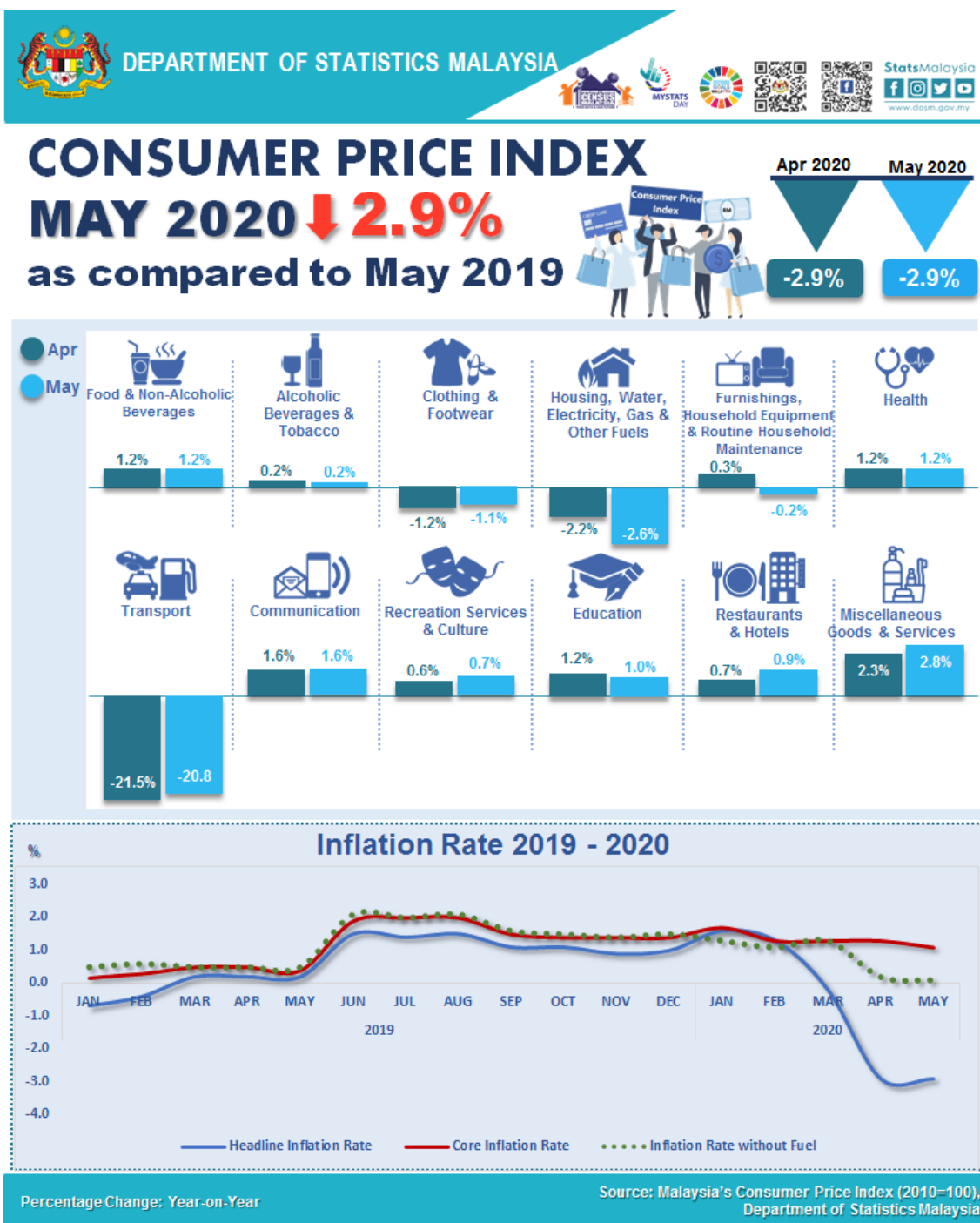




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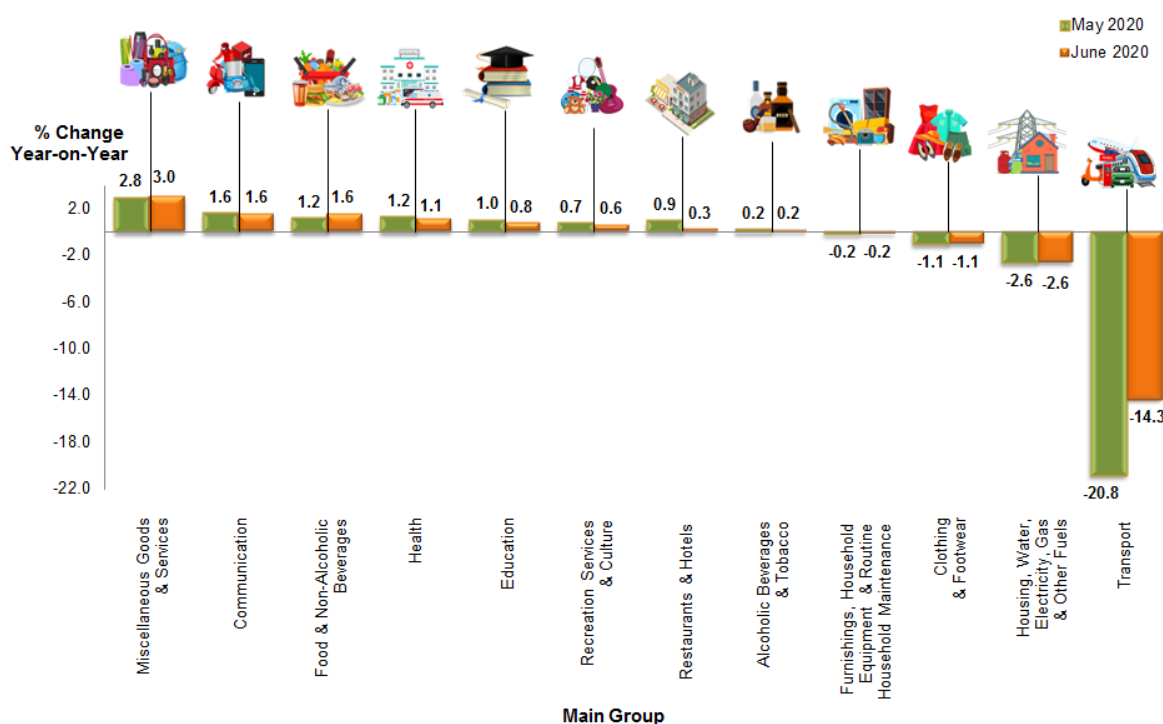


Summary Findings

Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined **2.9 per cent** in May 2020 to 117.9 as against 121.4 in the same month of the preceding year. The decrease in the overall index was driven by the decline of **Transport (-20.8%)**, **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (-2.6%)**, **Clothing & Footwear (-1.1%)** and **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-0.2%)** which contributed 45.7 per cent to overall weight.

Nevertheless, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** continued to increase in May 2020 by **1.2 per cent** to 134.3 as compared to 132.7 in corresponding month of the preceding year. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages contributes 29.5 per cent of CPI weight. Similarly, **Miscellaneous Goods & Services** also inclined by **2.8 per cent**, followed by **Communication (1.6%)**, **Health (1.2%)** and **Education (1.0%)**.

Chart 1: Percentage Change of Consumer Price Index by Main Group



Meanwhile, the CPI for the period of January to May 2020 decreased **0.7 per cent** as compared to the same period last year. The decrease was attributed by **Transport (-9.1%)** and **Clothing & Footwear (-1.2%)**.

Although year-on-year CPI decreased, CPI on a monthly basis increased by **0.3 per cent** as compared to April 2020. The increase was attributed by **Transport (1.0%)**, **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.5%)**, **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.3%)**, **Restaurants & Hotels (0.1%)** and **Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (0.1%)**.

Index for Subgroup Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Table 1: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Main Group	Weight	Index	Percentage Change	
		June 2020	June 2020 / May 2020	June 2020 / June 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	134.9	0.4	1.6
Food	28.4	135.4	0.4	1.7
Food at Home	16.9	132.0	0.7	1.6
Rice bread & other cereals	3.5	111.7	0.2	0.9
Meat	2.5	129.5	2.6	5.7
Fish & seafood	4.0	153.4	0.5	0.7
Milk, cheese & eggs	1.5	124.1	0.1	-0.9
Oil & fats	0.6	119.2	0.3	1.4
Fruits	1.2	134.5	0.5	1.1
Vegetables	2.1	139.9	0.6	2.1
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.6	133.8	0.1	-0.9
Food products n.e.c	1.0	135.7	0.4	2.8
Food away from Home	11.5	142.2	0.1	1.8
Coffee, tea, cocoa & non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	112.6	0.1	0.3

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **1.2 per cent** in May 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the subgroup of **Meat (2.7%)**, **Food Products not elsewhere classified (2.6%)** and **Vegetables (2.4%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Small Onion (33.6%)**, **Big Onion (27.4%)** and **Garlic (26.8%)**.

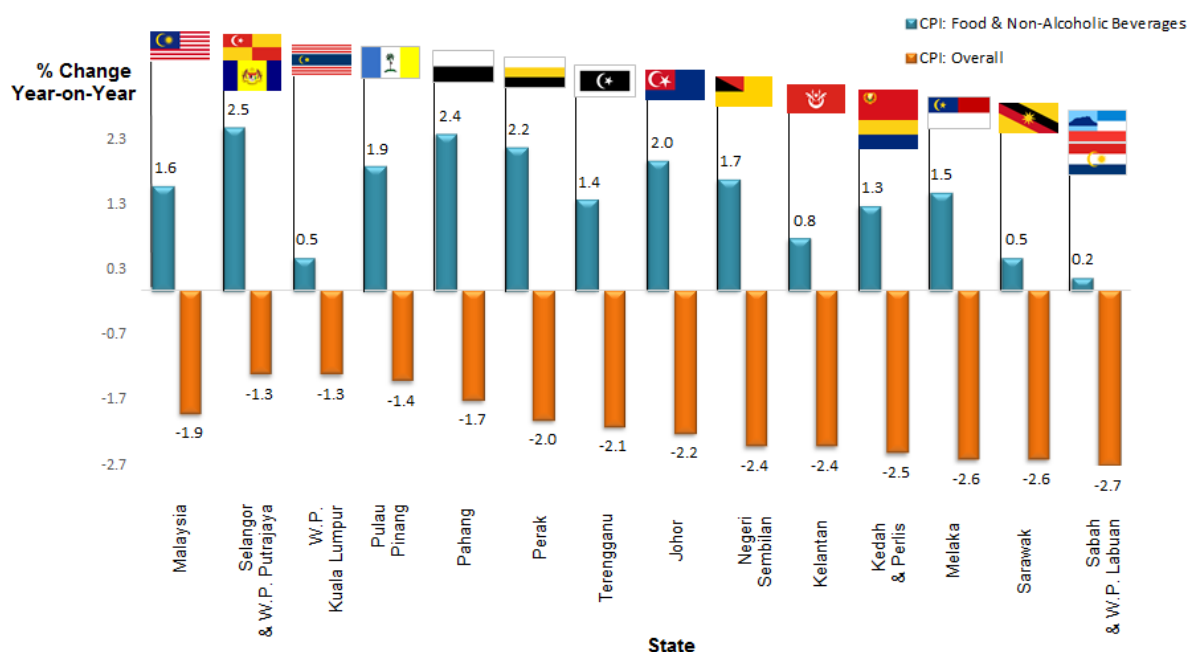
The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **1.6 per cent** in May 2020 as against May 2019. The increase in price of **Nasi Lemak**, **Fried Rice** and **Rice with Side Dishes** contributed to the increase of the index of this subgroup.

Consumer Price Index by State

The index for all states decreased **between -1.9 to -3.8 per cent** in May 2020 as compared to May 2019. The highest decrease was recorded by **Sarawak (-3.8%)** followed by **Kelantan (-3.7%)** and **Kedah & Perlis (-3.7%)**.

However, all states registered an increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by **Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (2.1%)**, **Perak (1.8%)**, **Pulau Pinang (1.7%)** and **Johor (1.3%)** and it surpassed the national index of 1.2 per cent for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in May 2020.

Chart 2: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Group by State



CPI without Fuel

CPI without fuel is at a positive rate of **0.1 per cent** in May 2020 as compared to 0.2 per cent in April 2020. CPI without fuel covers all goods and services except Unleaded Petrol RON95, Unleaded Petrol RON97 and Diesel.

Chart 3: Percentage Change of CPI without Fuel, Jan 2019 - May 2020



Core Index

Core index rose **1.1 per cent** in May 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the increase were **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.8%)**, **Communication (1.6%)** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.4%)**.

Core index excludes most volatile items of fresh food as well as administered prices of goods and services.

Table 2: Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Group

HEADLINE CPI						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX		CORE INDEX	
Main Group	Weight	Index	Percentage Change			Index	Month-on-Month Percentage Change	Core Index Weight	Year-on-Year Percentage Change
		June 2020	June 2020/ May 2020	June 2020/ June 2019	Jan-June 2020/2019	June 2020	June 2020/ May 2020		June 2020/ June 2019
Total	100.0	119.1	1.0	-1.9	-0.8	119.1	1.0	100.0	1.2
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	134.9	0.4	1.6	1.2	135.0	0.5	26.5	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	168.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	168.1	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	93.5	-0.1	-1.1	-1.2	93.6	-0.1	4.5	-1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	117.9	0.0	-2.6	-0.4	118.0	0.2	26.5	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	116.4	0.1	-0.2	0.5	116.3	0.1	5.5	-0.2
Health	1.9	124.1	0.1	1.1	1.3	124.0	0.1	2.6	1.1
Transport	14.6	98.0	7.8	-14.3	-10.0	90.9	7.8	6.5	-0.2
Communication	4.8	97.5	0.0	1.6	1.5	97.5	0.0	6.5	1.6
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	112.3	0.0	0.6	0.7	112.3	0.0	6.6	0.6
Education	1.3	120.5	-0.2	0.8	1.3	120.5	0.0	1.8	0.8
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.1	-0.4	0.3	0.8	132.6	-0.4	3.9	0.3
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	116.0	0.4	3.0	2.6	115.5	0.4	9.1	3.0
Non-Food	70.5	112.5	1.3	-3.6	-1.8	-	-	-	-

Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, May 2020 (RM)

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