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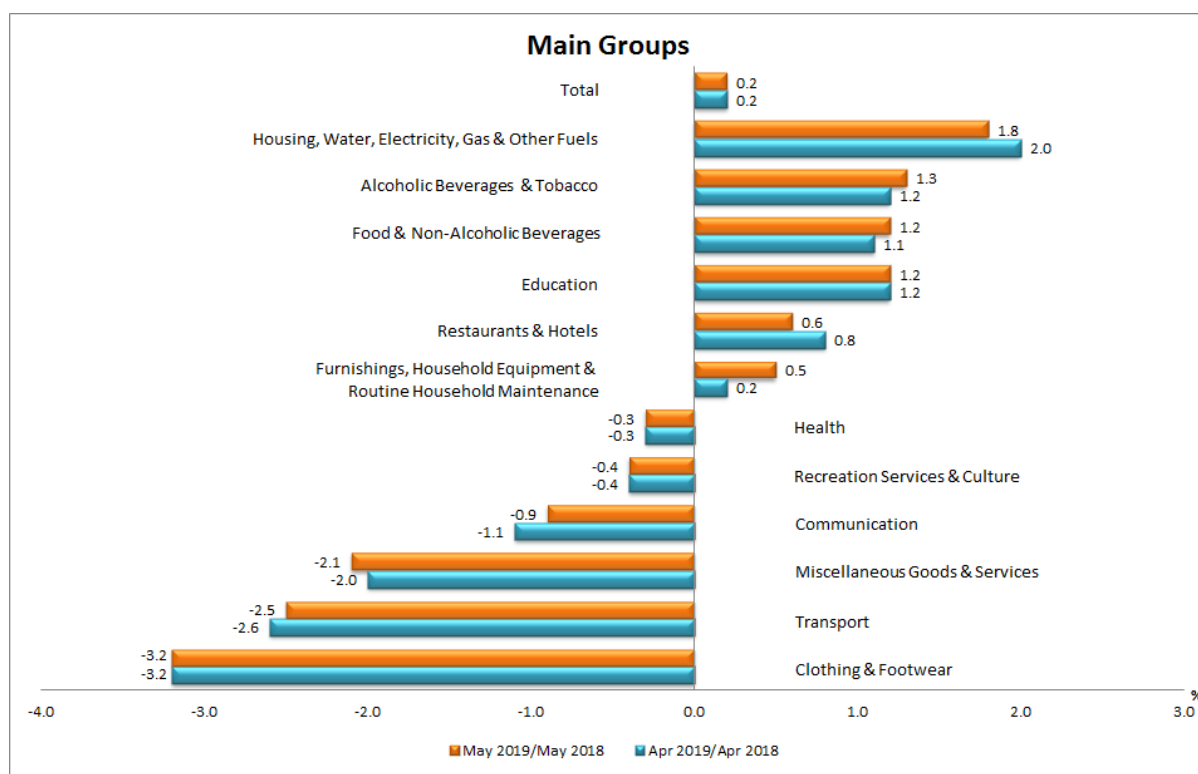
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), Department of Statistics Malaysia

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by **0.2 per cent** in May 2019 to 121.4 as compared to 121.1 in the same month of the preceding year. The main groups that contributed to the increases were **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+1.8 per cent)**, **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (+1.3 per cent)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.2 per cent)**, **Education (+1.2 per cent)**, **Restaurants & Hotels (+0.6 per cent)** and **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+0.5 per cent)**. (Chart 1).

On a monthly basis, CPI rose 0.2 per cent as compared to April 2019. Meanwhile, CPI for the period of January – May 2019 registered a decrease of 0.1 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

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



Index for Sub-Groups Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The overall index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **1.2 per cent** in May 2019. The increase was attributed by the food sub-group index of **Vegetables (+4.5 per cent)**, **Fish & Seafood (+0.9 per cent)** and **Milk & Eggs (+0.7 per cent)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Cucumbers (+23.7 per cent)**, **Fresh Chilly Red (+23.6 per cent)**, **Round Cabbage (+18.2 per cent)**, **Long Beans (+16.9 per cent)**, **Cockles (+11.1 per cent)**, **Hen's Eggs (+8.4 per cent)**, **Spanish Mackerel (Fish) (+4.6 per cent)**, **Red Snapper (Fish) (+3.1 per cent)**, **Choy Sum (+2.0 per cent)**, **Crabs (+2.0 per cent)** and **Prawns (+1.5 per cent)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **2.9 per cent** in May 2019 as against May 2018. The rise in the price of Burger, Fried Chicken, Rice with Side Dishes and Food Made from Noodles 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, May 2019/May 2018

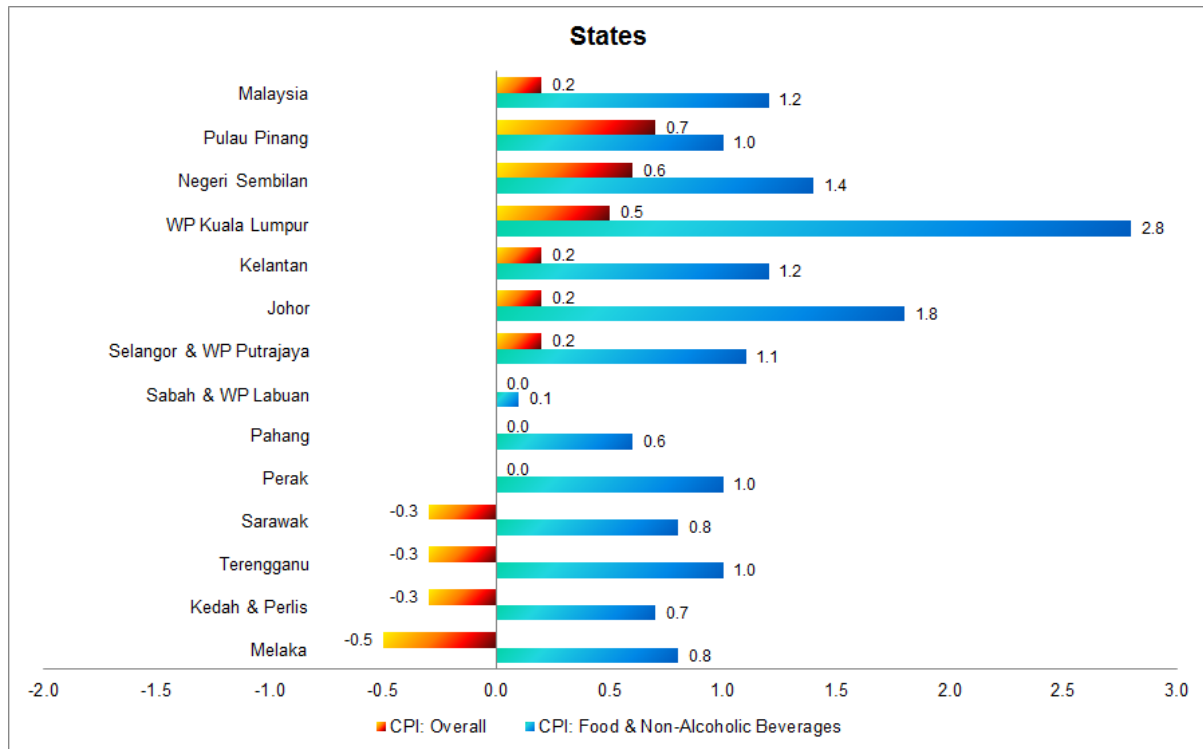
Sub-groups		Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change		
	Weight	May 2019	Apr 2019/ Apr 2018	May 2019/ May 2018	Apr 2019/ Mar 2019	May 2019/ Apr 2019	
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages		29.5	132.7	1.1	1.2	-0.2	0.3
Food		28.4	133.6	1.1	1.2	-0.2	0.3
Food At Home		16.9	129.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5
	Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	110.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0
	Meat	4.5	122.9	-3.6	-3.1	-3.1	1.3
	Fish & Seafood	5.5	151.5	0.2	0.9	-0.4	0.3
	Milk & Eggs	6.5	125.5	1.9	0.7	-1.8	0.0
	Oils & Fats	7.5	117.5	-1.0	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4
	Fruits	8.5	132.6	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
	Vegetables	9.5	135.7	2.2	4.5	1.8	2.3
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	10.5	134.9	-2.2	-2.2	0.2	-0.1
	Food Products n.e.c.	11.5	131.8	-0.5	-0.8	0.2	0.1
	Food Away From Home	12.5	139.9	3.1	2.9	0.1	0.1
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages		1.1	112.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.1

Consumer Price Index by States

Three states namely Pulau Pinang (+0.7 per cent), Negeri Sembilan (+0.6 per cent) and Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+0.5 per cent) surpassed the national CPI rate of 0.2 per cent in May 2019 as compared to May 2018. Meanwhile, Kelantan, Johor and Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya showed the same rate of increase as the national CPI.

The increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected all states in Malaysia. Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (+2.8 per cent), Johor (+1.8 per cent) and Negeri Sembilan (+1.4 per cent) surpassed the national index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in May 2019. (Chart 2)

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



Core Index

Core index increased 0.4 per cent in May 2019 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.0 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.5 per cent), Education (+1.2 per cent) and Restaurants & Hotels (+0.6 per cent).

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, May 2019/May 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
		May 2019	May 2019/ Apr 2019	May 2019/ May 2018	Jan-May 2019/2018	May 2019	May 2019/ Apr 2019		May 2019/ May 2018
Total	100.0	121.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	121.4	0.2	100.0	0.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	132.7	0.3	1.2	1.1	132.8	0.3	26.5	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.8	0.1	1.3	1.2	167.8	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	94.6	-0.1	-3.2	-3.2	94.6	-0.1	4.5	-3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	121.1	0.3	1.8	2.0	120.9	0.0	26.5	2.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	116.5	0.3	5.5	0.5
Health	1.9	122.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	122.5	0.0	2.6	-0.3
Transport	14.6	114.8	0.2	-2.5	-4.5	114.8	0.2	6.5	-2.5
Communication	4.8	96.0	0.0	-0.9	-1.1	96.0	0.0	6.5	-0.9
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	111.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	111.5	-0.1	6.6	-0.4
Education	1.3	119.5	0.1	1.2	1.2	119.3	0.2	1.8	1.2
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	131.4	-0.2	0.6	1.0	131.4	-0.2	3.9	0.6
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	112.3	0.0	-2.1	-2.1	112.3	0.0	9.1	-2.1
Non-Food	70.5	116.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	116.7	-	-	-

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

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