

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for August 2010
(Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>		<u>CPI(A)</u>		<u>CPI(B)</u>		<u>CPI(C)</u>	
	Index for Aug 2010	% change over Aug 2009	Index for Aug 2010	% change over Aug 2009	Index for Aug 2010	% change over Aug 2009	Index for Aug 2010	% change over Aug 2009
Food	121.3	+2.5	123.1	+2.4	120.5	+2.4	119.6	+2.7
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	114.1	+1.9	113.8	+1.8	113.8	+1.8	115.1	+2.3
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	133.4	+3.3	135.9	+3.2	132.6	+3.4	129.1	+3.5
Housing #	111.6	+1.0	95.7	+1.2	117.0	+1.2	123.3	+0.7
<i>Private housing rent</i>	123.8	+1.1	121.3	+1.4	124.6	+1.3	125.2	+0.8
<i>Public housing rent</i>	2.5	-2.9	2.5	-2.9	2.5	-2.8	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	102.1	+60.3	99.2	+70.3	103.7	+59.4	105.6	+43.4
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	117.1	+0.3	121.1	+0.5	114.4	+0.2	110.1	+0.1
Clothing and footwear	105.2	+2.5	107.2	+1.7	106.2	+2.1	102.5	+3.5
Durable goods	81.1	-2.5	79.4	-2.3	78.1	-2.7	85.4	-2.4
Miscellaneous goods	114.8	+2.6	114.8	+2.4	114.9	+2.7	114.7	+2.9
Transport	105.5	+1.8	104.7	+1.3	105.8	+1.9	105.7	+2.2
Miscellaneous services	105.5	+2.7	98.5	+1.8	107.0	+2.9	108.4	+2.9
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	95.7	+1.7	85.5	+1.7	95.9	+1.5	102.5	+2.0
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	92.0	-0.4	91.5	-0.4	91.9	-0.4	93.2	-0.3
<i>Medical services</i>	111.2	+2.6	109.6	+2.3	111.8	+2.9	111.7	+2.3
All items	110.6	+3.0	106.6	+3.6	112.0	+3.0	113.2	+2.5

- 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:

	<u>Approximate percentage of households covered</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2004/05 prices)</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2009 prices)</u>
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,000 - 15,499	4,300 - 16,900
CPI(B)	30	15,500 - 27,499	16,900 - 30,400
CPI(C)	10	27,500 - 59,999	30,400 - 66,500
Composite CPI	90	4,000 - 59,999	4,300 - 66,500

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, August 2008 - August 2010

CPI				
Year-on-year rate of change (%)				
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2008 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)
Apr	+0.6 (+1.9)	-0.2 (+1.7)	+0.9 (+2.0)	+1.2 (+1.9)
May	* (+1.3)	-0.5 (+1.4)	+0.2 (+1.3)	+0.5 (+1.2)
Jun	-0.9 (+0.4)	-1.6 (+0.3)	-0.7 (+0.5)	-0.3 (+0.4)
Jul	-1.5 (-0.3)	-2.2 (-0.3)	-1.4 (-0.2)	-0.9 (-0.3)
Aug	-1.6 (-0.3)	-2.4 (-0.2)	-1.5 (-0.3)	-1.0 (-0.4)
Sep	+0.5 (-0.3)	+0.8 (-0.1)	+0.5 (-0.2)	+0.1 (-0.5)
Oct	+2.2 (-0.3)	+5.2 (-0.2)	+1.3 (-0.3)	+0.1 (-0.4)
Nov	+0.5 (-0.3)	+1.0 (-0.1)	+0.5 (-0.3)	+0.1 (-0.5)
Dec	+1.3 (+0.3)	+1.7 (+0.4)	+1.2 (+0.3)	+0.9 (+0.2)
2010 Jan	+1.0 (*)	+1.7 (+0.2)	+0.9 (-0.1)	+0.5 (-0.2)
Feb	+2.8 (+1.6)	+3.4 (+1.8)	+2.7 (+1.6)	+2.2 (+1.5)
Mar	+2.0 (+0.8)	+2.5 (+0.8)	+1.9 (+0.8)	+1.5 (+0.8)
Apr	+2.4 (+1.3)	+2.9 (+1.2)	+2.3 (+1.3)	+2.0 (+1.5)
May	+2.5 (+1.4)	+3.0 (+1.3)	+2.4 (+1.4)	+2.2 (+1.6)
Jun	+2.8 (+1.7)	+3.2 (+1.6)	+2.7 (+1.7)	+2.4 (+1.9)
Jul	+1.3 (+1.9)	-0.8 (+1.8)	+2.1 (+2.0)	+2.6 (+2.0)
Aug	+3.0 (+1.9)	+3.6 (+1.8)	+3.0 (+1.9)	+2.5 (+1.9)

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

() Denotes the rate of change upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief measures : the rates concession of up to \$5,000 per quarter 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, August - September 2009 and July - August 2010; the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008; and the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 - March 2011.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, August 2008 - August 2010

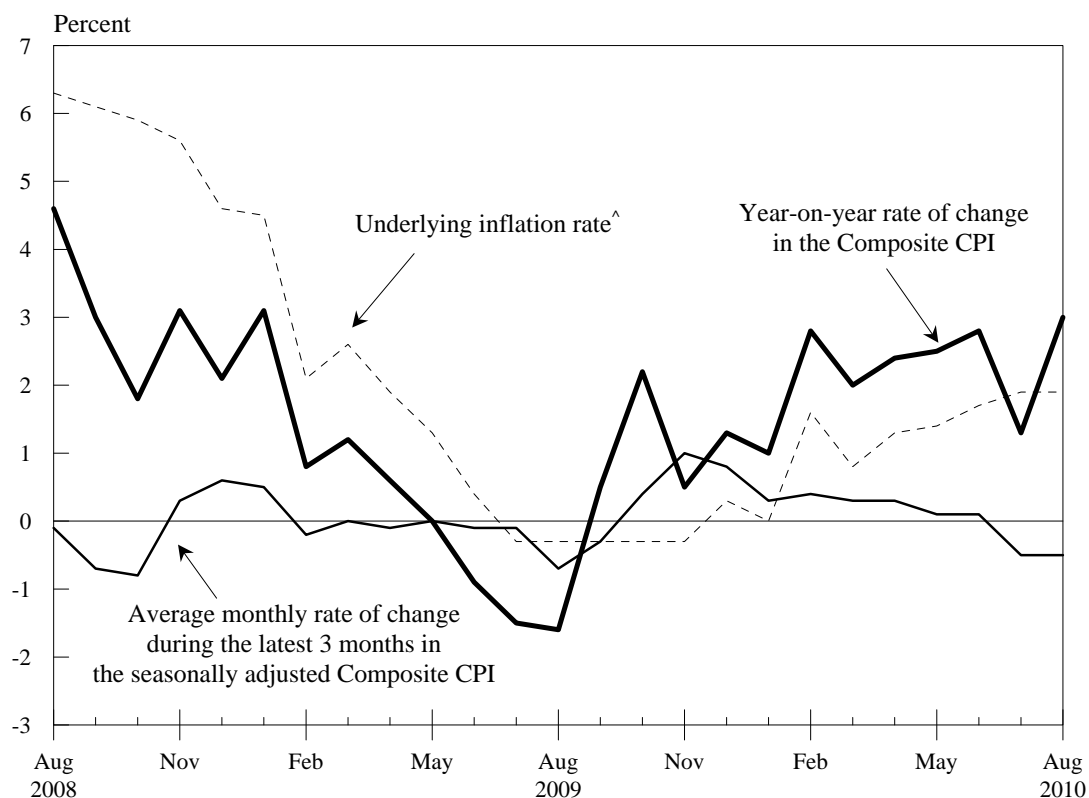
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI [#]			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2008 Aug	-0.1 (+0.4)	-0.9 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.5)
Sep	-0.7 (+0.2)	-1.9 (+0.1)	-0.4 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.4)
Oct	-0.8 (+0.2)	-2.0 (+0.1)	-0.5 (+0.2)	* (+0.3)
Nov	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.8 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)	* (+0.3)
Dec	+0.6 (*)	+1.4 (*)	+0.3 (+0.1)	* (*)
2009 Jan	+0.5 (*)	+1.4 (*)	+0.3 (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Feb	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.3 (-0.2)
Mar	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Apr	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
May	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	* (-0.1)
Jun	-0.1 (-0.2)	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.1 (-0.2)	-0.1 (-0.2)
Jul	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Aug	-0.7 (-0.1)	-1.6 (-0.1)	-0.4 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Sep	-0.3 (*)	-1.1 (*)	* (*)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Oct	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.4 (+0.2)
Nov	+1.0 (+0.2)	+2.0 (+0.1)	+0.7 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.8 (+0.2)	+1.7 (+0.2)	+0.5 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
2010 Jan	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Feb	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.6 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Mar	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Apr	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)
May	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jun	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jul	-0.5 (+0.1)	-1.3 (+0.1)	-0.2 (+0.1)	* (*)
Aug	-0.5 (*)	-1.4 (+0.1)	-0.2 (*)	* (*)

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



^ Denotes the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief measures: the rates concession of up to \$5,000 per quarter in April to September 2007 and January 2008 to March 2009; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008, August to September 2009 and July to August 2010; the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008 (subject to a maximum cumulative amount of \$3,600); and the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 to March 2011.

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