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Newsletter Consumer Price Index (CPI) November 2014

Inflation Rate for November 2014 is 3.0%

The Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change over time in the general price level of goods and services that households acquire for the purpose of consumption, with reference to the price level in 2010, the base year, which has an index of 100.

November 2014 rate of inflation

The year-on-year inflation rate as measured by the CPI stood at 3.0 percent in November 2014, up by 0.2 percentage point from the 2.8 percent recorded in October 2014 (Table 1). This rate of inflation for November 2014 shows how much higher or lower prices when compared with the same month a year earlier.

The monthly change rate for November 2014 was 0.5 percent compared to October 2014.

Food and non-food inflation

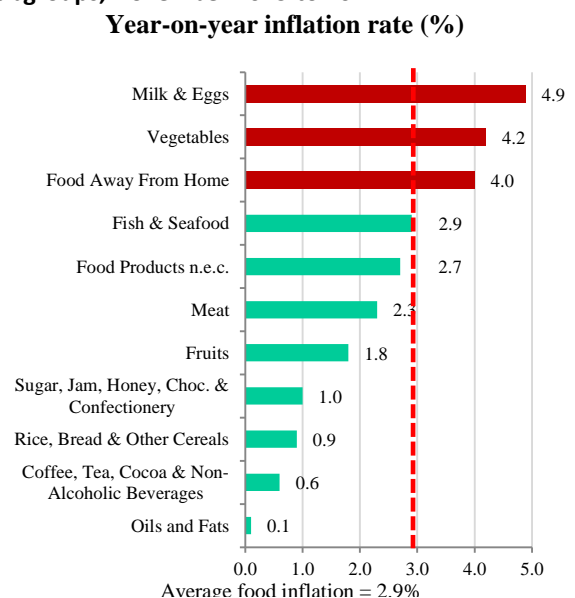
The Food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 2.9 percent. This is 0.1 percentage point higher than the 2.8 percent recorded in October 2014. Three subgroups of the food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded inflation rates higher than the group's average rate of 2.9 percent (Figure 1).

The non-food group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 3.1 percent in November 2014, compared to the 2.7 percent recorded in October 2014. Five subgroups recorded year-on-year inflation rates higher than the group's average rate of 3.1 percent (Figure 2). Alcoholic beverages & tobacco recorded the highest rate of 10.5 percent followed by Transport with 5.0 percent; Restaurants and hotels (4.3 percent); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (3.5 percent); and Health (3.4 percent).

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (CPI), November 2013 to 2014

Year/ Month	Index 2010=100	Percentage change	
		Monthly (M/M)	Yearly (Y/Y)
Nov 2013	108.6	0.3	2.9
Dec 2013	108.9	0.3	3.2
Jan 2014	109.5	0.6	3.3
Feb 2014	109.8	0.3	3.4
Mar 2014	109.9	0.1	3.4
Apr 2014	109.9	0.0	3.4
May 2014	110.0	0.1	3.1
Jun 2014	110.2	0.2	3.2
Jul 2014	110.3	0.1	3.1
Aug 2014	110.5	0.2	3.2
Sept 2014	110.7	0.2	2.5
Oct 2014	111.3	0.5	2.8
Nov 2014	111.9	0.5	3.0

Figure 1: Food inflation rate (%) by major subgroups, November 2013 to 2014



Inflation was lowest in the Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance subgroup (0.8%). On the other hand, Clothing & footwear and Communication subgroups recorded negative year-on-year inflation rates.

State differentials

At the state level, the year-on-year inflation rate ranged from 1.6 percent in the Sabah & Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan to 3.6 percent in Johor, Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya. Four states (Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya, Johor, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and Pulau Pinang) recorded inflation rates above the national average of 3.0 percent (Figure 3).

Dissemination

A publication on the November 2014 CPI and more detailed data in time series format have been posted on the web portal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (<http://www.statistics.gov.my>). The target publication date of the monthly CPI newsletter is three weeks after the end of the reference month. The next release date is 21st January 2015.

Figure 2: Year-on-year Non Food Inflation (%) by main groups, November 2014

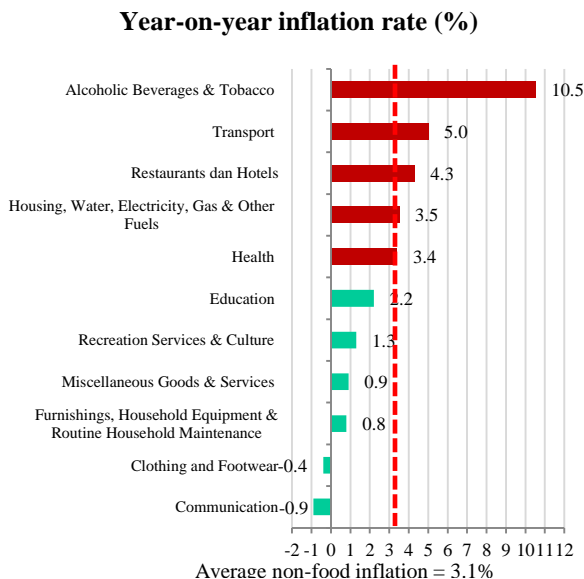
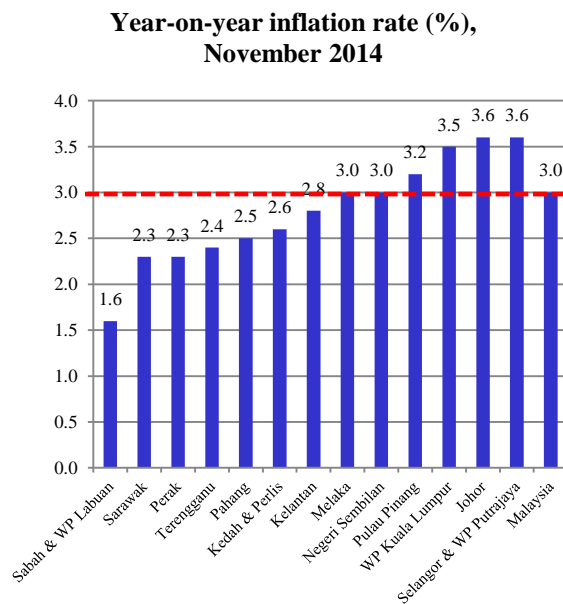


Figure 3: Year-on-year inflation rate (%) by state, November 2014



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