

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for March 2011
(Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2011	% change over Mar 2010	Index for Mar 2011	% change over Mar 2010	Index for Mar 2011	% change over Mar 2010	Index for Mar 2011	% change over Mar 2010
Food	128.5	+6.3	131.0	+6.6	127.6	+6.2	125.8	+5.8
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	118.3	+4.5	118.4	+4.7	118.2	+4.5	118.6	+4.2
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	145.6	+8.8	148.4	+8.9	144.7	+8.8	140.6	+8.7
Housing #	122.5	+4.5	115.4	+4.7	125.1	+4.8	127.6	+4.0
<i>Private housing rent</i>	128.8	+4.9	126.4	+5.2	129.8	+5.1	129.8	+4.2
<i>Public housing rent</i>	81.5	+4.0	81.5	+4.0	81.5	+4.0	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	110.3	+7.8	110.3	+11.0	110.2	+6.1	110.3	+4.4
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	142.4	+21.8	149.5	+23.7	137.9	+20.7	129.2	+17.8
Clothing and footwear	113.0	+5.2	114.5	+4.5	113.8	+5.0	110.9	+6.1
Durable goods	79.8	-3.1	78.6	-2.1	76.9	-3.2	83.8	-3.6
Miscellaneous goods	117.9	+4.1	117.8	+3.7	118.1	+4.2	118.1	+4.5
Transport	106.8	+3.1	104.9	+1.4	106.9	+2.9	108.3	+4.7
Miscellaneous services	105.5	+2.5	98.6	+1.7	106.5	+2.3	108.9	+3.2
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	97.4	+2.4	87.1	+2.5	97.4	+2.2	104.6	+2.7
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	90.0	-2.1	89.5	-2.1	89.9	-2.2	91.2	-2.1
<i>Medical services</i>	113.4	+3.5	112.0	+3.6	113.7	+3.6	113.9	+3.4
All items	116.8	+4.6	116.4	+5.1	117.0	+4.5	116.7	+4.1

- 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 2010 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,000 - 15,499	4,400 - 17,300
CPI(B)	30	15,500 - 27,499	17,300 - 31,100
CPI(C)	10	27,500 - 59,999	31,100 - 67,900
Composite CPI	90	4,000 - 59,999	4,400 - 67,900

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 2009 - March 2011

<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>
2009 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)
Sep	+2.6 (+2.2)	+3.2 (+2.4)	+2.5 (+2.2)	+2.0 (+1.9)
Oct	+2.6 (+2.3)	+3.1 (+2.5)	+2.5 (+2.3)	+2.0 (+2.0)
Nov	+2.9 (+2.6)	+3.4 (+2.7)	+2.8 (+2.5)	+2.6 (+2.5)
Dec	+3.1 (+2.8)	+3.5 (+3.0)	+3.0 (+2.7)	+2.7 (+2.7)
2011 Jan	+3.6 (+3.5)	+3.9 (+3.8)	+3.6 (+3.5)	+3.4 (+3.4)
Feb	+3.7 (+3.6)	+3.9 (+3.8)	+3.7 (+3.7)	+3.4 (+3.4)
Mar	+4.6 (+4.4)	+5.1 (+4.8)	+4.5 (+4.4)	+4.1 (+4.0)

* 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 January 2008 - March 2009; 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; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 - March 2012; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2009 - March 2011

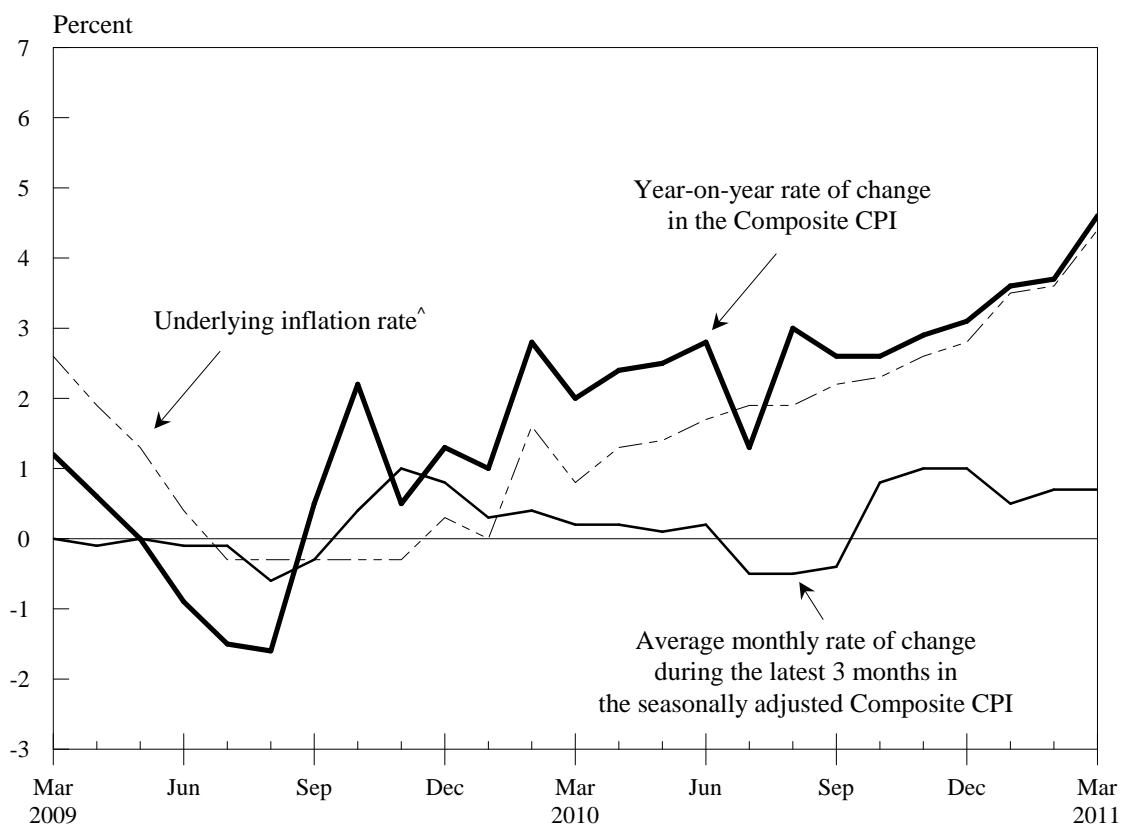
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI [#]			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2009 Mar	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Apr	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
May	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	* (-0.1)
Jun	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2)
Jul	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Aug	-0.6 (-0.1)	-1.5 (-0.1)	-0.4 (-0.1)	* (*)
Sep	-0.3 (*)	-1.1 (*)	* (*)	+0.3 (+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)	+0.3 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.8 (+0.2)	+1.7 (+0.2)	+0.6 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
2010 Jan	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Feb	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.6 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.2)
Mar	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Apr	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)
May	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jun	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jul	-0.5 (+0.1)	-1.3 (+0.1)	-0.2 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Aug	-0.5 (+0.1)	-1.3 (+0.1)	-0.2 (+0.1)	* (*)
Sep	-0.4 (+0.2)	-1.1 (+0.3)	-0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Oct	+0.8 (+0.3)	+1.8 (+0.3)	+0.5 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+1.0 (+0.4)	+1.9 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Dec	+1.0 (+0.4)	+1.8 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
2011 Jan	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)
Feb	+0.7 (+0.7)	+0.8 (+0.7)	+0.7 (+0.7)	+0.6 (+0.6)
Mar	+0.7 (+0.7)	+0.9 (+0.8)	+0.7 (+0.7)	+0.6 (+0.6)

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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 January 2008 to March 2009; 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); the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 to March 2012; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010.

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