

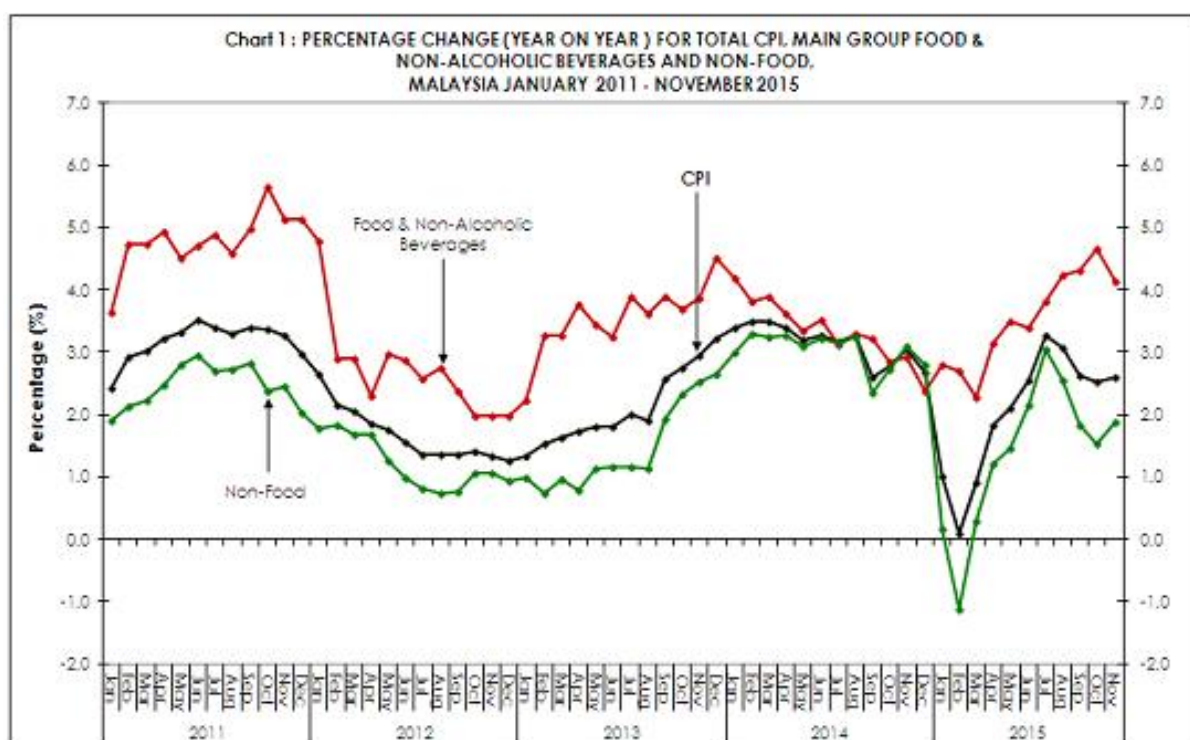


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA NOVEMBER 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for November 2015 increased by 2.6 per cent to 114.8 compared with 111.9 in the same month last year. The rise in the CPI was led by increases in the index for Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco group by 20.7 per cent; Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+5.9 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+4.6 per cent); Health (+4.4 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.1 per cent) and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+3.8 per cent). These six groups of goods and services which weighted 47.4 contributed 97.8 per cent to the increase in the CPI for the month of November 2015. In addition, the overall index is also influenced by the increase in Communication (+3.4 per cent) and Recreation Services & Culture by 2.6 per cent.

Overall, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.3) rose 4.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2015. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.7) recorded an increase of 1.9 per cent (Chart 1 and Table 1) .

On a monthly basis, CPI for November 2015 increased by 0.6 per cent. CPI for the first eleven months in 2015 registered an increase by 2.0 per cent as compared to the same period last year .



Monthly Changes for CPI

When compared with the previous month, CPI for November 2015 increased by 0.6 per cent. Of the twelve major groups, nine recorded an increase, one registered a decline while two remained unchanged. Among the major groups which recorded increases in November 2015 were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+17.5 per cent); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+0.5 per cent); and Transport (+0.4 per cent).

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the CPI for November 2015 increased by 0.6 per cent as compared to October 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	
		Nov 2015	Oct 2015/ Oct 2014	Nov 2015/ Nov 2014	Jan - Nov 2015/2014	Oct 2015/ Sep 2015	Nov 2015/ Oct 2015	Nov 2015	% Change Nov 2015/ Oct 2015
TOTAL	100.0	114.8	2.5	2.6	2.0	0.4	0.6	114.8	0.6
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	120.7	4.7	4.1	3.6	0.2	-0.2	121.0	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	162.3	13.3	20.7	12.6	0.0	17.5	162.3	17.5
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	98.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	-0.1	0.0	98.9	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	112.8	2.7	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.5	112.8	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equip. & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	110.8	3.8	3.8	2.5	-0.1	0.2	110.8	0.2
Health	1.3	116.2	4.7	4.4	4.5	0.2	0.1	116.2	0.1
Transport	14.9	110.4	-5.7	-5.2	-4.4	3.0	0.4	110.4	0.4
Communication	5.7	100.6	3.3	3.4	1.8	0.0	0.0	100.6	0.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	107.6	2.4	2.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	107.6	0.2
Education	1.4	112.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1	113.4	0.1
Restaurants & Hotels	3.2	123.5	4.7	4.6	4.2	0.2	0.2	123.5	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	111.7	5.8	5.9	4.1	-0.1	0.3	111.7	0.3
Non-Food	69.7	112.2	1.5	1.9	1.2	0.6	1.0	112.2	1.0

The 0.2 per cent decrease in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in November 2015 compared with the previous month was the result of a decrease in the index for Food At Home by 0.5 per cent. Meanwhile, the index for Food Away From Home and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic increased by 0.2

and 0.1 per cent respectively.

Among the food items which recorded notable decreases in November 2015 compared with the previous month were **Carrots (-13.6 per cent); Tomatoes (-8.3 per cent); Chicken (-6.2 per cent); Ginger (-4.9 per cent); Long Bean (-4.9 per cent); Hen's Eggs (-4.2 per cent); Round Cabbage (-3.0 per cent); Shallots (-2.4 per cent); Onion, Big (-1.3 per cent); and Potatoes (-0.6 per cent).**

Meanwhile, the index of some food items increased in November 2015 compared with the previous month. Among these food items were **Dried Chilly (+1.9 per cent); Sardine - Canned (+1.4 per cent); Cuttlefish (+1.3 per cent); Prawns (+1.0 per cent); Hardtail Scad (Fish) (+1.0 per cent); Biscuits - Sweetened (+0.8 per cent); and Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+0.6 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	
		Nov 2015	Oct 2015/ Oct 2014	Nov 2015/ Nov 2014	Jan - Nov 2015/2014	Oct 2015/ Sep 2015	Nov 2015/ Oct 2015
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	120.7	4.7	4.1	3.6	0.2	-0.2
Food	28.9	121.1	4.7	4.2	3.6	0.1	-0.2
Food At Home	18.9	120.2	4.9	4.1	3.4	0.0	-0.5
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	4.4	107.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.1
Meat	2.9	115.1	2.4	0.7	1.7	-1.7	-2.8
Fish & Seafood	4.5	132.7	6.1	6.6	4.2	0.0	0.2
Milk & Eggs	1.8	123.0	4.1	2.0	4.9	0.4	-1.0
Oils & Fats	0.6	101.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0
Fruits	1.2	122.9	5.9	5.9	3.9	-0.2	0.2
Vegetables	2.1	123.7	12.7	8.9	6.8	2.0	-0.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionary	0.6	132.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.1
Food Products n.e.c	0.8	121.5	5.7	5.7	4.4	0.5	0.3
Food Away From Home	10.0	122.8	4.3	4.3	3.9	0.2	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.4	111.6	3.1	3.3	2.5	-0.1	0.1

CPI changes for the period January - November 2015 / 2014

The increase of 2.0 per cent in the CPI for the first eleven months in 2015 was led by increases among the main groups with high weights: Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.6 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.4 per cent). Other increases were Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+12.6 per cent); Health (+4.5 per cent); Restaurants & Hotels (+4.2 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+4.1 per cent). On the other hand, a decrease was recorded in the index of Transport by 4.4 per cent.

Based on the above changes and the weights assigned to the main groups, the relative contribution to the overall increase of 2.0 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		November 2015 / 2014		January - November 2015 / 2014	
		% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution	% Change	% Contribution
TOTAL	100.0	3.2	100.0	2.6	100.0	2.0	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	30.3	3.3	34.0	4.1	49.9	3.6	54.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.2	11.6	8.3	20.7	20.7	12.6	14.8
Clothing & Footwear	3.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	22.6	3.4	24.1	2.5	20.9	2.4	26.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.0	1.3	3.8	5.7	2.5	4.8
Health	1.3	2.9	1.2	4.4	2.2	4.5	2.8
Transport	14.9	4.9	23.1	-5.2	-31.0	-4.4	-32.0
Communication	5.7	-0.7	-1.3	3.4	6.3	1.8	4.4
Recreation Services & Culture	4.6	1.5	2.2	2.6	4.2	1.6	3.4
Education	1.4	2.4	1.1	2.5	1.3	2.4	1.6
Restaurant & Hotel	3.2	4.7	5.0	4.6	5.9	4.2	6.8
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.3	0.7	1.3	5.9	13.4	4.1	11.8

The increase of 3.6 per cent in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was the result of increases for Food At Home (+3.4 per cent); Food Away From Home (+3.9 per cent) and Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.5 per cent). Among the subgroups of Food At Home which showed significant increases during this period as shown in Table 2 were **Vegetables (+6.8 per cent); Milk & Eggs (+4.9 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+4.2 per cent); and Fruits (+3.9 per cent).**

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