

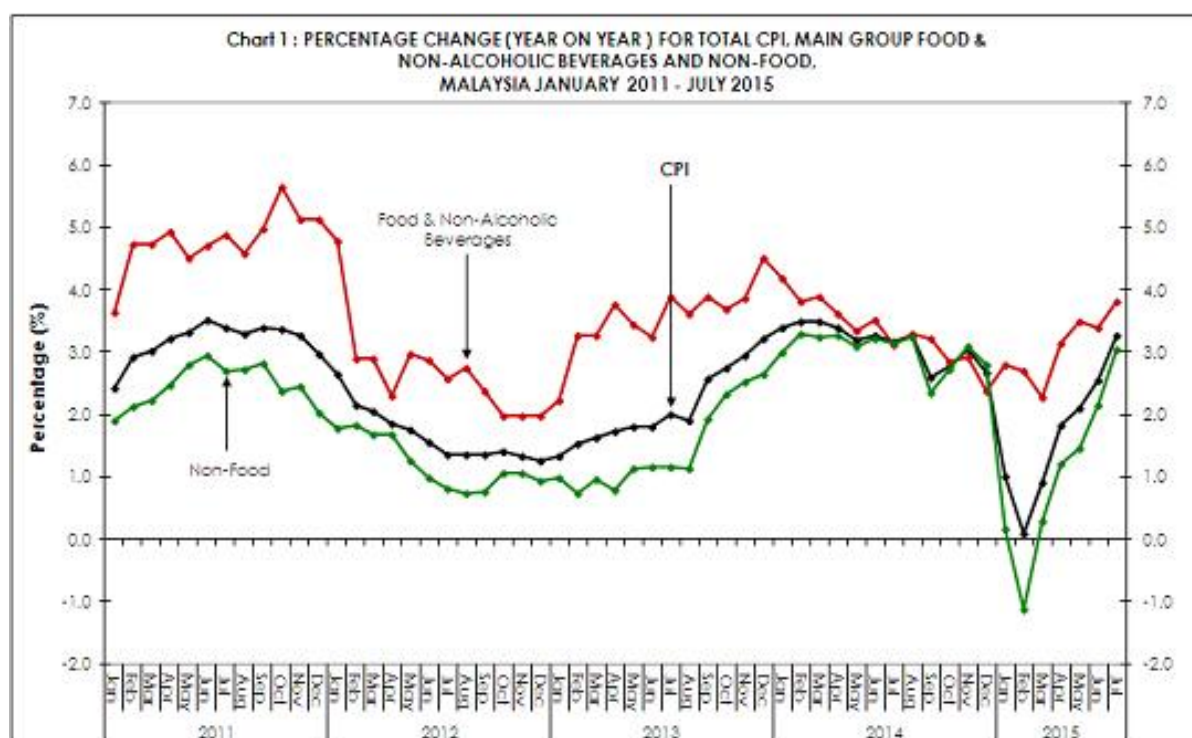


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA JULY 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July 2015 increased by 3.3 per cent to 113.9 compared with 110.3 in the same month last year. The rise in the CPI was led by increases in the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group by 13.3 per cent; Health by 4.8 per cent; Miscellaneous Goods and Services (+4.7 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+4.6 per cent); Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.9 per cent) and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.8 per cent). These six groups of goods and services which weighted 47.4 contributed 66.8 per cent to the increase in the CPI for the month of July 2015. In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the increase in Recreation Services & Culture (+1.9 per cent); Transport group by 1.6 per cent and slight increase in Clothing & Footwear (+0.9 per cent).

Overall, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.3) rose 3.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in July 2015. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.7) recorded an increase of 3.0 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).

CPI for July 2015 increased 0.8 per cent on a month-on-month basis. CPI for the first seven months in 2015 also registered an increase by 1.7 per cent as compared to the same period last year.



Monthly Changes for CPI

CPI for July 2015 increased by 0.8 per cent as compared to June 2015. Of the twelve major groups of goods and services, nine recorded an increase, one registered a decline while two remained unchanged. Among the major groups which recorded increases in July 2015 were Transport (+3.1 per cent); Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+1.8 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.8 per cent); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+0.4 per cent); Recreation Services & Culture (+0.2 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+0.2 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+0.2 per cent). On the other hand, a decrease was recorded in the index of Clothing & Footwear by 0.2 per cent.

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for July 2015 increased by 0.8 per cent as compared to June 2015 (Table 1).

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

Group	Wt.	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change			Month-on-Month Percentage Change		Seasonally Adjusted Index	
		July 2015	June 2015/ June 2014	July 2015/ July 2014	Jan - July 2015/2014	June 2015/ May 2015	July 2015/ June 2015	July 2015	% Change July 2015/June 2015
TOTAL	100.0	113.9	2.5	3.3	1.7	0.6	0.8	113.9	0.8
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	119.9	3.4	3.8	3.1	0.4	0.8	119.7	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	138.0	11.3	13.3	11.6	0.1	1.8	138.0	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	99.0	0.7	0.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	99.0	-0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	111.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	111.5	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	110.4	3.2	3.9	1.8	0.5	0.4	110.4	0.4
Health	1.3	115.5	5.0	4.8	4.3	0.4	0.1	115.5	0.1
Transport	14.9	112.9	-1.4	1.6	-4.6	3.0	3.1	112.9	3.1
Communication	5.7	100.4	2.6	2.8	1.1	0.0	0.1	100.4	0.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	107.0	1.7	1.9	1.2	0.1	0.2	107.0	0.2
Education	1.4	112.5	2.6	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.0	112.5	0.1
Restaurants & Hotels	3.2	122.5	4.5	4.6	3.9	0.2	0.2	122.5	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	110.4	4.6	4.7	3.2	0.2	0.2	110.4	0.2

Non-Food **69.7** **111.3** **2.1** **3.0** **1.1** **0.7** **0.8** **111.3** **0.8**

The 0.8 per cent rise in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in July 2015 compared with the previous month was the result of increases in the index for Food At Home by 1.0 per cent; Food Away From Home (+0.6 per cent) while Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages remained unchanged at 111.1.

Among the food items which recorded notable increases in July 2015 compared with the previous month were **Tomatoes (+30.8 per cent); Shallots (+10.1 per cent); Round Cabbage (+9.4 per cent); Watermelon (+8.4 per cent); Cuttlefish (+6.0 per cent); Hardtail Scad (Fish) (+4.4 per cent); Red Chillies (+4.2 per cent); Round Scad (Fish) (+3.9 per cent); Carrots (+3.1 per cent); Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+2.1 per cent);** and **Beef (+1.6 per cent).**

Meanwhile, the index of some food items decreased in July 2015 compared with the previous month. Among these food items were **Spinach (-8.1 per cent); Choy Sum (-6.9 per cent); Cucumber (-2.6 per cent); Apples (-1.0 per cent);** and **Chicken (-1.0 per cent).**

Table 2 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SUB-GROUPS OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Sub-Groups	Wt.	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change			Month-on-Month Percentage Change	
		July 2015	June 2015/ June 2014	July 2015/ July 2014	Jan - July 2015/2014	June 2015/ May 2015	July 2015/ June 2015
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	119.9	3.4	3.8	3.1	0.4	0.8
Food	28.9	120.3	3.5	3.8	3.1	0.4	0.8
Food At Home	18.9	119.7	3.2	3.6	2.9	0.5	1.0
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	4.4	107.5	1.8	1.9	1.5	0.0	0.1
Meat	2.9	119.6	3.0	2.2	1.5	0.7	-0.3
Fish & Seafood	4.5	130.9	3.2	4.1	3.1	1.1	2.3
Milk & Eggs	1.8	122.4	4.6	4.3	5.8	-0.6	0.2
Oils & Fats	0.6	101.5	0.7	0.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Fruits	1.2	121.2	3.0	4.8	2.8	0.3	1.8
Vegetables	2.1	119.2	5.4	7.5	4.7	1.5	2.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	131.8	2.1	2.0	1.5	0.1	-0.1
Food Products n.e.c	0.8	119.8	4.8	5.1	3.9	0.3	0.3
Food Away From Home	10.0	121.6	3.8	4.2	3.6	0.2	0.6
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.4	111.1	3.2	3.2	2.0	-0.2	0.0

CPI changes for the period January - July 2015 / 2014

The increase of 1.7 per cent in the CPI for the first seven months in 2015 was led by increases among the main groups with high weights: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.1 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.3 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+11.6

per cent); Health (+4.3 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+3.9 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+3.2 per cent). On the other hand, a decrease was recorded in the index of Transport by 4.6 per cent.

Based on the above changes and the weights assigned to the main groups, the relative contribution to the overall increase of 1.7 per cent in the CPI is shown in Table 3.

Table 3 : CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHANGES IN THE OVERALL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS, MALAYSIA (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	2014 / 2013		July 2015 / 2014		January - July 2015 / 2014	
		% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution
TOTAL	100.0	3.2	100.0	3.3	100.0	1.7	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	3.3	34.0	3.8	37.0	3.1	57.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	11.6	8.3	13.3	9.7	11.6	16.3
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	3.4	24.1	2.5	16.9	2.3	30.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.0	1.3	3.9	4.6	1.8	4.2
Health	1.3	2.9	1.2	4.8	1.9	4.3	3.4
Transport	14.9	4.9	23.1	1.6	7.5	-4.6	-40.4
Communication	5.7	-0.7	-1.3	2.8	4.4	1.1	3.1
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	1.5	2.2	1.9	2.6	1.2	3.1
Education	1.4	2.4	1.1	2.4	1.0	2.3	2.0
Restaurant & Hotel	3.2	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.8	3.9	7.8
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	0.7	1.3	4.7	8.8	3.2	11.5

The increase of 3.1 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+2.9 per cent); Food Away From Home (+3.6 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.0 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Milk & Eggs (+5.8 per cent); Vegetables (+4.7 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+3.1 per cent);** and **Fruits (+2.8 per cent).**

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