

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for March 2019  
(Oct. 2014 - Sep. 2015 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2019	% change over Mar 2018	Index for Mar 2019	% change over Mar 2018	Index for Mar 2019	% change over Mar 2018	Index for Mar 2019	% change over Mar 2018
Food	113.3	+3.1	113.7	+3.3	113.1	+3.1	113.0	+2.9
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	112.2	+2.3	112.8	+2.3	112.2	+2.3	111.4	+2.2
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	115.3	+4.7	115.1	+4.8	115.0	+4.8	116.0	+4.3
Housing #	112.0	+2.9	114.2	+4.0	111.6	+2.4	110.2	+2.2
<i>Private housing rent</i>	110.9	+2.2	112.1	+2.5	111.0	+2.2	109.5	+2.0
<i>Public housing rent</i>	123.3	+11.6	123.3	+11.6	123.2	+11.5	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	97.9	-5.4	98.2	-6.5	97.6	-4.9	97.6	-3.3
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	105.8	+2.5	107.1	+2.9	104.4	+2.0	105.7	+2.6
Clothing and footwear	96.3	+0.3	95.9	+0.8	95.9	+0.4	97.0	-0.1
Durable goods	87.0	-2.4	86.4	-2.7	86.2	-2.8	88.5	-1.8
Miscellaneous goods	106.2	+2.1	107.9	+2.8	105.4	+2.0	105.6	+1.7
Transport	107.0	+2.0	106.3	+2.0	107.1	+1.9	107.5	+2.2
Miscellaneous services	106.4	+1.1	104.1	-0.2	105.9	+1.1	108.2	+1.8
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	105.1	+2.4	103.1	+2.8	104.5	+2.5	107.0	+2.1
<i>Information and communications services</i>	89.3	-8.6	89.3	-8.6	89.0	-8.8	89.7	-8.3
<i>Medical services</i>	118.2	+4.2	118.5	+4.0	117.8	+4.2	118.6	+4.3
<b>All items</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>+1.9</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 2018 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	5,500 - 24,499	6,000 - 26,400
CPI(B)	30	24,500 - 44,499	26,400 - 47,600
CPI(C)	10	44,500 - 89,999	47,600 - 96,100
Composite CPI	90	5,500 - 89,999	6,000 - 96,100

# 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 2017 - March 2019

<u>Year/month</u>	<u>CPI</u>			
	<u>Year-on-year rate of change (%)</u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2017 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)
Sep	+2.7 (+3.1)	+3.3 (+3.6)	+2.5 (+2.9)	+2.4 (+2.7)
Oct	+2.7 (+3.0)	+3.2 (+3.5)	+2.5 (+2.9)	+2.3 (+2.6)
Nov	+2.6 (+2.9)	+3.0 (+3.3)	+2.4 (+2.8)	+2.3 (+2.6)
Dec	+2.5 (+2.9)	+3.0 (+3.3)	+2.4 (+2.8)	+2.2 (+2.5)
2019 Jan	+2.4 (+3.0)	+2.8 (+3.3)	+2.3 (+2.9)	+2.3 (+2.6)
Feb	+2.1 (+2.6)	+2.6 (+3.2)	+1.9 (+2.4)	+1.8 (+2.1)
Mar	+2.1 (+2.6)	+2.4 (+3.0)	+1.9 (+2.4)	+1.9 (+2.3)

( ) Denotes the rate of change upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief measures : the rates concession of up to \$1,000 per quarter in April 2016 - March 2018; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2018 - March 2019; 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, \$1,800 starting from July 2013 and \$3,000 starting from January 2019); and Government's payment of examination fees for school candidates sitting for 2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2017 - March 2019

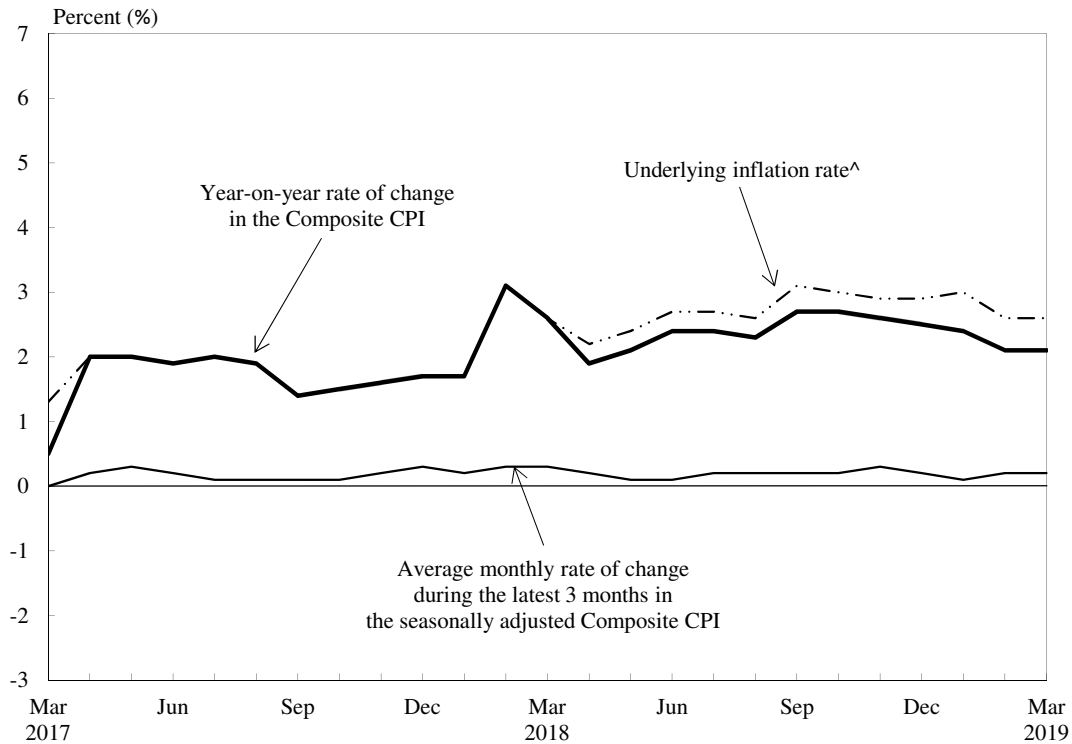
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted CPI #</u>			
	<u>Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)</u>			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2017 Mar	* ( * )	* ( * )	* ( * )	+0.1 (+0.1)
Apr	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)
May	+0.3 (+0.3)	+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)	+0.2 (+0.2)
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)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)
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 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.1 (+0.3)	+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)
Sep	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Oct	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Dec	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)
2019 Jan	+0.1 (+0.2)	* (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Feb	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Mar	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)

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

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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 \$1,000 per quarter in April 2016 to March 2018; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2018 to March 2019; 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, \$1,800 starting from July 2013 and \$3,000 starting from January 2019); and Government's payment of examination fees for school candidates sitting for 2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination.

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