

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for March 2007
(Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2007	% change over Mar 2006	Index for Mar 2007	% change over Mar 2006	Index for Mar 2007	% change over Mar 2006	Index for Mar 2007	% change over Mar 2006
Food	104.4	+3.2	104.5	+3.2	104.1	+2.8	104.7	+3.9
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	103.1	+2.0	102.6	+1.5	102.8	+1.7	104.2	+3.5
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	106.6	+5.2	107.1	+5.6	106.5	+5.0	105.7	+4.6
Housing #	108.9	+4.5	107.4	+3.9	109.9	+5.0	109.1	+4.4
<i>Private housing rent</i>	110.5	+5.3	110.2	+5.3	111.4	+5.7	109.7	+4.8
<i>Public housing rent</i>	100.0	+0.1	100.0	+0.1	100.0	+0.1	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	102.2	-1.5	101.8	-1.7	102.2	-1.5	103.0	-1.1
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	95.3	-3.8	94.9	-3.8	95.4	-3.9	96.5	-3.3
Clothing and footwear	101.2	+4.4	100.7	+2.0	100.4	+2.1	102.6	+9.2
Durable goods	89.0	-5.7	88.3	-5.5	87.5	-6.3	91.2	-5.3
Miscellaneous goods	103.0	+2.4	102.3	+2.6	102.9	+2.4	103.8	+2.2
Transport	99.9	-0.8	100.6	-0.3	100.1	-0.6	98.8	-1.6
Miscellaneous services	103.1	+2.2	101.4	+1.2	103.3	+2.3	104.0	+2.8
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	103.7	+2.0	104.1	+2.3	103.4	+1.9	103.8	+2.1
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	98.6	-0.2	98.2	-0.6	98.7	-0.1	99.5	+0.4
<i>Medical services</i>	101.5	+1.0	100.9	+0.8	101.4	+1.0	102.1	+1.3
All items	103.9	+2.4	103.6	+2.2	103.9	+2.3	104.1	+2.7

- Not applicable.

Note:

The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled with 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 2004/05-based CPI series are as follows:

	Approximate percentage of households covered	Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2004/05 prices)	Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2006 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,000 - 15,499	4,100 - 15,800
CPI(B)	30	15,500 - 27,499	15,800 - 28,200
CPI(C)	10	27,500 - 59,999	28,200 - 61,500
Composite CPI	90	4,000 - 59,999	4,100 - 61,500

Apart from "Private housing rent" and "Public housing rent", the "Housing" section also includes "Management fees and other housing charges" and "Materials for house maintenance".

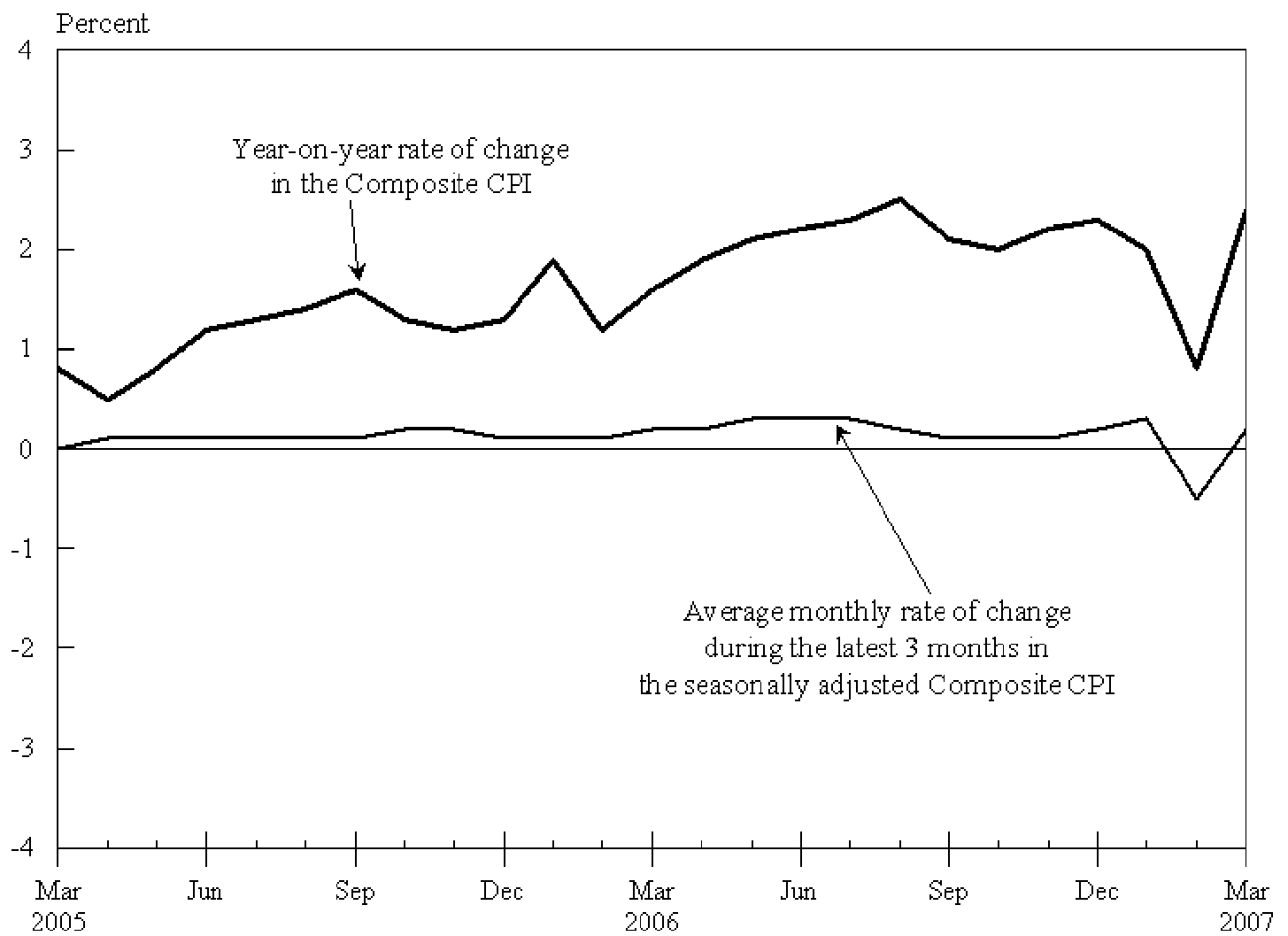
Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, March 2005 - March 2007

		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>
2005	Mar	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.3	*	+0.1	*	*
	Apr	+0.5	+0.7	+0.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	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	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
	Jul	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
	Aug	+1.4	+1.3	+1.4	+1.5	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.1
	Sep	+1.6	+1.5	+1.7	+1.7	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
	Oct	+1.3	+1.2	+1.4	+1.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Nov	+1.2	+1.1	+1.3	+1.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Dec	+1.3	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
2006	Jan	+1.9	+1.6	+2.0	+2.0	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Feb	+1.2	+1.1	+1.2	+1.4	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Mar	+1.6	+1.4	+1.7	+1.8	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
	Apr	+1.9	+1.7	+2.0	+2.0	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	May	+2.1	+1.8	+2.2	+2.4	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
	Jun	+2.2	+1.9	+2.2	+2.5	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
	Jul	+2.3	+2.0	+2.4	+2.5	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3
	Aug	+2.5	+2.3	+2.6	+2.6	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Sep	+2.1	+1.9	+2.2	+2.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Oct	+2.0	+1.7	+2.1	+2.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Nov	+2.2	+1.8	+2.2	+2.6	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.2
	Dec	+2.3	+1.9	+2.3	+2.7	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
2007	Jan	+2.0	+1.8	+1.9	+2.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
	Feb	+0.8	-3.2	+2.1	+3.6	-0.5	-1.6	-0.1	+0.3
	Mar	+2.4	+2.2	+2.3	+2.7	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2

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

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



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