

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for March 2009  
(Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2009	% change over Mar 2008	Index for Mar 2009	% change over Mar 2008	Index for Mar 2009	% change over Mar 2008	Index for Mar 2009	% change over Mar 2008
Food	119.4	+3.8	121.3	+4.1	118.5	+3.5	117.4	+3.5
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	112.1	+2.7	111.8	+2.6	111.8	+2.6	112.9	+3.0
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	131.6	+5.4	134.5	+5.8	130.8	+5.1	126.6	+4.5
Housing #	117.2	+5.7	110.1	+4.4	119.5	+6.3	122.4	+6.2
<i>Private housing rent</i>	122.6	+6.7	119.9	+6.0	123.4	+7.1	124.2	+6.7
<i>Public housing rent</i>	77.9	-2.1	77.9	-2.1	78.0	-2.1	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	62.5	-42.9	56.9	-47.9	63.9	-41.6	72.6	-34.0
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	116.9	+22.2	120.5	+25.6	114.4	+20.2	110.2	+15.4
Clothing and footwear	108.7	+4.3	109.9	+4.4	109.2	+4.3	107.1	+4.1
Durable goods	83.8	-2.5	82.3	-2.8	81.3	-3.0	87.4	-1.7
Miscellaneous goods	111.1	+2.3	111.4	+2.6	111.1	+2.4	110.9	+1.8
Transport	102.0	+0.1	102.7	+1.9	102.3	+0.2	100.9	-1.7
Miscellaneous services	102.0	-2.5	96.9	-4.1	103.0	-2.6	104.2	-1.4
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	94.4	-5.6	84.4	-12.7	94.8	-5.9	100.8	-0.5
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	94.0	-2.5	93.5	-2.5	93.9	-2.6	95.0	-2.3
<i>Medical services</i>	109.5	+4.4	108.0	+3.9	109.6	+4.6	110.5	+4.6
<b>All items</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>+1.7</b>

- 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 2008 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,000 - 15,499	4,300 - 16,800
CPI(B)	30	15,500 - 27,499	16,800 - 30,200
CPI(C)	10	27,500 - 59,999	30,200 - 66,100
Composite CPI	90	4,000 - 59,999	4,300 - 66,100

# 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 2007 - March 2009

Year/month	CPI			
	Year-on-year rate of change (%)			
	Composite CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	CPI(C)
2007 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)
Mar	+4.2 (+5.3)	+3.8 (+5.1)	+4.4 (+5.5)	+4.4 (+5.3)
Apr	+5.4 (+5.4)	+5.5 (+5.5)	+5.5 (+5.5)	+5.2 (+5.3)
May	+5.7 (+5.7)	+5.6 (+5.6)	+5.8 (+5.8)	+5.5 (+5.6)
Jun	+6.1 (+6.1)	+6.1 (+6.1)	+6.3 (+6.3)	+5.8 (+5.8)
Jul	+6.3 (+6.3)	+6.4 (+6.4)	+6.5 (+6.5)	+6.1 (+6.1)
Aug	+4.6 (+6.3)	+2.2 (+6.6)	+5.5 (+6.4)	+6.0 (+6.1)
Sep	+3.0 (+6.1)	-0.3 (+6.1)	+4.0 (+6.1)	+5.4 (+6.1)
Oct	+1.8 (+5.9)	-1.7 (+6.0)	+2.8 (+6.0)	+4.3 (+5.9)
Nov	+3.1 (+5.6)	+2.1 (+5.6)	+3.3 (+5.6)	+3.8 (+5.5)
Dec	+2.1 (+4.6)	+1.2 (+4.7)	+2.4 (+4.7)	+2.7 (+4.4)
2009 Jan	+3.1 (+4.5)	+2.1 (+4.2)	+3.4 (+4.7)	+3.7 (+4.5)
Feb	+0.8 (+2.1)	+0.1 (+1.9)	+0.9 (+2.2)	+1.4 (+2.3)
Mar	+1.2 (+2.6)	+0.5 (+2.6)	+1.3 (+2.6)	+1.7 (+2.5)

( ) Denotes the rate of change upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief 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 2008 – March 2009; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August – October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2007 - March 2009

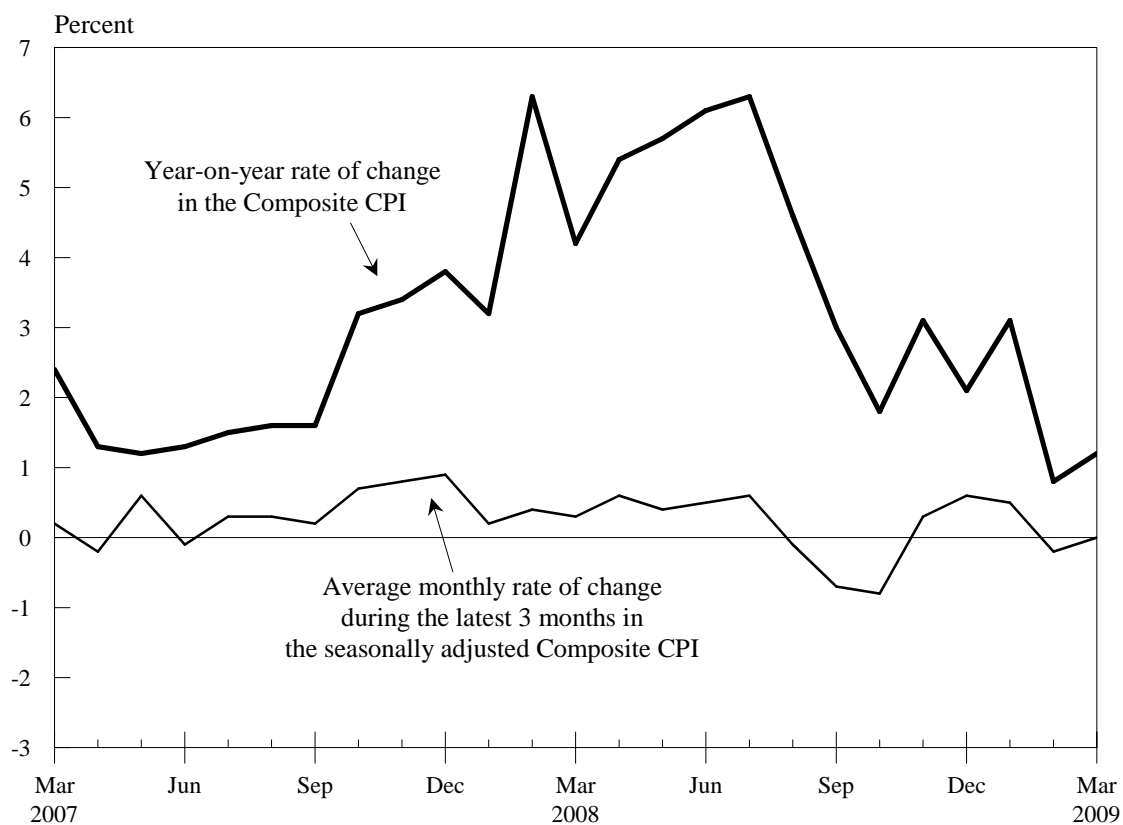
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI <sup>#</sup>			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2007 Mar	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Apr	-0.2 (+0.2)	-0.3 (+0.2)	-0.2 (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.2)
May	+0.6 (+0.2)	+1.7 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+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)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+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	+0.7 (+0.3)	+0.7 (+0.2)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)
Nov	+0.8 (+0.4)	+0.9 (+0.4)	+0.8 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.5)
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 (+0.4)
Feb	+0.4 (+0.8)	+0.5 (+1.0)	+0.5 (+0.8)	+0.4 (+0.6)
Mar	+0.3 (+0.7)	+0.3 (+0.8)	+0.3 (+0.6)	+0.3 (+0.6)
Apr	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.7)	+0.6 (+0.7)	+0.6 (+0.6)
May	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Jun	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.5 (+0.5)
Jul	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)
Aug	-0.1 (+0.5)	-1.0 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.4)	+0.5 (+0.5)
Sep	-0.7 (+0.3)	-1.9 (+0.1)	-0.4 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.4)
Oct	-0.8 (+0.2)	-1.9 (+0.1)	-0.5 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.3)
Nov	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.9 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.3)
Dec	+0.6 (*)	+1.5 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.1)	* (*)
2009 Jan	+0.5 (*)	+1.4 (*)	+0.2 (*)	-0.2 (-0.1)
Feb	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.3 (-0.3)
Mar	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)

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

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



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