

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for December 2017  
(Oct. 2014 - Sep. 2015 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Dec 2017	% change over Dec 2016	Index for Dec 2017	% change over Dec 2016	Index for Dec 2017	% change over Dec 2016	Index for Dec 2017	% change over Dec 2016
Food	108.0	+2.4	107.9	+2.2	107.9	+2.3	108.3	+3.0
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	108.3	+2.8	108.6	+2.8	108.3	+2.8	107.9	+2.7
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	107.3	+1.8	106.8	+1.3	107.0	+1.3	109.2	+3.7
Housing #	108.0	+2.5	108.8	+2.5	108.0	+2.6	107.1	+2.3
<i>Private housing rent</i>	107.5	+2.4	108.2	+2.8	107.7	+2.4	106.7	+2.1
<i>Public housing rent</i>	110.5	+0.4	110.5	+0.4	110.5	+0.4	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	101.3	*	103.0	+1.0	100.5	-0.4	99.0	-1.5
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	102.3	-0.3	103.5	-0.1	101.2	-0.4	101.2	-0.7
Clothing and footwear	99.4	+1.4	98.9	+1.2	98.6	+1.4	100.9	+1.7
Durable goods	89.8	-1.4	89.3	-2.0	89.2	-1.3	90.9	-1.2
Miscellaneous goods	103.3	+1.3	104.6	+1.9	102.6	+1.0	103.0	+1.1
Transport	104.2	+1.7	103.0	+0.8	104.4	+1.6	104.9	+2.4
Miscellaneous services	104.3	+0.1	102.4	-1.0	103.9	-0.2	105.8	+1.0
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	102.5	-3.7	100.3	-4.5	101.8	-4.2	104.6	-2.8
<i>Information and communications services</i>	95.3	-4.6	95.4	-4.5	95.2	-4.6	95.3	-4.7
<i>Medical services</i>	112.3	+4.6	112.8	+5.3	111.8	+3.9	112.5	+5.1
<b>All items</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>+1.9</b>

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

- Denotes 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 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, December 2015 - December 2017

<u>Year/month</u>	<u>CPI</u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2015 Dec	+2.4 (+2.3)	+2.6 (+2.5)	+2.4 (+2.3)	+2.1 (+2.1)
2016 Jan	+2.5 (+2.5)	+2.8 (+2.7)	+2.5 (+2.5)	+2.3 (+2.2)
Feb	+3.0 (+3.0)	+3.6 (+3.5)	+2.9 (+2.9)	+2.6 (+2.6)
Mar	+2.9 (+2.8)	+3.0 (+2.9)	+2.8 (+2.8)	+2.8 (+2.8)
Apr	+2.7 (+2.3)	+3.0 (+2.6)	+2.7 (+2.3)	+2.4 (+2.1)
May	+2.6 (+2.2)	+2.7 (+2.3)	+2.7 (+2.3)	+2.4 (+2.1)
Jun	+2.4 (+2.1)	+2.5 (+2.2)	+2.5 (+2.2)	+2.2 (+1.9)
Jul	+2.3 (+2.0)	+2.4 (+2.0)	+2.4 (+2.0)	+2.2 (+1.9)
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)

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( ) 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; 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, December 2015 - December 2017

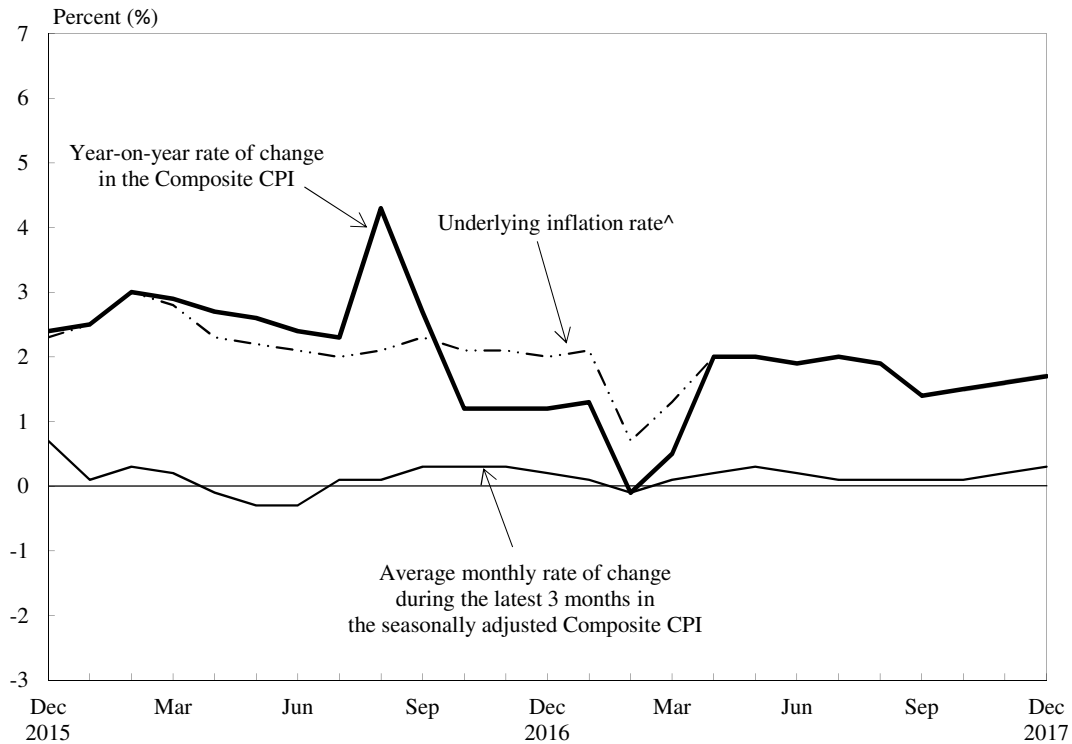
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted CPI #</u>			
	<u>Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)</u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2015 Dec	+0.7 (+0.3)	+0.9 (+0.3)	+0.6 (+0.2)	+0.5 (+0.2)
2016 Jan	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Feb	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Mar	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Apr	-0.1 (+0.2)	-0.3 (+0.2)	* (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
May	-0.3 (-0.1)	-0.6 (-0.1)	-0.2 ( *)	-0.2 ( *)
Jun	-0.3 ( *)	-0.5 ( *)	-0.2 ( *)	-0.1 ( *)
Jul	+0.1 (+0.1)	+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	+0.3 (+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)

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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; 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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