

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for August 2021
(Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Aug 2021	% change over Aug 2020	Index for Aug 2021	% change over Aug 2020	Index for Aug 2021	% change over Aug 2020	Index for Aug 2021	% change over Aug 2020
Food	102.0	+2.8	101.9	+2.3	102.1	+2.8	102.3	+3.4
<i>Meals out and takeaway food</i>	102.5	+4.1	102.5	+3.7	102.5	+4.2	102.5	+4.8
<i>Basic food</i>	101.3	+0.5	101.1	+0.4	101.2	+0.4	101.8	+0.8
Housing [#]	100.6	-0.7	104.1	+0.4	99.0	-1.4	98.8	-1.2
<i>Private housing rent</i>	98.2	-1.6	98.2	-1.6	98.1	-1.7	98.5	-1.4
<i>Public housing rent</i>	145.0	+11.0	145.1	+11.0	144.5	+11.0	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	111.2	+20.1	113.0	+24.4	110.3	+17.8	108.6	+14.2
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	100.4	-0.1	100.6	+0.5	100.4	-0.5	99.6	-1.5
Clothing and footwear	99.2	+5.3	99.7	+5.3	99.1	+5.5	98.8	+4.9
Durable goods	100.7	+2.8	100.0	+1.9	100.7	+2.8	101.3	+3.5
Miscellaneous goods	97.2	-3.2	96.9	-3.4	96.8	-3.6	98.1	-2.3
Transport	104.0	+6.0	103.5	+7.2	104.0	+6.2	104.3	+5.0
Miscellaneous services	101.3	+1.0	100.7	+0.5	101.3	+1.0	101.7	+1.2
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	102.1	+1.9	101.7	+1.6	102.0	+1.9	102.3	+2.1
<i>Information and communications services</i>	98.1	-1.7	98.0	-1.7	98.2	-1.6	98.2	-1.7
<i>Medical services</i>	102.2	+1.5	102.4	+1.6	102.4	+1.7	102.0	+1.3
All items	101.5	+1.6	102.9	+2.2	100.7	+1.3	100.8	+1.4

- 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 2019/20-based CPI series are as follows:

	Approximate percentage of households covered	Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2019/20 prices)
	(%)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	6,500 - 27,999
CPI(B)	30	28,000 - 48,499
CPI(C)	10	48,500 - 91,999
Composite CPI	90	6,500 - 91,999

Apart from "Private housing rent" and "Public housing rent", the "Housing" section also includes "Management fees and other housing charges".

Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, August 2019 - August 2021

		CPI			
		Year-on-year rate of change (%)			
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>	
2019 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	-0.4 (+0.5)	-0.5 (+1.1)	-0.4 (+0.3)	-0.1 (+0.2)	
Nov	-0.3 (+0.4)	-0.4 (+0.9)	-0.4 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.2)	
Dec	-1.0 (+0.1)	-1.3 (+0.6)	-1.0 (-0.1)	-0.6 (-0.1)	
2021 Jan	+2.6 (-0.3)	+7.5 (+0.1)	+0.6 (-0.5)	-0.2 (-0.5)	
Feb	+0.5 (-0.2)	+1.3 (+0.3)	+0.1 (-0.4)	* (-0.3)	
Mar	+0.6 (-0.1)	+1.5 (+0.4)	+0.2 (-0.4)	+0.1 (-0.2)	
Apr	+0.8 (+0.1)	+1.6 (+0.4)	+0.3 (-0.2)	+0.4 (+0.1)	
May	+1.0 (+0.2)	+1.9 (+0.6)	+0.5 (-0.1)	+0.5 (+0.2)	
Jun	+0.7 (+0.4)	+1.3 (+0.7)	+0.3 (+0.1)	+0.5 (+0.3)	
Jul	+3.7 (+1.0)	+8.4 (+1.3)	+1.7 (+0.7)	+1.1 (+1.0)	
Aug	+1.6 (+1.2)	+2.2 (+1.5)	+1.3 (+1.0)	+1.4 (+1.2)	

* 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 \$2,500 per quarter in April 2018 - March 2019; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2019 - September 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, \$2,000 starting from January 2020 and \$1,000 starting from June 2021); 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.

Note: From October 2020 onwards, the year-on-year rates of change are derived from the 2019/20-based CPIs. The year-on-year rates of change before October 2020 were derived using the index series in the base periods at that time (for instance the 2014/15-based index series), compared with the index a year earlier in the same base period.

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

Seasonally adjusted CPI [#]				
Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)				
<u>Year/month</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2019 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 (+0.4)	-2.1 (+0.3)	* (+0.4)	+0.2 (+0.3)
Feb	-0.1 (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.3)	* (+0.2)	* (+0.1)
Mar	* (+0.3)	-0.2 (+0.3)	* (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Apr	+0.7 (-0.1)	+2.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (-0.1)	-0.2 (-0.2)
May	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Jun	* (*)	* (*)	* (*)	* (*)
Jul	-1.0 (-0.3)	-2.3 (-0.2)	-0.5 (-0.3)	-0.3 (-0.3)
Aug	-0.3 (-0.3)	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.3 (-0.3)	-0.3 (-0.3)
Sep	-0.9 (-0.1)	-2.2 (*)	-0.4 (-0.2)	-0.1 (-0.1)
Oct	+0.9 (+0.1)	+2.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Nov	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Dec	+0.6 (-0.1)	+2.1 (*)	+0.1 (-0.1)	-0.1 (-0.1)
2021 Jan	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.5 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Feb	+0.2 (*)	+0.4 (*)	+0.2 (*)	+0.1 (*)
Mar	+0.5 (+0.2)	+0.7 (+0.2)	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.2)
Apr	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	* (*)	* (*)
May	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jun	* (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Jul	-0.1 (*)	-0.1 (+0.1)	-0.1 (*)	* (*)
Aug	-0.1 (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	-0.1 (*)	* (+0.1)

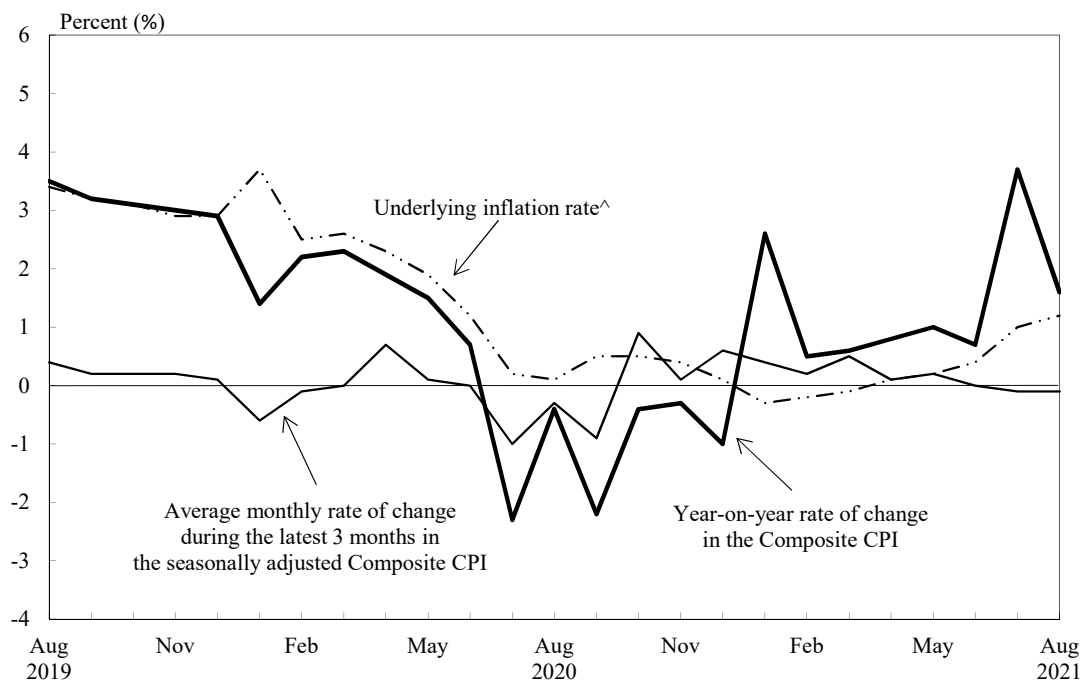
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Note: In calculating the average monthly rates of change during the latest 3 months in the seasonally adjusted CPIs, the new 2019/20-based CPIs are used as from the reference month of January 2020 onwards. For the earlier months, the average monthly rates of change during the latest 3 months are derived from the seasonally adjusted CPIs with old base period.

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 \$2,500 per quarter in April 2018 to March 2019; the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2019 to September 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, \$2,000 starting from January 2020 and \$1,000 starting from June 2021); 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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