

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for March 2021
(Oct. 2014 - Sep. 2015 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2021	% change over Mar 2020	Index for Mar 2021	% change over Mar 2020	Index for Mar 2021	% change over Mar 2020	Index for Mar 2021	% change over Mar 2020
Food	121.7	+1.6	123.6	+1.8	120.8	+1.5	119.7	+1.5
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	114.9	+0.7	115.8	+0.9	114.8	+0.7	113.6	+0.4
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	134.3	+3.1	135.8	+3.0	133.7	+3.0	132.3	+3.5
Housing [#]	114.4	-0.5	117.6	+0.8	113.6	-1.0	112.1	-1.0
<i>Private housing rent</i>	112.3	-1.3	113.4	-1.2	112.4	-1.4	111.0	-1.2
<i>Public housing rent</i>	135.2	+9.9	135.2	+9.9	135.1	+9.9	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	99.6	+21.2	98.8	+24.2	100.0	+20.5	100.9	+15.6
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	105.7	+0.5	107.5	+0.8	103.9	+0.3	104.4	*
Clothing and footwear	92.3	*	92.7	+0.3	92.6	*	92.1	-0.2
Durable goods	83.9	-1.2	83.2	-1.4	82.9	-1.8	85.7	-0.4
Miscellaneous goods	109.1	-0.7	110.7	-0.7	108.7	-0.8	108.3	-0.6
Transport	105.7	-2.3	102.2	-4.5	105.3	-2.6	108.6	-0.4
Miscellaneous services	107.9	+0.4	104.1	+0.1	107.4	+0.4	110.7	+0.5
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	110.2	+1.7	106.7	+1.5	109.5	+1.7	113.2	+1.9
<i>Information and communications services</i>	85.3	-2.9	85.2	-2.9	85.0	-2.9	86.0	-2.9
<i>Medical services</i>	123.0	+1.8	123.3	+2.0	122.4	+1.8	123.5	+1.7
All items	111.9	+0.5	114.3	+1.3	111.1	+0.2	110.5	+0.2

* 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 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 2020 prices) (\$)
CPI(A)	50	5,500 - 24,499	6,300 - 27,600
CPI(B)	30	24,500 - 44,499	27,600 - 49,400
CPI(C)	10	44,500 - 89,999	49,400 - 99,600
Composite CPI	90	5,500 - 89,999	6,300 - 99,600

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 2019 - March 2021

<u>Year/month</u>	CPI			
	Composite CPI	CPI(A)	CPI(B)	CPI(C)
2019 Mar	+2.1 (+2.6)	+2.4 (+3.0)	+1.9 (+2.4)	+1.9 (+2.3)
Apr	+2.9 (+2.9)	+3.0 (+3.1)	+2.8 (+2.7)	+3.0 (+2.9)
May	+2.8 (+2.8)	+3.1 (+3.2)	+2.6 (+2.5)	+2.7 (+2.6)
Jun	+3.3 (+3.2)	+3.9 (+4.0)	+3.0 (+2.9)	+2.9 (+2.8)
Jul	+3.3 (+3.2)	+3.9 (+4.0)	+3.1 (+3.0)	+2.8 (+2.7)
Aug	+3.5 (+3.4)	+4.1 (+4.2)	+3.2 (+3.1)	+3.0 (+2.9)
Sep	+3.2 (+3.2)	+3.5 (+3.6)	+3.1 (+3.0)	+3.0 (+2.9)
Oct	+3.1 (+3.1)	+3.5 (+3.6)	+3.1 (+3.0)	+2.9 (+2.8)
Nov	+3.0 (+2.9)	+3.5 (+3.6)	+2.9 (+2.8)	+2.5 (+2.4)
Dec	+2.9 (+2.9)	+3.4 (+3.5)	+2.9 (+2.7)	+2.5 (+2.4)
2020 Jan	+1.4 (+3.7)	-2.0 (+4.3)	+2.8 (+3.5)	+3.4 (+3.4)
Feb	+2.2 (+2.5)	+2.7 (+3.3)	+2.1 (+2.3)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Mar	+2.3 (+2.6)	+2.5 (+3.1)	+2.3 (+2.5)	+2.1 (+2.1)
Apr	+1.9 (+2.3)	+2.3 (+3.0)	+1.9 (+2.3)	+1.5 (+1.7)
May	+1.5 (+1.9)	+1.7 (+2.5)	+1.5 (+1.9)	+1.2 (+1.4)
Jun	+0.7 (+1.2)	+0.6 (+1.4)	+0.8 (+1.2)	+0.7 (+1.0)
Jul	-2.3 (+0.2)	-6.0 (+0.4)	-0.7 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.1)
Aug	-0.4 (+0.1)	-0.6 (+0.1)	-0.4 (*)	-0.1 (+0.1)
Sep	-2.2 (+0.5)	-5.9 (+1.0)	-0.7 (+0.3)	* (+0.2)
Oct	-0.2 (+0.4)	-0.2 (+0.9)	-0.2 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.2)
Nov	-0.2 (+0.3)	* (+0.8)	-0.3 (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.2)
Dec	-0.7 (*)	-0.7 (+0.4)	-0.9 (-0.3)	-0.5 (-0.1)
2021 Jan	+1.9 (-0.5)	+6.3 (-0.1)	+0.1 (-0.7)	-0.3 (-0.5)
Feb	+0.3 (-0.1)	+0.9 (+0.4)	* (-0.3)	* (-0.2)
Mar	+0.5 (+0.2)	+1.3 (+0.7)	+0.2 (-0.2)	+0.2 (*)

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

() Denotes the rate of change after netting out 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; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2019 - March 2021; Government's provision of electricity charges allowance (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, \$3,000 starting from January 2019 and \$2,000 starting from January 2020); Government's payment of examination fees for school candidates sitting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination; Government's payment of public housing rentals and waiver of two-thirds of rent for tenants of Group B estates by Hong Kong Housing Society in January and July 2020; waiver of public housing rentals by Hong Kong Housing Authority in September 2020; and waiver of public housing rentals by Hong Kong Housing Society in October 2020.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2019 - March 2021

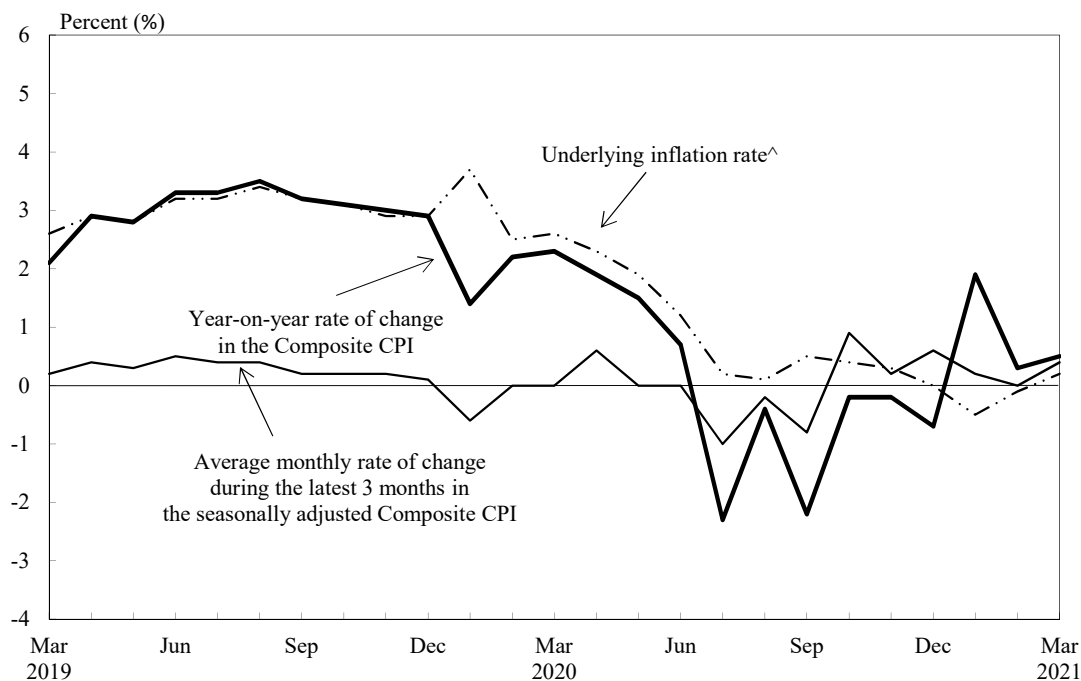
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI [#]			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2019 Mar	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Apr	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.3)	+0.4 (+0.3)
May	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)
Jun	+0.5 (+0.4)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.5 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.3)
Jul	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.6 (+0.6)	+0.3 (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Aug	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.5 (+0.5)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Sep	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Oct	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
2020 Jan	-0.6 (+0.3)	-1.8 (+0.3)	* (+0.3)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Feb	* (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.2)	* (+0.1)	* (*)
Mar	* (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	* (+0.1)
Apr	+0.6 (-0.1)	+1.8 (-0.1)	+0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
May	* (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)	* (*)	* (*)
Jun	* (*)	* (*)	* (*)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Jul	-1.0 (-0.3)	-2.2 (-0.3)	-0.5 (-0.3)	-0.3 (-0.3)
Aug	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.3 (-0.3)	-0.2 (-0.2)
Sep	-0.8 (*)	-2.0 (+0.1)	-0.3 (-0.1)	* (*)
Oct	+0.9 (+0.3)	+2.2 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Dec	+0.6 (-0.1)	+1.9 (-0.1)	* (-0.1)	-0.1 (*)
2021 Jan	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.3 (*)	+0.2 (*)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Feb	* (-0.1)	+0.2 (*)	* (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2)
Mar	+0.4 (+0.2)	+0.5 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)

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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 after netting out 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; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2019 to March 2021; Government's provision of electricity charges allowance (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, \$3,000 starting from January 2019 and \$2,000 starting from January 2020); Government's payment of examination fees for school candidates sitting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination; Government's payment of public housing rentals and waiver of two-thirds of rent for tenants of Group B estates by Hong Kong Housing Society in January and July 2020; waiver of public housing rentals by Hong Kong Housing Authority in September 2020; and waiver of public housing rentals by Hong Kong Housing Society in October 2020.

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