

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for August 2018  
(Oct. 2014 - Sep. 2015 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Aug 2018	% change over Aug 2017	Index for Aug 2018	% change over Aug 2017	Index for Aug 2018	% change over Aug 2017	Index for Aug 2018	% change over Aug 2017
Food	110.2	+3.5	110.3	+3.5	110.1	+3.4	110.1	+3.6
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	110.5	+3.0	111.0	+3.1	110.4	+2.9	109.7	+2.8
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	109.7	+4.5	109.2	+4.2	109.5	+4.4	111.0	+5.2
Housing #	109.7	+2.3	110.7	+2.6	109.8	+2.5	108.4	+1.9
<i>Private housing rent</i>	109.1	+2.3	110.2	+2.9	109.2	+2.4	107.8	+1.7
<i>Public housing rent</i>	111.1	+0.4	111.1	+0.4	111.2	+0.4	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	104.0	+3.4	105.9	+3.8	103.0	+3.1	101.3	+2.9
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	104.6	+2.3	106.1	+2.5	103.2	+2.1	103.3	+2.2
Clothing and footwear	93.4	+1.9	92.7	+2.3	92.9	+2.2	94.5	+1.3
Durable goods	88.2	-1.9	88.2	-1.6	87.4	-2.2	89.3	-1.7
Miscellaneous goods	104.4	+1.4	105.6	+1.8	103.7	+1.2	104.1	+1.3
Transport	105.4	+1.4	104.4	+1.2	105.4	+1.3	106.1	+1.6
Miscellaneous services	107.2	+1.5	105.6	+1.2	106.6	+1.4	108.7	+1.8
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	103.5	-3.3	101.1	-4.1	102.8	-3.8	105.8	-2.3
<i>Information and communications services</i>	98.4	-1.3	98.3	-1.5	98.3	-1.4	98.8	-0.9
<i>Medical services</i>	115.0	+2.9	115.5	+2.9	114.6	+3.0	115.2	+2.8
<b>All items</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>+2.0</b>

- Denotes not applicable.

Note:

The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled with reference to the average expenditure patterns of 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 2014/15-based CPI series are as follows:

	Approximate percentage of households covered	Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2014/15 prices)	Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2017 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	5,500 - 24,499	5,800 - 25,700
CPI(B)	30	24,500 - 44,499	25,700 - 46,400
CPI(C)	10	44,500 - 89,999	46,400 - 93,800
Composite CPI	90	5,500 - 89,999	5,800 - 93,800

# 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 2016 - August 2018

<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>
2016 Aug	+4.3 (+2.1)	+8.0 (+2.2)	+3.0 (+2.1)	+2.3 (+2.0)
Sep	+2.7 (+2.3)	+3.3 (+2.9)	+2.5 (+2.1)	+2.2 (+1.9)
Oct	+1.2 (+2.1)	+1.1 (+2.6)	+1.2 (+1.9)	+1.4 (+1.7)
Nov	+1.2 (+2.1)	+1.2 (+2.7)	+1.2 (+1.9)	+1.3 (+1.7)
Dec	+1.2 (+2.0)	+1.1 (+2.6)	+1.2 (+1.9)	+1.3 (+1.6)
2017 Jan	+1.3 (+2.1)	+0.8 (+2.3)	+1.3 (+2.0)	+1.7 (+2.1)
Feb	-0.1 (+0.7)	-0.6 (+0.9)	* (+0.7)	+0.3 (+0.6)
Mar	+0.5 (+1.3)	+0.2 (+1.6)	+0.5 (+1.2)	+0.8 (+1.1)
Apr	+2.0 (+2.0)	+2.2 (+2.2)	+1.9 (+1.9)	+2.0 (+2.0)
May	+2.0 (+2.0)	+2.3 (+2.3)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.9 (+1.9)
Jun	+1.9 (+1.9)	+2.3 (+2.3)	+1.8 (+1.7)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Jul	+2.0 (+2.0)	+2.5 (+2.4)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.7 (+1.7)
Aug	+1.9 (+1.9)	+2.4 (+2.4)	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Sep	+1.4 (+1.4)	+1.5 (+1.5)	+1.3 (+1.3)	+1.4 (+1.4)
Oct	+1.5 (+1.5)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.4 (+1.4)	+1.5 (+1.5)
Nov	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.5 (+1.5)	+1.5 (+1.5)	+1.7 (+1.7)
Dec	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.7 (+1.6)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.9 (+1.9)
2018 Jan	+1.7 (+1.7)	+2.0 (+1.9)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.5 (+1.5)
Feb	+3.1 (+3.1)	+3.1 (+3.0)	+3.0 (+3.0)	+3.2 (+3.2)
Mar	+2.6 (+2.6)	+2.8 (+2.7)	+2.5 (+2.5)	+2.5 (+2.5)
Apr	+1.9 (+2.2)	+2.2 (+2.5)	+1.8 (+2.2)	+1.7 (+2.0)
May	+2.1 (+2.4)	+2.3 (+2.6)	+2.0 (+2.4)	+1.9 (+2.2)
Jun	+2.4 (+2.7)	+2.6 (+2.9)	+2.3 (+2.7)	+2.2 (+2.5)
Jul	+2.4 (+2.7)	+2.5 (+2.8)	+2.3 (+2.7)	+2.3 (+2.6)
Aug	+2.3 (+2.6)	+2.5 (+2.8)	+2.2 (+2.6)	+2.0 (+2.3)

\* 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 : Government's payment of public housing rentals in August 2015; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April - September 2015 and April 2018 - March 2019; the rates concession of up to \$1,000 per quarter in April 2016 - March 2018; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy (subject to maximum cumulative amount of \$3,600 starting from September 2008, \$1,800 starting from July 2011, \$1,800 starting from July 2012 and \$1,800 starting from July 2013).

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, August 2016 - August 2018

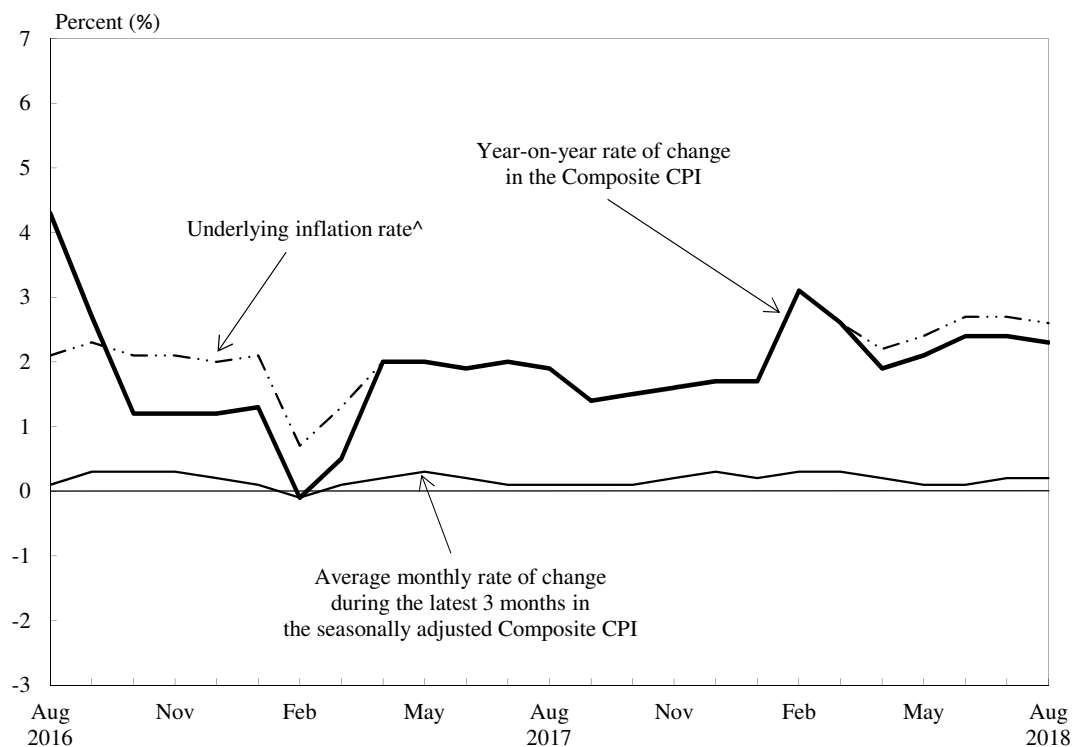
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI <sup>#</sup>			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2016 Aug	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Sep	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Oct	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
2017 Jan	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Feb	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	* ( * )
Mar	+0.1 (+0.1)	* ( * )	* ( * )	+0.1 (+0.1)
Apr	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
May	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Jun	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Jul	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* ( * )
Aug	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Sep	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Oct	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
2018 Jan	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Feb	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Mar	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Apr	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.3)
May	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)	* (+0.1)
Jun	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Jul	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Aug	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)

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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: Government's payment of public housing rentals in August 2015; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April to September 2015 and April 2018 to March 2019; the rates concession of up to \$1,000 per quarter in April 2016 to March 2018; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy (subject to a maximum cumulative amount of \$3,600 starting from September 2008, \$1,800 starting from July 2011, \$1,800 starting from July 2012 and \$1,800 starting from July 2013).

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