

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for August 2005  
(Oct. 1999 - Sep. 2000 = 100)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>		<u>CPI(A)</u>		<u>CPI(B)</u>		<u>CPI(C)</u>	
	Index for Aug 2005	% change over Aug 2004	Index for Aug 2005	% change over Aug 2004	Index for Aug 2005	% change over Aug 2004	Index for Aug 2005	% change over Aug 2004
Food	98.2	+2.0	98.5	+2.4	98.2	+2.2	97.8	+1.0
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	97.9	+1.1	98.2	+1.4	97.6	+1.5	97.9	-0.2
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	98.8	+3.4	99.0	+3.6	99.3	+3.5	97.6	+2.9
Housing #	81.5	+1.0	83.7	+0.8	81.1	+1.1	79.5	+1.1
<i>Private housing rent</i>	78.2	+1.1	78.6	+1.0	78.5	+1.2	77.3	+1.2
<i>Public housing rent</i>	100.0	+0.1	100.0	+0.1	100.0	+0.1	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	106.8	+2.5	106.3	+2.4	106.9	+2.5	107.9	+2.7
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	105.9	-0.1	106.1	-0.1	105.9	-0.1	104.7	-0.1
Clothing and footwear	92.5	+1.4	94.8	+1.6	94.9	+1.3	86.8	+1.3
Durable goods	76.7	-1.9	77.9	-1.6	75.7	-2.1	77.1	-1.7
Miscellaneous goods	112.0	+2.9	109.3	+1.8	110.9	+2.7	116.1	+4.1
Transport	103.0	+2.4	101.5	+1.9	103.4	+2.4	104.1	+2.9
Miscellaneous services	96.4	+0.6	93.2	-0.5	96.7	+0.3	98.8	+1.8
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	106.0	+1.5	105.3	+1.4	105.3	+1.4	107.9	+1.9
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	62.4	-6.6	64.3	-6.4	60.9	-6.2	61.6	-7.6
<i>Medical services</i>	105.7	+1.4	106.1	+0.7	107.1	+1.6	103.6	+1.8
<b>All items</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>+1.5</b>

- Not applicable.

Note:

The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled by reference to the average expenditure patterns for different groups of households as obtained from the Household Expenditure Survey. By aggregating the expenditure patterns of all households covered by the above three indices, a Composite CPI is also compiled.

The expenditure ranges of the households covered in the 1999/2000-based CPI series are as follows:

	<u>Approximate percentage of households covered</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (at 1999/2000 prices)</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2004 prices)</u>
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,500 - 18,499	4,200 - 17,000
CPI(B)	30	18,500 - 32,499	17,000 - 29,800
CPI(C)	10	32,500 - 65,999	29,800 - 60,400
Composite CPI	90	4,500 - 65,999	4,200 - 60,400

# Apart from "Private housing rent" and "Public housing rent", the "Housing" section also includes "Management fee and other housing charges" and "Tools and materials for house maintenance".

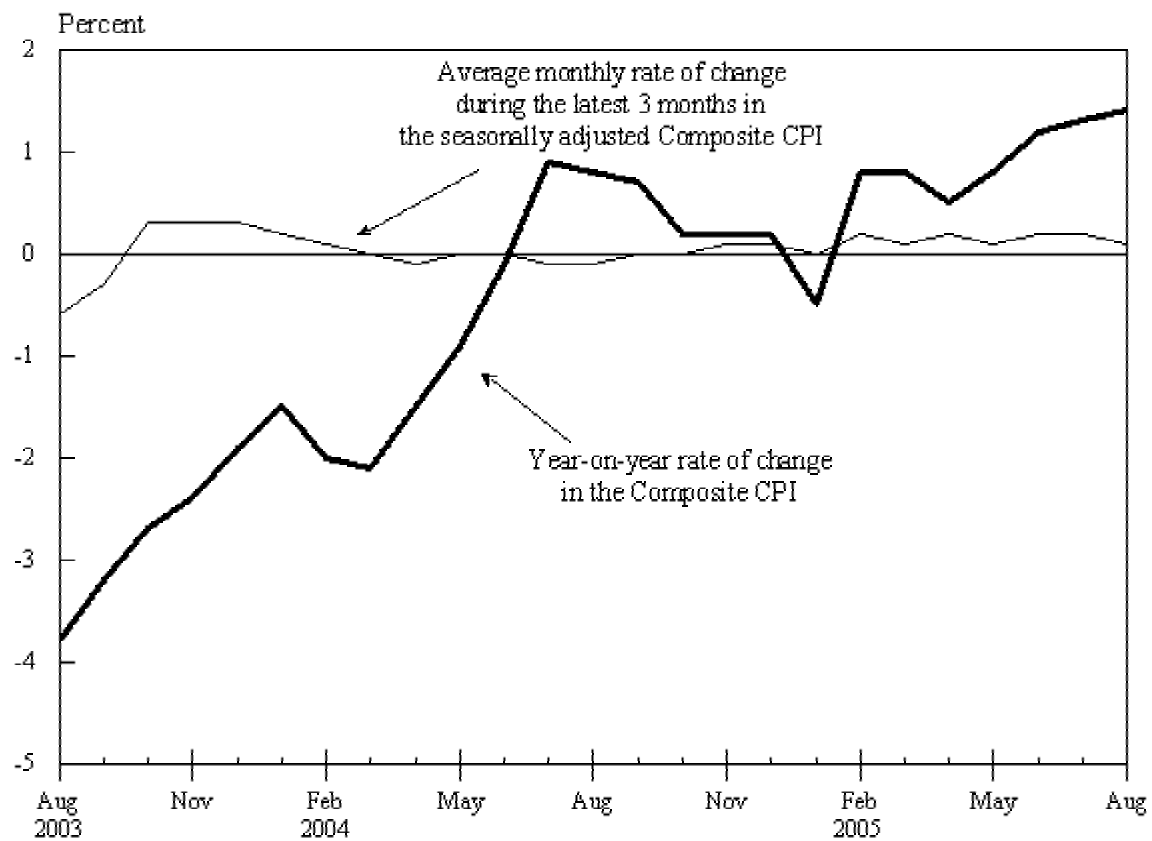
Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, August 2003 - August 2005

		CPI				Seasonally adjusted CPI <sup>#</sup>			
		Year-on-year rate of change (%)				Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
Year/month		Composite				Composite			
		CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	CPI(C)	CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	CPI(C)
2003	Aug	-3.8	-3.5	-3.9	-4.1	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5
	Sep	-3.2	-2.8	-3.2	-3.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
	Oct	-2.7	-2.0	-2.7	-3.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1
	Nov	-2.4	-1.8	-2.5	-2.8	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2
	Dec	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1	-2.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2
2004	Jan	-1.5	-0.7	-1.6	-2.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Feb	-2.0	-1.1	-2.1	-2.8	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	*
	Mar	-2.1	-1.8	-2.1	-2.5	-0.1	*	*	-0.1
	Apr	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	May	-0.9	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	*	*	*	-0.1
	Jun	-0.1	+0.1	-0.2	-0.3	*	+0.1	*	*
	Jul	+0.9	+1.5	+0.8	+0.4	-0.1	*	-0.1	-0.1
	Aug	+0.8	+1.4	+0.7	+0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Sep	+0.7	+1.3	+0.6	+0.3	*	*	*	-0.1
	Oct	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	-0.1	*	*	*	*
	Nov	+0.2	+0.6	+0.2	-0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Dec	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Jan	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0	*	+0.1	*	*
2005	Feb	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.5	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Mar	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
	Apr	+0.5	+0.7	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	May	+0.8	+0.9	+0.8	+0.8	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Jun	+1.2	+1.3	+1.2	+1.0	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Jul	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Aug	+1.4	+1.3	+1.4	+1.5	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1

\* Denotes a figure within  $\pm 0.05\%$ .

# The seasonally adjusted indices are subject to revision up to 3 years after original publication.

**Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index**



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