

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for February 2008  
(Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Feb 2008	% change over Feb 2007	Index for Feb 2008	% change over Feb 2007	Index for Feb 2008	% change over Feb 2007	Index for Feb 2008	% change over Feb 2007
Food	116.0	+10.8	117.9	+12.6	115.3	+10.4	113.8	+8.6
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	108.9	+5.5	108.7	+5.8	108.9	+5.6	109.2	+4.9
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	127.8	+19.5	130.6	+21.6	127.0	+18.8	123.2	+16.0
Housing <sup>#</sup>	109.7	+9.2	104.2	+18.5	111.3	+5.7	114.0	+4.8
<i>Private housing rent</i>	114.0	+3.5	112.7	+2.5	114.2	+2.9	115.1	+5.1
<i>Public housing rent</i>	75.0	+1495.1 <sup>@</sup>	75.1	+1495.1 <sup>@</sup>	74.7	+1495.0 <sup>@</sup>	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	109.4	+7.4	109.2	+7.6	109.3	+7.3	109.9	+7.0
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	95.9	+0.9	96.0	+1.5	95.6	+0.4	96.2	-0.3
Clothing and footwear	99.9	+0.6	101.7	+1.5	100.8	+1.2	97.5	-0.9
Durable goods	86.2	-3.7	85.0	-3.7	84.1	-4.3	89.2	-3.1
Miscellaneous goods	107.7	+4.1	107.6	+4.7	107.5	+4.0	108.1	+3.6
Transport	101.8	+1.2	100.7	-0.3	102.0	+1.2	102.4	+2.5
Miscellaneous services	106.8	+1.4	102.1	-0.5	108.1	+2.1	108.2	+1.7
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	99.7	-3.8	96.4	-7.3	100.4	-2.8	101.0	-2.6
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	96.6	-1.9	96.2	-1.8	96.7	-1.9	97.5	-2.0
<i>Medical services</i>	104.9	+3.6	103.9	+3.1	104.8	+3.5	105.7	+4.2
<b>All items</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>+9.9</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>+5.2</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>+3.9</b>

- Not applicable.

@ Affected by the low base of comparison arising from the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007.

**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 2007 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,000 - 15,499	4,100 - 16,100
CPI(B)	30	15,500 - 27,499	16,100 - 28,900
CPI(C)	10	27,500 - 59,999	28,900 - 63,200
Composite CPI	90	4,000 - 59,999	4,100 - 63,200

# 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, February 2006 - February 2008

<u>Year/month</u>	CPI			
	Year-on-year rate of change (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2006 Feb	+1.2	+1.1	+1.2	+1.4
Mar	+1.6	+1.4	+1.7	+1.8
Apr	+1.9	+1.7	+2.0	+2.0
May	+2.1	+1.8	+2.2	+2.4
Jun	+2.2	+1.9	+2.2	+2.5
Jul	+2.3	+2.0	+2.4	+2.5
Aug	+2.5	+2.3	+2.6	+2.6
Sep	+2.1	+1.9	+2.2	+2.3
Oct	+2.0	+1.7	+2.1	+2.1
Nov	+2.2	+1.8	+2.2	+2.6
Dec	+2.3	+1.9	+2.3	+2.7
2007 Jan	+2.0	+1.8	+1.9	+2.3
Feb	+0.8 (+3.1)	-3.2 (+2.6)	+2.1 (+3.2)	+3.6
Mar	+2.4	+2.2	+2.3	+2.7
Apr	+1.3 (+2.4)	+0.7 (+2.1)	+1.3 (+2.3)	+1.9 (+2.8)
May	+1.2 (+2.3)	+0.7 (+2.1)	+1.3 (+2.3)	+1.7 (+2.6)
Jun	+1.3 (+2.4)	+0.8 (+2.2)	+1.4 (+2.4)	+1.9 (+2.7)
Jul	+1.5 (+2.6)	+1.0 (+2.4)	+1.6 (+2.6)	+2.1 (+2.9)
Aug	+1.6 (+2.7)	+0.7 (+2.1)	+1.7 (+2.7)	+2.4 (+3.3)
Sep	+1.6 (+2.7)	+1.0 (+2.4)	+1.8 (+2.8)	+2.2 (+3.0)
Oct	+3.2	+2.9	+3.2	+3.5
Nov	+3.4	+3.1	+3.5	+3.6
Dec	+3.8	+3.4	+3.9	+4.0
2008 Jan	+3.2 (+4.3)	+2.9 (+4.2)	+3.3 (+4.4)	+3.5 (+4.3)
Feb	+6.3 (+5.1)	+9.9 (+5.2)	+5.2 (+5.1)	+3.9 (+4.8)

( ) Denotes the rate of change upon removing the effect of the following one-off measures : the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007; the rates concession in April – September 2007 and January – February 2008; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, February 2006 - February 2008

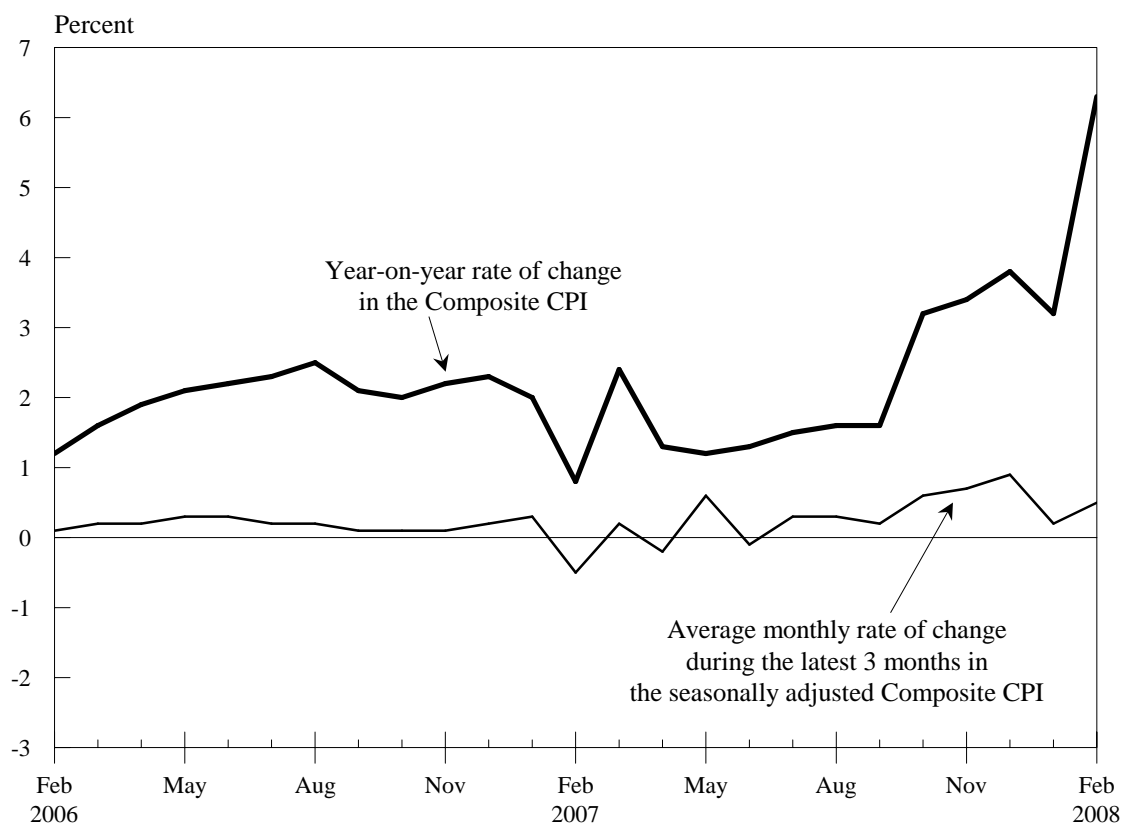
Seasonally adjusted CPI <sup>#</sup>				
Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)				
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2006 Feb	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Mar	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Apr	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
May	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
Jun	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
Jul	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3
Aug	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
Sep	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Oct	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.1
Nov	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.2
Dec	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
2007 Jan	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3
Feb	-0.5 (+0.3)	-1.6 (+0.3)	-0.1 (+0.3)	+0.3
Mar	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Apr	-0.2 (+0.2)	-0.2 (+0.2)	-0.2 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.2)
May	+0.6 (+0.2)	+1.7 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.2)
Jun	-0.1 (+0.3)	-0.2 (+0.3)	-0.1 (+0.3)	* (+0.3)
Jul	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Aug	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Sep	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Oct	+0.6 (+0.3)	+0.6 (+0.2)	+0.6 (+0.3)	+0.6 (+0.3)
Nov	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.8 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.6 (+0.3)
Dec	+0.9 (+0.5)	+1.0 (+0.5)	+0.9 (+0.5)	+0.8 (+0.5)
2008 Jan	+0.2 (+0.5)	+0.2 (+0.6)	+0.2 (+0.5)	+0.2 (+0.5)
Feb	+0.5 (+0.9)	+0.5 (+1.0)	+0.5 (+0.9)	+0.5 (+0.8)

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

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



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