

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for March 2013  
(Oct. 2009 - Sep. 2010 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index	%	Index	%	Index	%	Index	%
	for Mar 2013	change over Mar 2012	for Mar 2013	change over Mar 2012	for Mar 2013	change over Mar 2012	for Mar 2013	change over Mar 2012
Food	118.1	+3.7	118.9	+3.6	118.3	+3.9	116.3	+3.6
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	115.6	+4.4	116.2	+4.6	115.8	+4.4	114.3	+4.2
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	122.1	+2.6	122.5	+2.4	123.1	+2.9	119.9	+2.5
Housing #	120.9	+5.2	124.8	+6.2	119.8	+4.9	118.0	+4.5
<i>Private housing rent</i>	119.9	+5.1	120.9	+5.6	120.0	+4.9	118.8	+4.7
<i>Public housing rent</i>	147.5	+9.7	147.4	+9.7	147.8	+9.8	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	96.0	+5.1	94.2	+5.4	96.4	+4.9	99.8	+4.8
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	122.9	+2.1	125.3	+1.9	122.9	+2.1	115.7	+2.7
Clothing and footwear	107.5	+0.5	108.5	+1.8	107.8	+1.5	106.5	-1.4
Durable goods	90.4	-4.3	89.6	-4.3	90.0	-4.8	91.2	-3.7
Miscellaneous goods	107.7	+1.0	107.4	+1.4	108.1	+1.0	107.4	+0.4
Transport	110.0	+2.3	107.2	+1.4	109.2	+2.1	113.2	+3.3
Miscellaneous services	109.6	+4.5	106.5	+3.4	109.7	+4.5	111.5	+5.0
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	108.2	+3.3	107.7	+3.5	107.8	+3.3	109.1	+3.2
<i>Information and communications services</i>	93.9	-1.6	94.5	-1.3	93.5	-1.7	93.5	-2.0
<i>Medical services</i>	110.5	+3.1	110.0	+3.2	110.8	+3.3	110.5	+2.8
<b>All items</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>+3.6</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>+4.0</b>	<b>113.6</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>+3.4</b>

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

- 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 2009/10-based CPI series are as follows:

	Approximate percentage of households covered	Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2009/10 prices)	Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2012 prices)
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,500 - 18,499	5,000 - 20,500
CPI(B)	30	18,500 - 32,499	20,500 - 36,000
CPI(C)	10	32,500 - 65,999	36,000 - 72,900
Composite CPI	90	4,500 - 65,999	5,000 - 72,900

# 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 2011 - March 2013

<u>Year/month</u>	<u>CPI</u>			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2011 Mar	+4.4 (+4.3)	+4.8 (+4.4)	+4.2 (+4.2)	+4.2 (+4.2)
Apr	+4.6 (+4.4)	+5.0 (+4.7)	+4.5 (+4.5)	+4.2 (+4.1)
May	+5.2 (+5.1)	+5.6 (+5.3)	+5.2 (+5.1)	+4.9 (+4.8)
Jun	+5.6 (+5.5)	+5.9 (+5.6)	+5.6 (+5.5)	+5.4 (+5.4)
Jul	+7.9 (+5.8)	+12.5 (+5.9)	+6.2 (+5.8)	+5.4 (+5.7)
Aug	+5.7 (+6.3)	+5.4 (+6.3)	+5.8 (+6.3)	+6.0 (+6.3)
Sep	+5.8 (+6.4)	+5.2 (+6.1)	+6.0 (+6.5)	+6.3 (+6.5)
Oct	+5.8 (+6.4)	+5.2 (+6.2)	+6.0 (+6.5)	+6.2 (+6.5)
Nov	+5.7 (+6.4)	+5.3 (+6.3)	+6.0 (+6.5)	+5.9 (+6.2)
Dec	+5.7 (+6.4)	+5.3 (+6.3)	+5.9 (+6.5)	+5.9 (+6.2)
2012 Jan	+6.1 (+6.7)	+5.4 (+6.4)	+6.3 (+6.9)	+6.4 (+6.7)
Feb	+4.7 (+5.4)	+4.2 (+5.5)	+4.9 (+5.5)	+4.7 (+5.0)
Mar	+4.9 (+5.6)	+4.3 (+5.6)	+5.2 (+5.8)	+5.1 (+5.4)
Apr	+4.7 (+5.6)	+4.2 (+5.5)	+5.0 (+5.7)	+4.9 (+5.3)
May	+4.3 (+5.1)	+3.8 (+5.1)	+4.6 (+5.3)	+4.3 (+4.8)
Jun	+3.7 (+4.5)	+3.3 (+4.7)	+4.0 (+4.7)	+3.7 (+4.2)
Jul	+1.6 (+4.2)	-2.4 (+4.3)	+3.5 (+4.4)	+3.7 (+3.8)
Aug	+3.7 (+3.7)	+4.1 (+3.8)	+3.8 (+3.9)	+3.2 (+3.3)
Sep	+3.8 (+3.9)	+4.3 (+4.4)	+3.9 (+4.0)	+3.3 (+3.4)
Oct	+3.8 (+3.8)	+4.3 (+4.3)	+3.7 (+3.8)	+3.2 (+3.3)
Nov	+3.7 (+3.8)	+4.2 (+4.2)	+3.6 (+3.7)	+3.3 (+3.4)
Dec	+3.7 (+3.8)	+4.2 (+4.3)	+3.6 (+3.6)	+3.3 (+3.4)
2013 Jan	+3.0 (+3.1)	+3.8 (+3.8)	+2.8 (+2.9)	+2.4 (+2.5)
Feb	+4.4 (+4.4)	+4.7 (+4.7)	+4.2 (+4.2)	+4.2 (+4.3)
Mar	+3.6 (+3.7)	+4.0 (+4.0)	+3.5 (+3.6)	+3.4 (+3.5)

( ) 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 July - August 2010, August - September 2011 and July - August 2012; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010 and September 2012; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 - March 2012; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2012 - March 2013; 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 and \$1,800 starting from July 2012); and the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy in August 2008 - July 2013.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2011 - March 2013

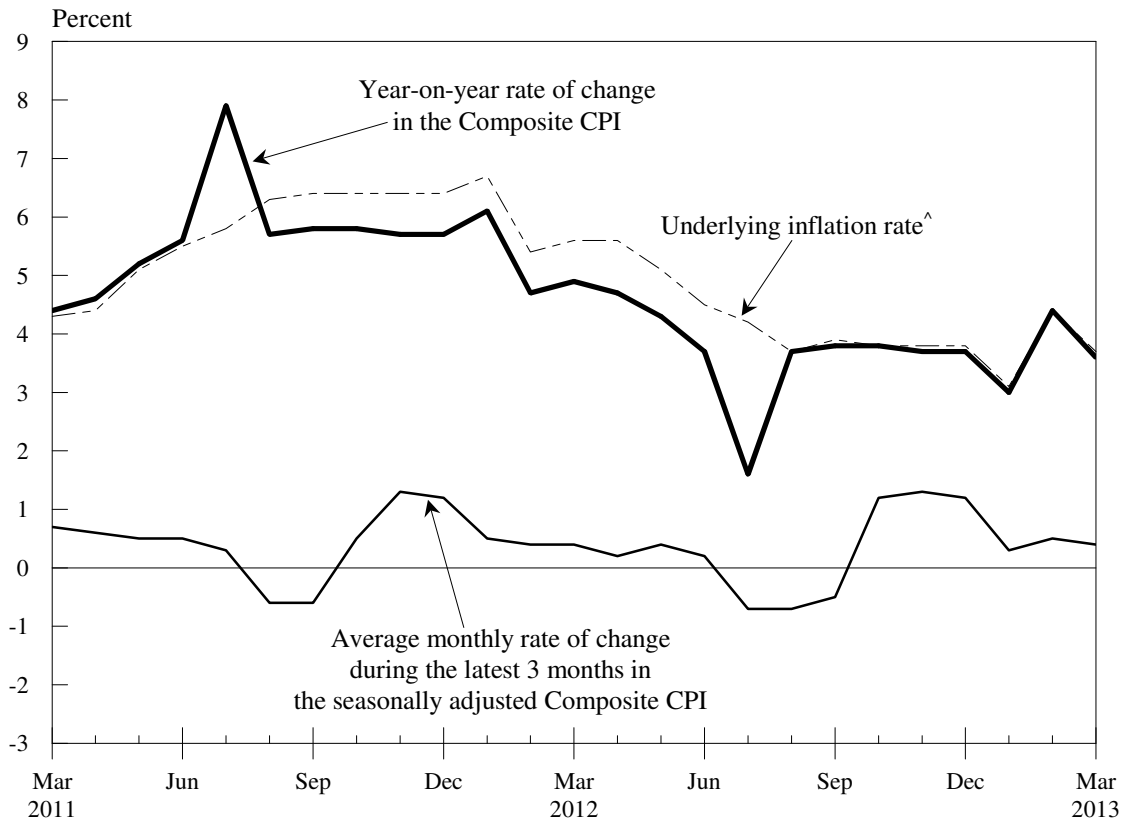
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted CPI<sup>#</sup></u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2011 Mar	+0.7 (+0.6)	+0.8 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)
Apr	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.5)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)
May	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.6 (+0.5)
Jun	+0.5 (+0.6)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.6 (+0.6)
Jul	+0.3 (+0.5)	+0.1 (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.6)	+0.4 (+0.6)
Aug	-0.6 (+0.5)	-2.2 (+0.5)	* (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.5)
Sep	-0.6 (+0.5)	-2.2 (+0.5)	* (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.5)
Oct	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)
Nov	+1.3 (+0.4)	+2.8 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Dec	+1.2 (+0.4)	+2.7 (+0.4)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)
2012 Jan	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Feb	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Mar	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.3)
Apr	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.3)
May	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Jun	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jul	-0.7 (+0.1)	-2.0 (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Aug	-0.7 (+0.1)	-2.1 (+0.1)	-0.2 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Sep	-0.5 (+0.3)	-1.9 (+0.4)	* (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Oct	+1.2 (+0.4)	+2.7 (+0.5)	+0.6 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Nov	+1.3 (+0.4)	+2.8 (+0.6)	+0.7 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Dec	+1.2 (+0.3)	+2.7 (+0.4)	+0.6 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
2013 Jan	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Feb	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)
Mar	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



<sup>^</sup> 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 July to August 2010, August to September 2011 and July to August 2012; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010 and September 2012; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 to March 2012; the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2012 to March 2013; 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 and \$1,800 starting from July 2012); and the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy in August 2008 to July 2013.

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