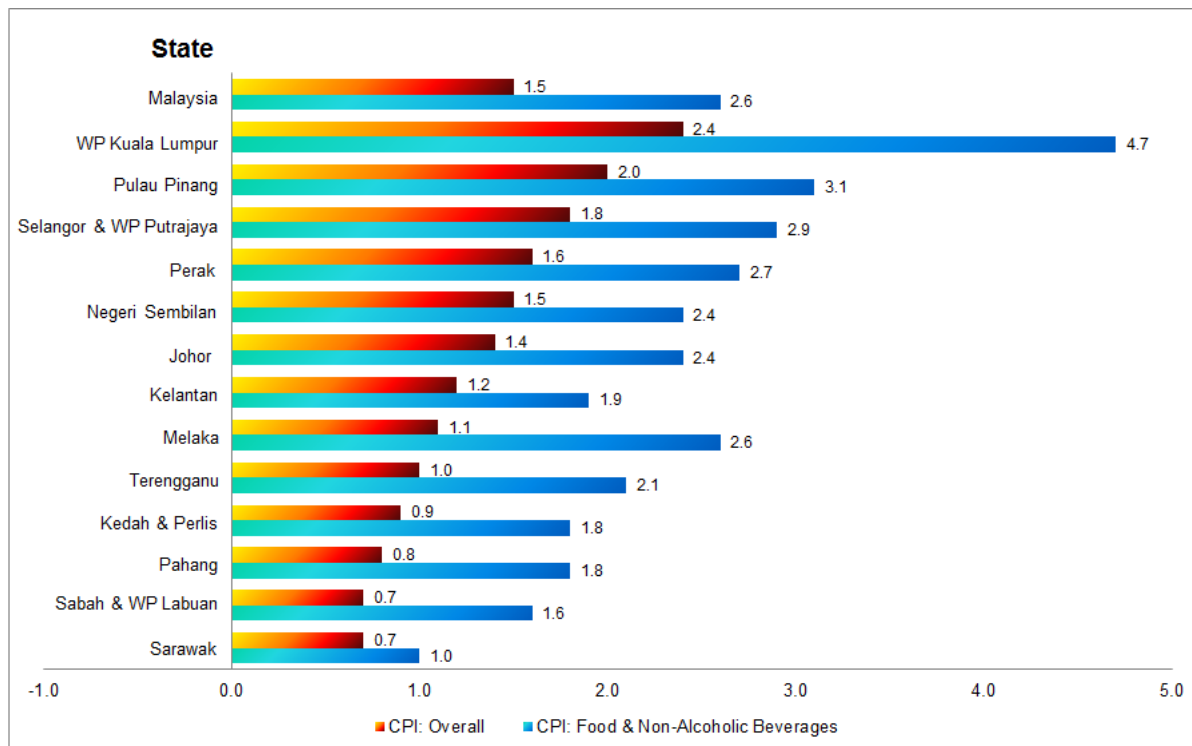
Sub-groups	Weight	Index Aug 2019	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
			July 2019/ July 2018	Aug 2019/ Aug 2018	July 2019/ June 2019	Aug 2019/ July 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	133.5	2.4	2.6	0.3	0.2
Food	28.4	134.5	2.4	2.6	0.3	0.3
Food At Home	16.9	130.8	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.3
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	-0.1
Meat	4.5	127.4	-1.6	0.6	2.3	1.7
Fish & Seafood	5.5	153.3	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.7
Milk & Eggs	6.5	127.0	2.6	3.4	0.2	1.3
Oils & Fats	7.5	117.8	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Fruits	8.5	134.3	2.5	1.7	1.1	-0.1
Vegetables	9.5	133.2	4.7	3.2	-0.9	-1.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	10.5	135.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food Products n.e.c.	11.5	132.5	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.2
Food Away From Home	12.5	140.3	4.4	4.4	0.3	0.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	112.5	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.1

Consumer Price Index by States

Four states namely Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.4%), Pulau Pinang (2.0%), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.8%) and Perak (1.6%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.5 per cent in August 2019 as compared to August 2018. Meanwhile, Negeri Sembilan showed the same rate of increase as the national CPI.

All states registered increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increases were recorded by Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (4.7%), Pulau Pinang (3.1%), Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.9%) and Perak (2.7%). The increase surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in August 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index increased 2.0 per cent in August 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (3.2%), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (3.1%), Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.5%), Recreation Services & Culture (2.3%) and Communication (2.2%).

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, August 2019/August 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
		Aug 2019	Aug 2019/ July 2019	Aug 2019/ Aug 2018	Jan-Aug 2019/2018	Aug 2019	Aug 2019/ July 2019	Aug 2019	Aug 2019/ Aug 2018
Total	100.0	121.8	0.2	1.5	0.5	121.8	0.2	100.0	2.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	133.5	0.2	2.6	1.6	133.3	0.2	26.5	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	168.0	0.1	2.5	1.6	168.0	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.1	0.0	-1.1	-2.4	94.1	0.0	4.5	-1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	121.7	0.5	1.8	1.9	121.7	0.6	26.5	1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.8	0.0	3.2	1.3	116.8	0.0	5.5	3.2
Health	1.9	123.0	0.2	1.4	0.3	123.0	0.2	2.6	1.4
Transport	14.6	114.5	-0.1	-2.1	-3.6	114.5	-0.1	6.5	-2.1
Communication	4.8	96.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	96.0	0.0	6.5	2.2
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.5	0.0	2.3	0.6	111.5	0.0	6.6	2.3
Education	1.3	119.7	0.1	1.4	1.3	119.8	0.2	1.8	1.4
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.0	0.2	1.7	1.2	132.0	0.2	3.9	1.7
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	113.6	0.5	2.5	-0.6	113.6	0.5	9.1	2.5
Non-Food	70.5	116.9	0.3	1.0	0.0	-	-	-	-

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

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