

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for March 2023
(Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020 = 100)

Section	Composite CPI		CPI(A)		CPI(B)		CPI(C)	
	Index for Mar 2023	% change over Mar 2022	Index for Mar 2023	% change over Mar 2022	Index for Mar 2023	% change over Mar 2022	Index for Mar 2023	% change over Mar 2022
Food	108.4	+1.6	108.2	+0.9	108.4	+1.9	108.7	+2.3
<i>Meals out and takeaway food</i>	108.6	+4.5	108.6	+4.4	108.6	+4.5	108.6	+4.5
<i>Basic food</i>	108.1	-2.8	107.6	-3.5	108.1	-2.6	109.1	-1.8
Housing #	100.9	-0.2	104.5	-0.1	99.1	-0.3	98.9	-0.1
<i>Private housing rent</i>	98.0	-0.5	98.2	-0.5	97.8	-0.6	98.1	-0.5
<i>Public housing rent</i>	146.5	+0.7	146.6	+0.7	146.0	+0.6	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	141.5	+19.9	144.1	+20.1	139.7	+19.6	138.1	+20.0
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	119.5	+18.7	123.6	+22.5	117.1	+16.5	111.1	+11.4
Clothing and footwear	112.1	+6.3	111.3	+4.8	112.1	+5.3	112.6	+8.5
Durable goods	98.9	-2.8	97.8	-2.7	98.4	-3.2	100.3	-2.4
Miscellaneous goods	99.4	+1.0	98.9	+1.2	99.2	+1.1	100.2	+0.7
Transport	106.1	+2.8	102.2	+2.4	106.1	+2.7	108.6	+3.2
Miscellaneous services	103.9	+2.7	102.5	+2.1	103.9	+2.6	104.8	+3.0
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	105.8	+3.0	104.8	+2.4	105.6	+2.9	106.5	+3.3
<i>Information and communications services</i>	95.6	+0.2	95.3	+0.1	95.8	+0.3	95.8	+0.3
<i>Medical services</i>	105.3	+1.6	105.4	+1.4	105.3	+1.2	105.3	+2.1
All items	105.0	+1.7	106.8	+1.7	104.1	+1.6	104.2	+1.9

- 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:

	<u>Approximate percentage of households covered</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2019/20 prices)</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2022 prices)</u>
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	6,500 - 27,999	6,700 - 28,700
CPI(B)	30	28,000 - 48,499	28,700 - 49,600
CPI(C)	10	48,500 - 91,999	49,600 - 94,200
Composite CPI	90	6,500 - 91,999	6,700 - 94,200

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, March 2021 - March 2023

<u>Year/month</u>	<u>CPI</u>			
	<u>Year-on-year rate of change (%)</u>			
	<u>Composite</u> <u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2021 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)
Sep	+1.4 (+1.0)	+1.6 (+0.9)	+1.2 (+0.9)	+1.3 (+1.2)
Oct	+1.7 (+1.1)	+2.1 (+1.1)	+1.6 (+1.0)	+1.5 (+1.2)
Nov	+1.8 (+1.2)	+2.2 (+1.2)	+1.7 (+1.1)	+1.5 (+1.2)
Dec	+2.4 (+1.4)	+3.0 (+1.5)	+2.2 (+1.3)	+2.0 (+1.4)
2022 Jan	+1.2 (+1.2)	+1.1 (+1.2)	+1.2 (+1.2)	+1.4 (+1.4)
Feb	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.6 (+1.7)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.7 (+1.6)
Mar	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.8 (+1.9)	+1.7 (+1.6)	+1.8 (+1.7)
Apr	+1.3 (+1.6)	+1.1 (+1.6)	+1.3 (+1.5)	+1.6 (+1.7)
May	+1.2 (+1.7)	+0.8 (+1.7)	+1.3 (+1.7)	+1.6 (+1.8)
Jun	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.7 (+1.7)	+2.0 (+2.0)
Jul	+1.9 (+1.9)	+1.9 (+1.9)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+2.0 (+2.0)
Aug	+1.9 (+1.8)	+1.9 (+1.8)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.9 (+1.9)
Sep	+4.4 (+1.8)	+8.9 (+1.8)	+2.4 (+1.7)	+1.9 (+1.9)
Oct	+1.8 (+1.7)	+2.0 (+1.7)	+1.7 (+1.6)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Nov	+1.8 (+1.7)	+1.8 (+1.8)	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Dec	+2.0 (+2.0)	+2.1 (+2.1)	+1.9 (+1.9)	+2.0 (+2.0)
2023 Jan	+2.4 (+2.4)	+2.6 (+2.6)	+2.3 (+2.2)	+2.4 (+2.4)
Feb	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.8 (+1.8)
Mar	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.7 (+1.7)	+1.6 (+1.6)	+1.9 (+1.9)

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Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, March 2021 - March 2023

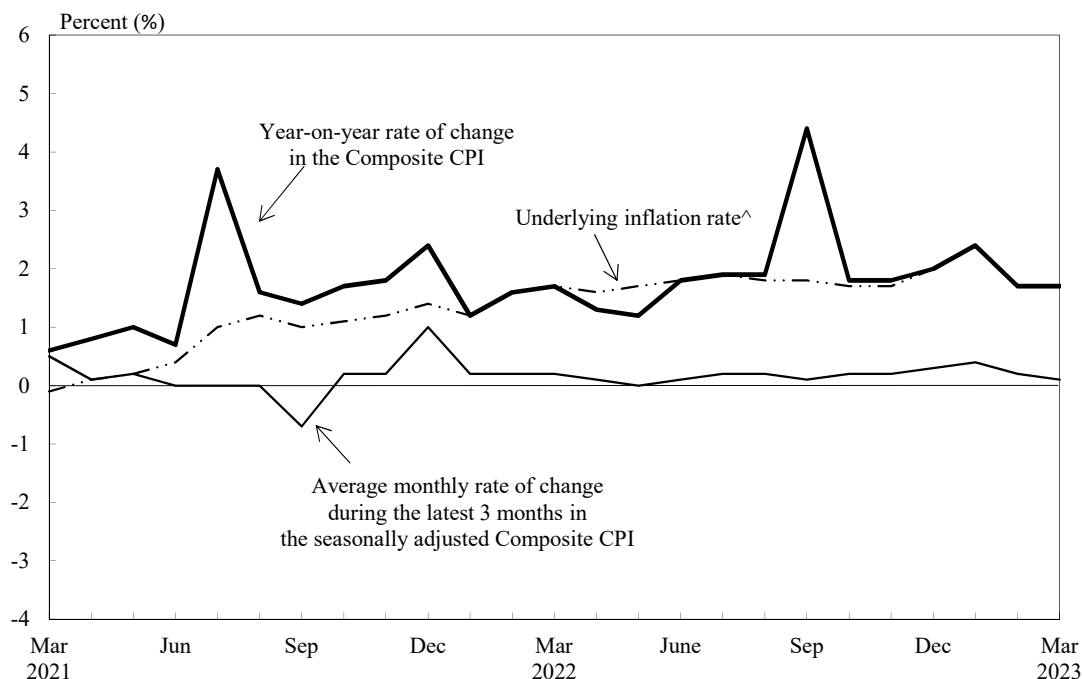
<u>Year/month</u>	Seasonally adjusted CPI #			
	Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
	<u>Composite CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2021 Mar	+0.5 (+0.1)	+0.7 (+0.1)	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.1)
Apr	+0.1 (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (*)	+0.1 (+0.1)
May	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Jun	* (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Jul	* (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	* (+0.1)
Aug	* (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	* (+0.1)
Sep	-0.7 (+0.1)	-2.1 (+0.1)	-0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Oct	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Nov	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Dec	+1.0 (+0.1)	+2.5 (+0.1)	+0.4 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
2022 Jan	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Feb	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Mar	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Apr	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)
May	* (+0.2)	-0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Jun	+0.1 (+0.1)	* (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.2)
Jul	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Aug	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Sep	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)
Oct	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Nov	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)
Dec	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.3 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)
2023 Jan	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.4 (+0.4)	+0.3 (+0.3)
Feb	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.2)
Mar	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+0.2 (+0.1)

* Increase or decrease of less than 0.05%

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Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available.

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 \$1,500 per quarter in April 2019 to September 2021 and April 2022 to September 2022; the rates concession of up to \$1,000 per quarter in October 2021 to March 2022 and October 2022 to March 2023; Government's provision of electricity charges allowance (subject to maximum cumulative amount of \$3,000 starting from January 2019, \$2,000 starting from January 2020, \$1,000 starting from June 2021 and \$1,000 starting from June 2022); Government's payment of examination fees for school candidates sitting for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 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 September 2021; waiver of public housing rentals by Hong Kong Housing Society in October 2020 and October 2021; and waiver of extra rent payable due to the rent adjustment by Hong Kong Housing Society and Hong Kong Housing Authority in October 2022 - September 2023.

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