

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

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Dec 2005	% change over Dec 2004	Index for Dec 2005	% change over Dec 2004	Index for Dec 2005	% change over Dec 2004	Index for Dec 2005	% change over Dec 2004
Food	98.1	+1.6	98.4	+2.1	98.2	+1.9	97.5	+0.2
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	98.2	+1.1	98.4	+1.4	97.9	+1.5	98.3	-0.1
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	98.1	+2.4	98.5	+2.9	98.8	+2.8	96.1	+0.6
Housing <sup>#</sup>	82.9	+3.1	84.9	+2.7	82.6	+3.4	80.9	+3.1
<i>Private housing rent</i>	79.9	+3.9	80.3	+3.7	80.3	+4.0	78.9	+3.8
<i>Public housing rent</i>	99.7	+0.1	99.7	+0.1	99.7	+0.1	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	110.5	+3.7	110.0	+3.7	110.6	+3.8	111.3	+3.9
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	106.1	*	106.3	-0.1	106.2	*	105.1	+0.3
Clothing and footwear	100.2	-1.6	101.3	-1.7	102.3	-1.7	96.0	-1.5
Durable goods	76.1	-2.4	77.3	-2.3	74.9	-2.7	76.6	-2.0
Miscellaneous goods	115.8	+4.1	110.7	+1.7	114.4	+3.7	122.6	+6.9
Transport	102.3	+1.9	101.0	+1.7	102.7	+2.0	103.1	+2.0
Miscellaneous services	97.0	+1.3	94.3	+0.7	97.3	+1.2	98.7	+1.8
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	107.7	+2.0	107.2	+2.3	106.6	+1.8	109.7	+2.1
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	64.6	-3.0	66.6	-2.9	62.8	-3.0	64.5	-3.2
<i>Medical services</i>	105.6	+0.7	105.9	+0.1	107.1	+0.7	103.7	+1.2
<b>All items</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>+1.9</b>

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

- 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:

	Approximate percentage of households covered	Average monthly household expenditure range (at 1999/2000 prices)	Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2005 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,500 - 18,499	4,300 - 17,200
CPI(B)	30	18,500 - 32,499	17,200 - 30,100
CPI(C)	10	32,500 - 65,999	30,100 - 61,000
Composite CPI	90	4,500 - 65,999	4,300 - 61,000

# 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".

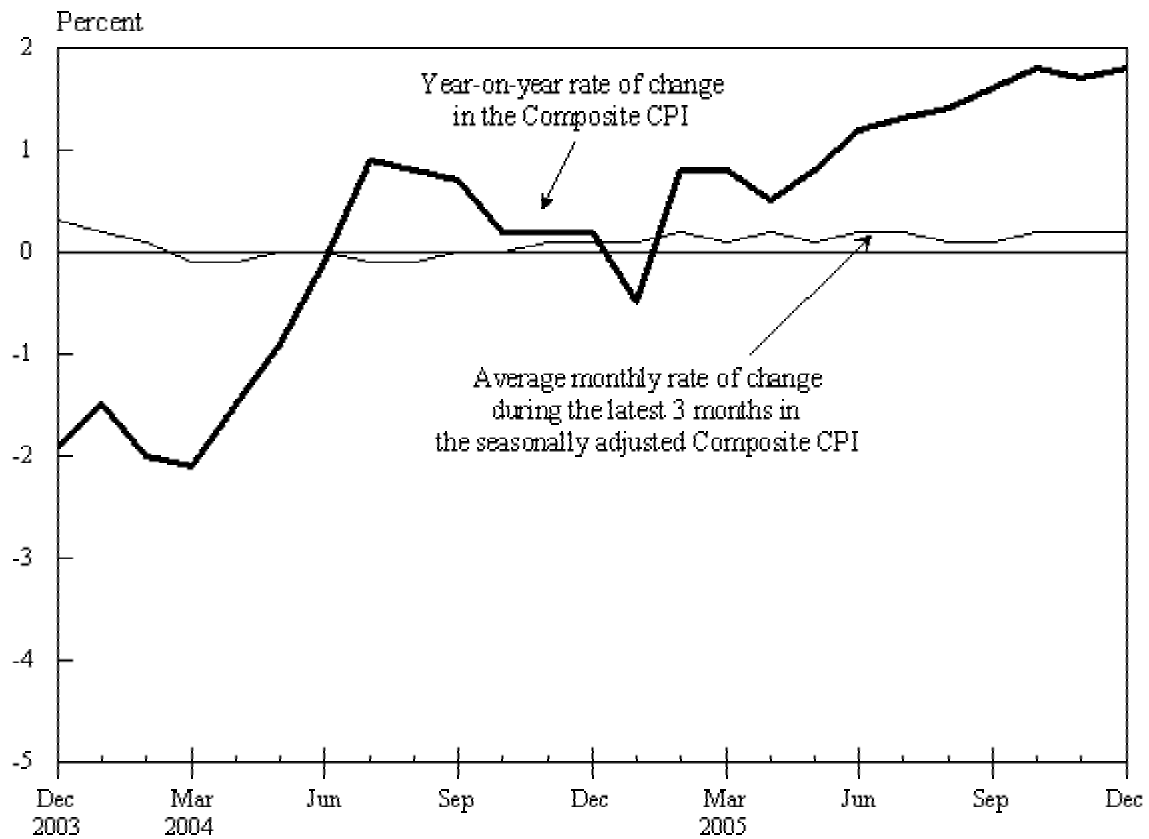
Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, December 2003 - December 2005

		CPI				Seasonally adjusted CPI #			
		Year-on-year rate of change (%)				Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
<u>Year/month</u>		Composite				Composite			
		<u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>	<u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2003	Dec	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1	-2.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3
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	-0.1	-0.1
	Apr	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-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	-0.2
	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	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
2005	Jan	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	*
	Feb	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.5	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
	Mar	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+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	+0.2
	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	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
	Aug	+1.4	+1.3	+1.4	+1.5	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Sep	+1.6	+1.5	+1.7	+1.7	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.1
	Oct	+1.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.9	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Nov	+1.7	+1.5	+1.8	+1.7	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Dec	+1.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.9	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2

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



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