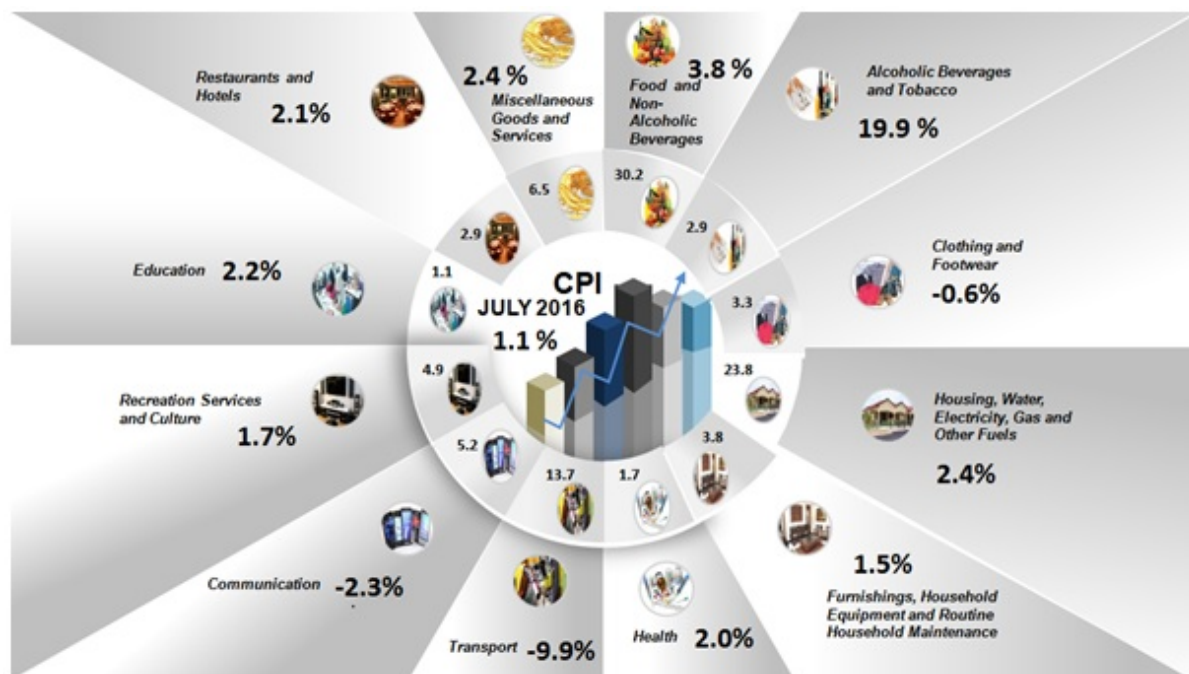




CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA JULY 2016

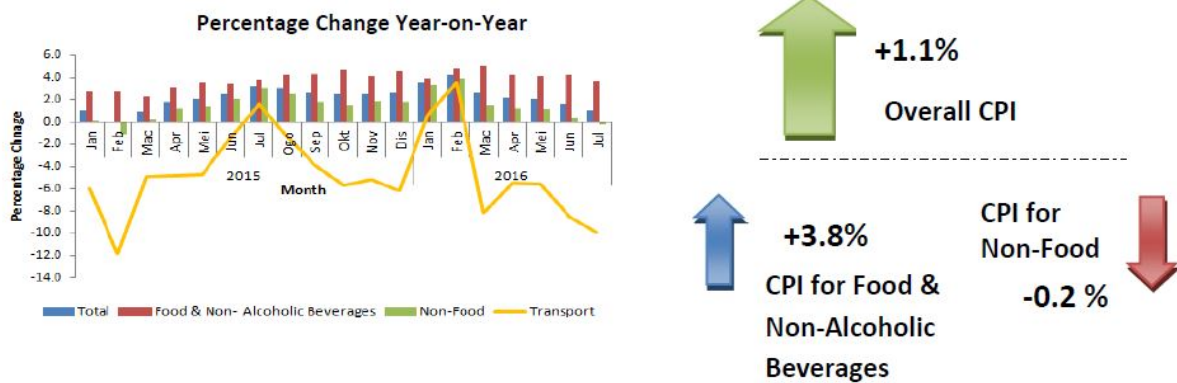
Malaysia CPI rose at 1.1 per cent in July 2016



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July 2016 increased by 1.1 per cent to 115.1 compared with 113.9 in the same month last year. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco by 19.9 per cent; Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.8 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.4 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.4 per cent); Education (+2.2 per cent) and Restaurants & Hotels (+2.1 per cent). In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the decrease in prices of Transport group by 9.9 per cent; Communication (-2.3 per cent) and Clothing & Footwear (-0.6 per cent).

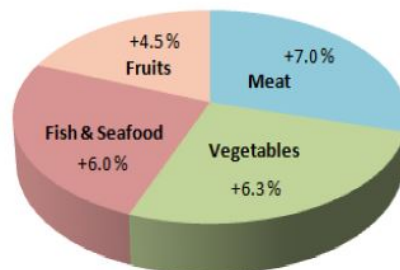
The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) rose 3.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in July 2016. The increase was led by increases in four food sub-groups namely, index for **Meat (+7.0 per cent); Vegetables (+6.3 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+6.0 per cent)** and **Fruits (+4.5 per cent)**. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded a decrease of 0.2 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1).

Chart 1: Percentage Change Year-on-Year for CPI, Malaysia July 2016

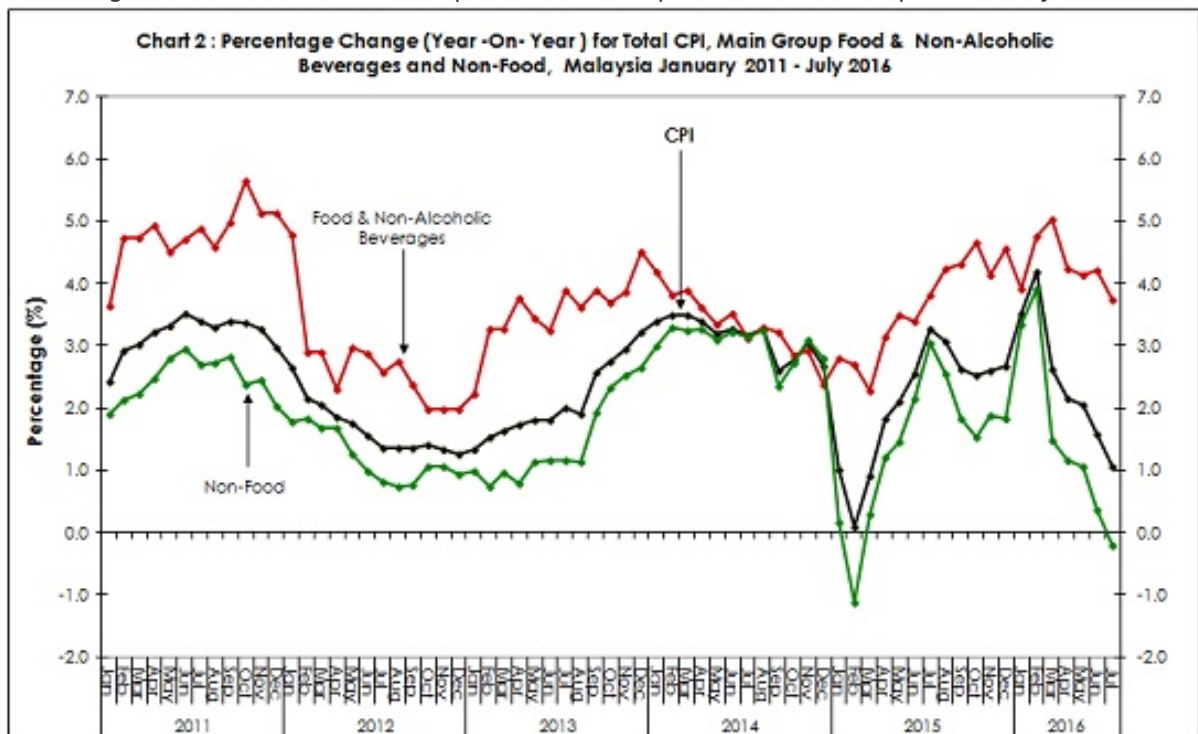


Percentage Change Year-on-Year
CPI for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages

July 2016 ↑ **+3.8%**



On a monthly basis, CPI for July 2016 increased 0.3 per cent to 115.1 from 114.8. CPI for the period January to July 2016 registered an increase of 2.4 per cent as compared to the same period last year.



Monthly Changes for CPI

When compared with the previous month, CPI for July 2016 increased 0.3 per cent to 115.1 from 114.8. Of the twelve major groups, nine recorded increases, one registered a decline while two remained unchanged. Among the main groups that recorded increases were Transport (+1.5 per cent); Recreation Services & Culture (+0.5 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+0.4 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+0.3 per cent); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+0.2 per cent) and Restaurants & Hotels (+0.2 per cent).

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for July 2016 increased by 0.3 per cent as compared to June 2016 (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 2016	June 2016/ June 2015	July 2016/ July 2015	Jan - July 2016/2015	June 2016/ May 2016	July 2016/ June 2016	July 2016	% Change July 2016/ June 2016
TOTAL	100.0	115.1	1.6	1.1	2.4	0.2	0.3	115.1	0.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	124.4	4.2	3.8	4.3	0.5	0.3	124.2	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.4	21.9	19.9	21.6	0.0	0.1	165.4	0.1
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	98.4	-0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	114.1	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	114.3	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	112.1	1.7	1.5	3.0	0.1	0.2	112.1	0.2
Health	1.7	117.8	2.0	2.0	3.1	0.4	0.1	117.8	0.1
Transport	13.7	101.7	-8.5	-9.9	-5.0	-0.1	1.5	101.7	1.5
Communication	5.2	98.1	-2.2	-2.3	-0.9	0.0	0.0	98.1	0.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	0.0	0.5	108.8	0.5
Education	1.1	115.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	0.1	0.1	115.0	0.2
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	125.1	2.2	2.1	3.3	-0.1	0.2	125.1	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	113.1	2.3	2.4	3.6	0.0	0.4	113.1	0.4
Non-Food	69.8	111.1	0.4	-0.2	1.5	0.0	0.2	111.1	0.2

The increase of 0.3 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in July 2016 compared with the previous month was due to the result of an increase in the index for Food At Home by 0.3 per cent and Food Away From Home (+0.2 per cent) while index for Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased 0.3 per cent (Table 2).

Among the index of food items which recorded notable increases in July 2016 compared with the previous month were **Chicken (+8.8 per cent)**; **Short Mackerel (Fish) (+4.4 per cent)**; **Watermelon (+4.2 per cent)** and **Round Scad (Fish) (+3.6 per cent)**.

Meanwhile, decreases were registered in the index of some food items such as **Red Chilly (-11.3 per cent)**; **Cucumber (-10.1 per cent)**; **Kai Lan (-8.1 per cent)**; **Choy Sam (-7.8 per cent)**; **Carrot (-7.5 per cent)**; **Round Cabbage (-4.6 per cent)**; **Spinach (-3.3 per cent)** and **Hen's Egg (-3.1 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 2016	June 2016/ June 2015	July 2016/ July 2015	Jan - July 2016/2015	June 2016/ May 2016	July 2016/ June 2016
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	124.4	4.2	3.8	4.3	0.5	0.3
Food	29.0	125.0	4.4	3.9	4.5	0.6	0.3
Food At Home	17.9	124.7	4.9	4.2	4.6	0.8	0.3
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.7	108.3	0.8	0.7	1.2	-0.1	0.0
Meat	2.8	128.0	2.2	7.0	3.2	2.5	4.5
Fish & Seafood	4.3	138.8	7.8	6.0	7.4	2.2	0.6
Milk & Eggs	1.6	123.9	2.2	1.2	0.7	0.5	-0.7
Oils & Fats	0.5	101.9	0.1	0.4	0.6	-0.4	0.1
Fruits	1.1	126.6	5.6	4.5	6.0	-0.2	0.6
Vegetables	2.4	126.7	12.5	6.3	9.5	-1.0	-3.6
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	134.3	1.7	1.9	2.6	0.0	0.1
Food Products n.e.c	0.9	126.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	0.7	0.2
Food Away From Home	11.1	125.4	3.6	3.1	4.1	0.2	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.2	111.6	0.7	0.5	1.7	-0.1	-0.3

CPI changes for the period January - July 2016 / 2015

CPI for the period January to July 2016 registered an increase of 2.4 per cent as compared to the same period last year. The increase was led by increases in the main groups with high expenditure percentages: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.3 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.7 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+21.6 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+3.6 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+3.3 per cent); Health (+3.1 per cent) and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.0 per cent) [Table 1].

The increase of 4.3 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+4.6 per cent); Food Away From Home (+4.1 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.7 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Vegetables (+9.5 per cent)**; **Fish & Seafood (+7.4 per cent)**; **Fruits (+6.0 per cent)**; **Meat (+3.2 per cent)** and **Sugar, Jam, Honey,**

Chocolate & Confectionery (+2.6 per cent).

Core Inflation

Core inflation, which excludes most volatile items of fresh food, as well as administered prices of goods and services rose 2.0 per cent in July 2016 compared to the same period of the previous year (Table 3). Among factors contributing to a higher core rate were price increases for Transport (+3.4 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.6 per cent); Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.4 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.3 per cent); Education (+2.2 per cent) and Restaurants & Hotels (+2.1 per cent).

Table 3 : Headline CPI and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Group	Wt.	HEADLINE CPI			CORE INDEX	
		Index	Percentage Change		Core Index	Percentage Change
		July 2016	July 2016/ June 2016	July 2016/ July 2015	Wt.	July 2016/ July 2015
TOTAL	100.0	115.1	0.3	1.1	100.0	2.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.2	124.4	0.3	3.8	26.3	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.4	0.1	19.9	-	-
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.4	-0.2	-0.6	4.6	-0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	114.1	0.0	2.4	26.8	2.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	112.1	0.2	1.5	5.2	1.5
Health	1.7	117.8	0.1	2.0	2.3	2.0
Transport	13.7	101.7	1.5	-9.9	6.7	3.4
Communication	5.2	98.1	0.0	-2.3	7.2	-2.3
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	108.8	0.5	1.7	6.6	1.7
Education	1.1	115.0	0.1	2.2	1.5	2.2
Restaurant & Hotel	2.9	125.1	0.2	2.1	3.9	2.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	113.1	0.4	2.4	8.9	2.4

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