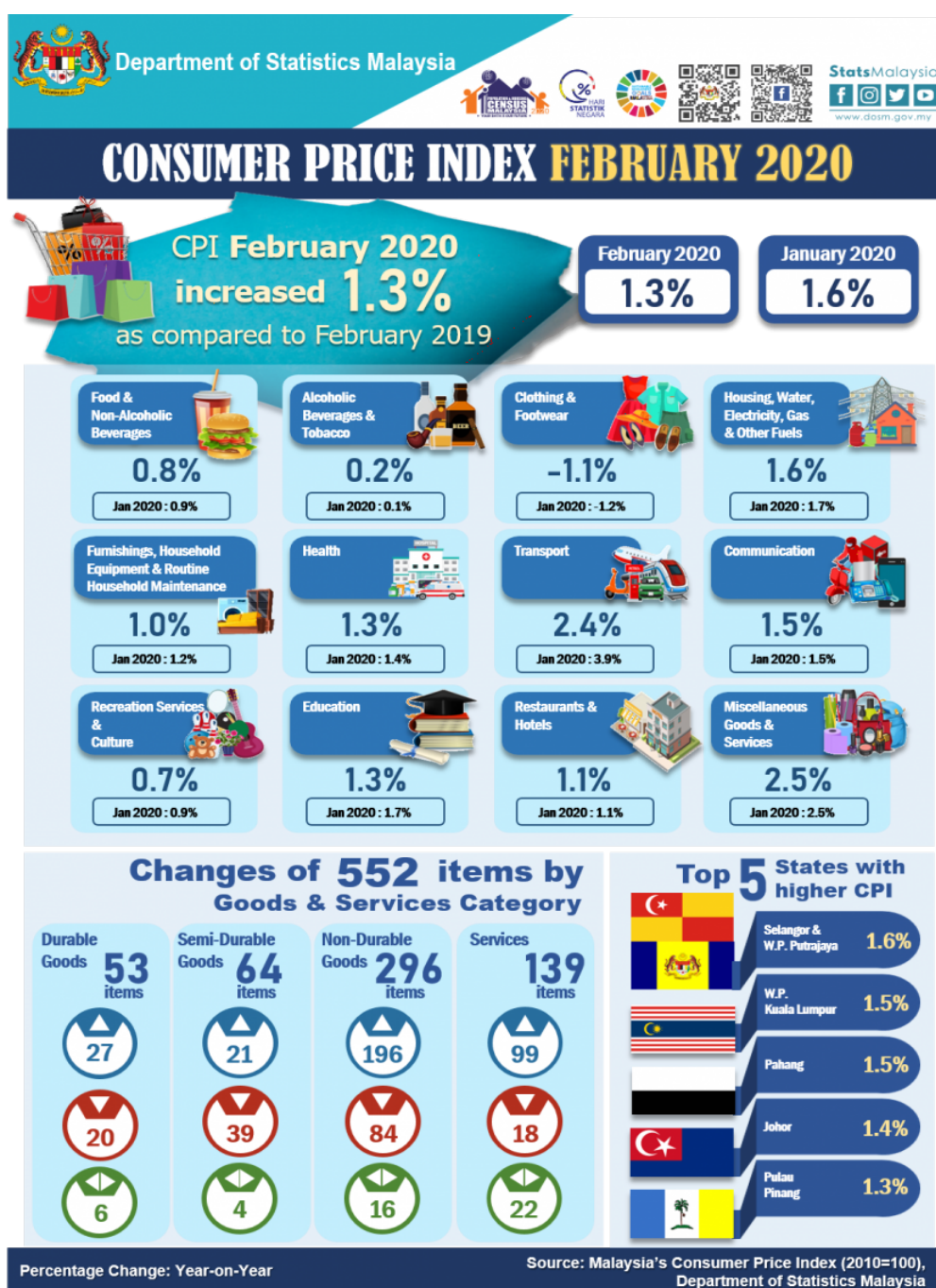




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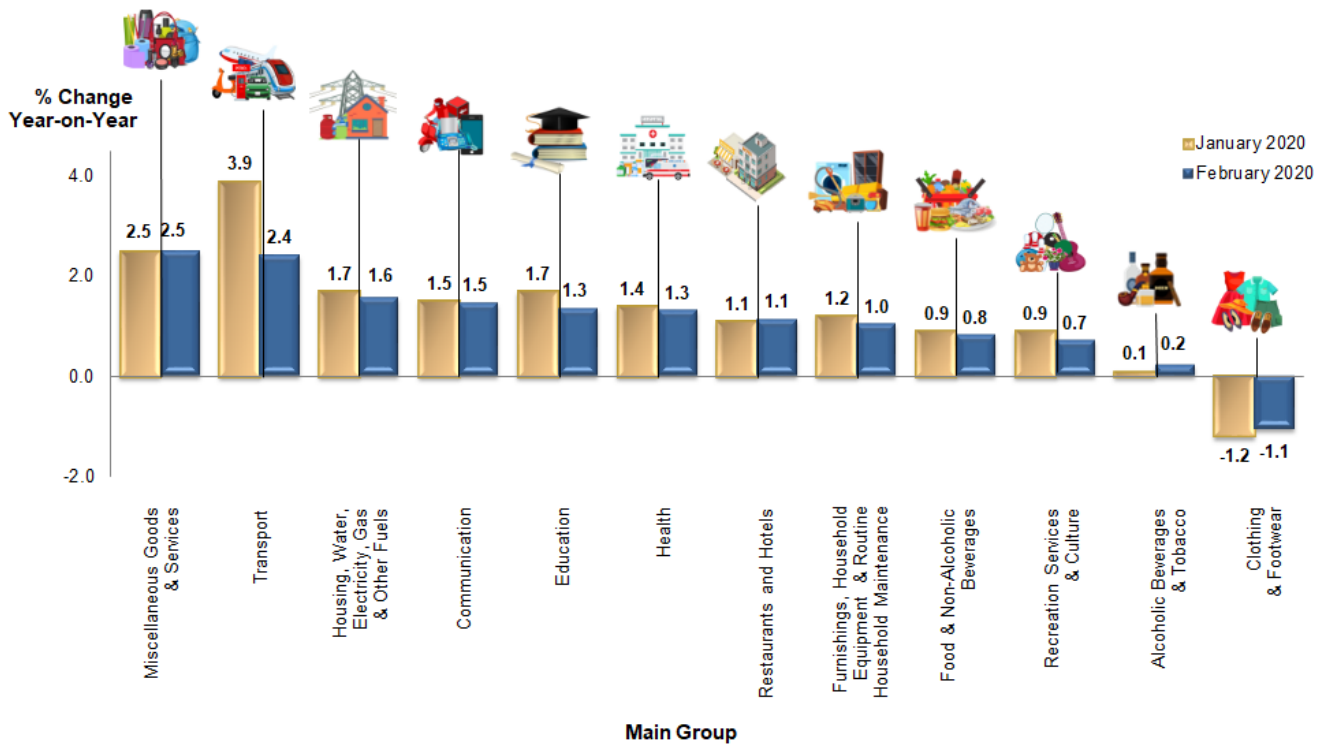


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased **1.3 per cent** in February 2020 to 122.4 as against 120.8 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of **Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.5%)**, **Transport (2.4%)**, **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.6%)** and **Communication (1.5%)**. (Chart 1)

On a monthly basis, CPI remained unchanged at 122.4 as compared to January 2020. Meanwhile, the CPI for the period of January to February 2020 registered an increase of 1.4 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1: Percentage Change of Consumer Price Index by Main Group



Index for Subgroup Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The index for **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased **0.8 per cent** in February 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase was attributed by the subgroup of **Vegetables (6.3%)**, **Food Products not elsewhere classified (2.1%)** and **Rice, Bread & Other Cereals (0.7%)**.

Among the index of goods which recorded price increases in most states were **Small Onion (33.8%)**, **Garlic (33.4%)** and **Big Onion (21.8%)**.

The index for **Food Away From Home** increased **1.6 per cent** in February 2020 as against February 2019. The increase in price of Nasi Lemak, Rice with Side Dishes and Fried Rice contributed to the increase of the index of this subgroup. (Table 1)

Table 1: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages Subgroup

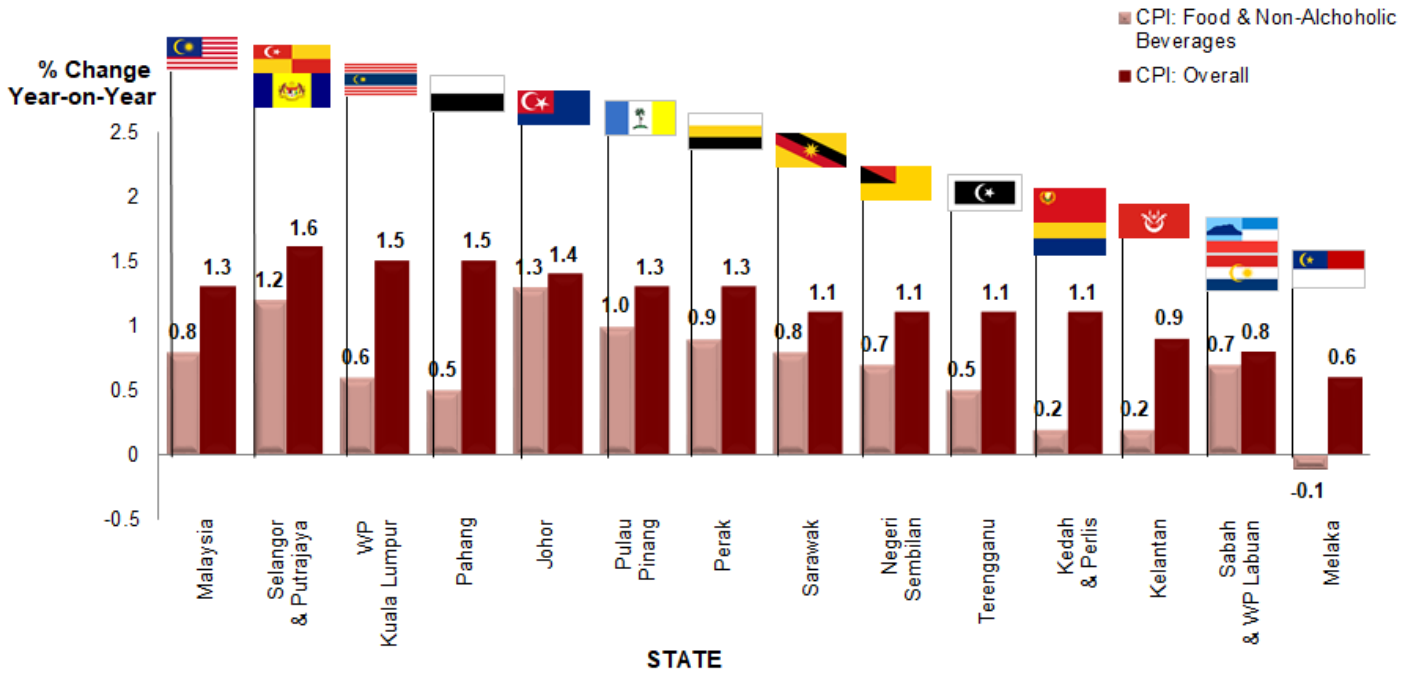
Subgroup	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change		
		Weight	Feb 2020	Jan 2020/ Jan 2019	Feb 2020/ Feb 2019	Jan 2020/ Dec 2019
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	134.2	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1
Food	28.4	135.2	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1
Food At Home	16.9	131.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	3.5	111.3	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.2
Meat	2.5	125.3	-4.5	-2.8	0.4	1.0
Fish & Seafood	4.0	153.5	1.2	-0.1	0.9	-1.1
Milk & Eggs	1.5	123.0	-2.7	-3.8	-1.0	-0.6
Oils & Fats	0.6	118.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5
Fruits	1.2	133.9	0.7	0.1	0.4	-0.4
Vegetables	2.1	139.9	5.7	6.3	-0.1	0.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	0.6	135.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Food Products n.e.c.	1.0	134.2	1.8	2.1	0.2	0.4
Food Away From Home	11.5	141.7	1.7	1.6	0.1	0.2
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	113.0	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.3

Consumer Price Index by States

Four states namely Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.6%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (1.5%), Pahang (1.5%) and Johor (1.4%) surpassed the national CPI rate of 1.3 per cent in February 2020 as compared to the same month in the preceding year.

All states except Melaka registered an increase in the index of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. The highest increase was recorded by Johor (1.3%) followed by Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya (1.2%), Pulau Pinang (1.0%) and Perak (0.9%) and it surpassed the national index of 0.8 per cent for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages in February 2020. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Percentage Change of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State



Core Index

Core index rose 1.3 per cent in February 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the increase were Miscellaneous Goods & Services (2.5%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.9%), Communication (1.5%), Education (1.3%) and Health (1.3%).

Core index excludes most volatile items of fresh food as well as administered prices of goods and services. (Table 2)




Table 2: Percentage Change of Headline CPI, Seasonally Adjusted Index and Core Index by Main Group

Main Group	Weight	HEADLINE CPI			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEX		CORE INDEX	
		Index	Percentage Change	Index	Month-on-Month Percentage Change	Core Index Weight	Year-on-Year Percentage Change	
		Feb 2020	Feb 2020/ Jan 2020	Feb 2020/ Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2020/ Jan 2020		Feb 2020/ Feb 2019
Total	100.0	122.4	0.0	1.3	122.4	0.0	100.0	1.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.5	134.2	0.1	0.8	133.3	-0.1	26.5	1.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.4	167.8	0.1	0.2	167.8	0.1	-	-
Clothing and Footwear	3.2	93.7	0.0	-1.1	93.7	0.0	4.5	-1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	122.6	0.3	1.6	122.4	0.0	26.5	1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	117.0	0.1	1.0	117.0	0.1	5.5	1.0
Health	1.9	123.6	0.1	1.3	123.6	0.1	2.6	1.3
Transport	14.6	113.9	-1.0	2.4	113.9	-1.0	6.5	0.2
Communication	4.8	97.5	0.0	1.5	97.5	0.0	6.5	1.5
Recreation Services & Culture	4.8	112.4	0.0	0.7	112.4	0.0	6.6	0.7
Education	1.3	120.9	0.1	1.3	120.5	-0.1	1.8	1.3
Restaurants and Hotels	2.9	132.8	0.2	1.1	132.8	0.2	3.9	1.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.7	114.6	-0.1	2.5	114.6	-0.1	9.1	2.5
Non-Food	70.5	117.5	0.0	1.6	-	-	-	-

[Annex 1: Average Price for Selected Items in Malaysia, February 2020 \(RM\)](#)

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