

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

| Section | Composite CPI | | CPI(A) | | CPI(B) | | CPI(C) | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Index | % | Index | % | Index | % | Index | % |
| | for Jan 2019 | change over Jan 2018 | for Jan 2019 | change over Jan 2018 | for Jan 2019 | change over Jan 2018 | for Jan 2019 | change over Jan 2018 |
| Food | 111.9 | +3.3 | 112.0 | +3.3 | 111.9 | +3.3 | 112.0 | +3.2 |
| <i>Meals bought away from home</i> | 111.7 | +2.7 | 112.2 | +2.8 | 111.7 | +2.7 | 111.0 | +2.7 |
| <i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i> | 112.4 | +4.2 | 111.8 | +4.2 | 112.3 | +4.3 | 114.0 | +4.1 |
| Housing # | 111.5 | +3.0 | 113.7 | +4.2 | 111.1 | +2.6 | 109.5 | +2.1 |
| <i>Private housing rent</i> | 110.3 | +2.3 | 111.5 | +2.7 | 110.4 | +2.3 | 108.9 | +1.9 |
| <i>Public housing rent</i> | 123.3 | +11.6 | 123.3 | +11.6 | 123.2 | +11.5 | - | - |
| Electricity, gas and water | 97.8 | -4.6 | 98.1 | -5.7 | 97.5 | -4.1 | 97.6 | -2.5 |
| Alcoholic drinks and tobacco | 105.4 | +3.1 | 106.6 | +3.2 | 104.0 | +2.8 | 104.8 | +4.0 |
| Clothing and footwear | 96.0 | +0.3 | 95.6 | +0.1 | 95.4 | +0.3 | 97.0 | +0.3 |
| Durable goods | 87.3 | -2.2 | 86.8 | -2.3 | 86.6 | -2.4 | 88.6 | -1.8 |
| Miscellaneous goods | 105.0 | +1.3 | 106.4 | +1.6 | 104.3 | +1.2 | 104.6 | +1.2 |
| Transport | 107.0 | +2.3 | 106.2 | +2.1 | 107.2 | +2.4 | 107.3 | +2.4 |
| Miscellaneous services | 106.0 | +2.9 | 103.5 | +1.8 | 105.6 | +3.0 | 108.0 | +3.4 |
| <i>Selected major groups</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Educational services</i> | 105.0 | +2.3 | 103.0 | +2.7 | 104.4 | +2.4 | 106.9 | +2.0 |
| <i>Information and communications services</i> | 89.4 | -6.4 | 89.5 | -6.3 | 89.1 | -6.6 | 89.8 | -6.0 |
| <i>Medical services</i> | 117.3 | +4.2 | 117.5 | +4.0 | 116.8 | +4.2 | 117.7 | +4.4 |
| All items | 108.1 | +2.4 | 109.2 | +2.8 | 107.8 | +2.3 | 107.5 | +2.3 |

- 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, January 2017 - January 2019

| <u>Year/month</u> | <u>CPI</u> | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Composite CPI</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(C)</u> |
| Year-on-year rate of change (%) | | | | |
| 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) |
| 2019 Jan | +2.4 (+3.0) | +2.8 (+3.3) | +2.3 (+2.9) | +2.3 (+2.6) |

* 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, \$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, January 2017 - January 2019

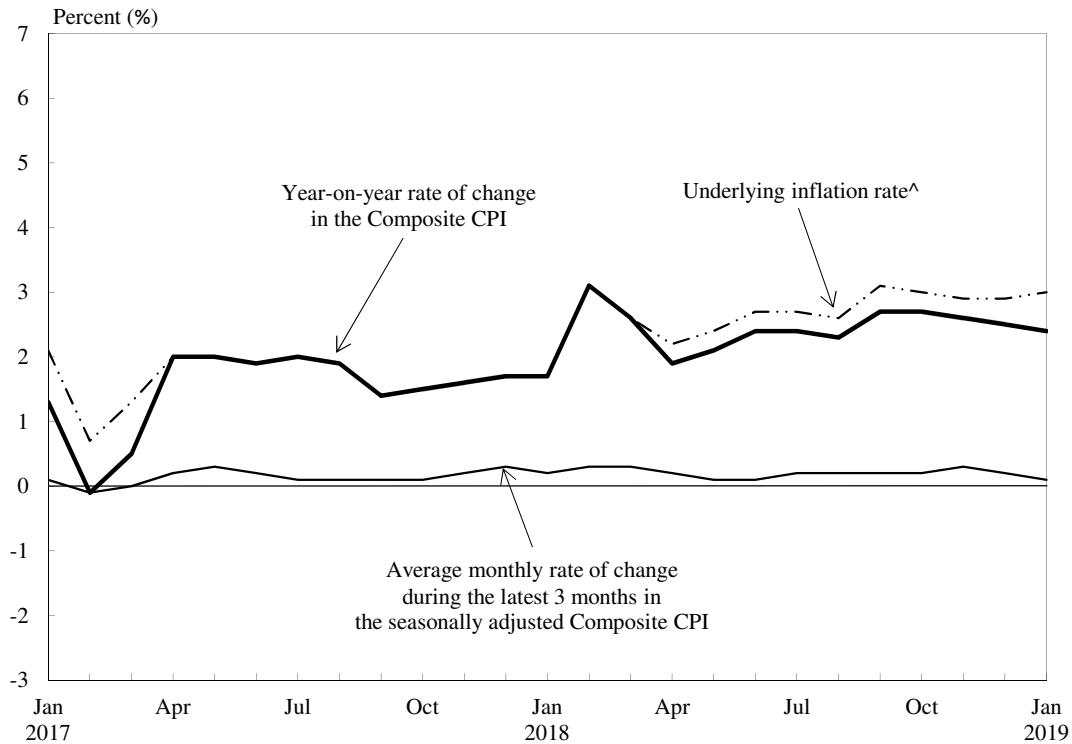
| <u>Year/month</u> | <u>Seasonally adjusted CPI #</u> | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)</u> | | | |
| | <u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(C)</u> |
| 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) |
| 2019 Jan | +0.1 (+0.2) | * (+0.1) | +0.1 (+0.2) | +0.2 (+0.2) |

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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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