

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

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Dec 2018	% change over Dec 2017	Index for Dec 2018	% change over Dec 2017	Index for Dec 2018	% change over Dec 2017	Index for Dec 2018	% change over Dec 2017
Food	111.2	+2.9	111.2	+3.0	111.1	+3.0	111.3	+2.8
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	111.0	+2.5	111.4	+2.6	111.0	+2.5	110.4	+2.4
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	111.4	+3.8	110.7	+3.7	111.2	+3.9	113.1	+3.6
Housing #	111.1	+2.9	113.4	+4.2	110.7	+2.5	109.2	+2.0
<i>Private housing rent</i>	110.0	+2.2	111.2	+2.7	110.1	+2.2	108.6	+1.8
<i>Public housing rent</i>	123.3	+11.6	123.3	+11.6	123.2	+11.5	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	105.2	+3.8	107.3	+4.2	104.1	+3.5	102.3	+3.2
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	105.2	+2.8	106.5	+2.9	103.7	+2.5	104.7	+3.4
Clothing and footwear	97.9	-1.5	97.0	-1.9	96.8	-1.8	99.8	-1.1
Durable goods	87.8	-2.3	87.3	-2.2	86.9	-2.6	89.0	-2.1
Miscellaneous goods	104.5	+1.2	106.0	+1.4	103.8	+1.1	104.2	+1.1
Transport	106.1	+1.8	104.9	+1.8	106.3	+1.8	106.7	+1.8
Miscellaneous services	107.8	+3.4	104.8	+2.4	107.5	+3.4	110.0	+4.0
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	105.0	+2.5	103.1	+2.8	104.4	+2.5	106.9	+2.2
<i>Information and communications services</i>	89.4	-6.2	89.4	-6.2	89.1	-6.4	89.7	-5.9
<i>Medical services</i>	116.4	+3.6	116.9	+3.6	116.0	+3.8	116.6	+3.6
All items	108.3	+2.5	109.3	+3.0	107.9	+2.4	107.8	+2.2

- 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, December 2016 - December 2018

<u>Year/month</u>	<u>CPI</u>			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2016 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)
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)

* 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 \$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 and \$1,800 starting from July 2013); 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, December 2016 - December 2018

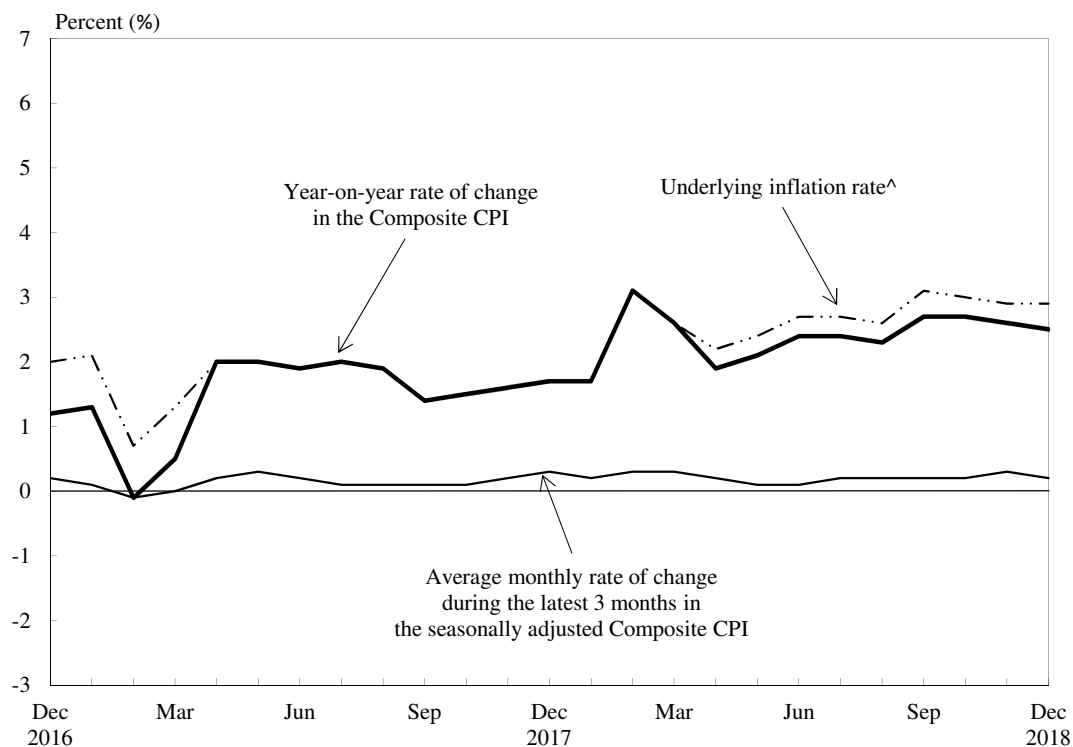
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted CPI #</u>			
	<u>Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)</u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2016 Dec	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
2017 Jan	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Feb	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
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)

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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 and \$1,800 starting from July 2013); 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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