



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (JAN 2010 = 100)

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HIGHLIGHTS

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May 2015 **decreased** by 0.4 per cent over April 2015. Compared with May 2014, the CPI **decreased** by 0.3 per cent (**Table 1**).

Table 1: CPI, May 2015

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food	Weights	Index	Change (%)	
		May 2015	May 2015/ Apr 2015	May 2015/ May 2014
OVERALL CPI	10,000	99.9	-0.4	-0.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,911	100.7	0.3	1.1
Non-Food	8,089	99.8	-0.6	-0.6

Note: 0.0 means less than 0.05 and “ – “ means nil

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.3 per cent over April 2015. On a year-on-year basis, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 1.1 per cent.

On the other hand, the Non-Food Index decreased by 0.6 per cent over April 2015. Compared with the same month last year, the Non-Food Index was 0.6 per cent lower.

Table 2: CPI, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Changes (%)

		Index	Change (%)	
		(Jan 2010 = 100)	month-on-month	year-on-year
2013	Oct	101.1	-0.1	0.7
	Nov	101.4	0.3	1.0
	Dec	100.4	-0.9	0.2
2014	Jan	99.6	-0.9	-0.8
	Feb	100.4	0.8	0.0
	Mar	100.3	-0.1	-0.1
	Apr	100.6	0.4	0.2
	May	100.3	-0.5	-0.2
	Jun	100.6	0.4	0.2
	Jul	100.0	-0.6	-0.2
	Aug	100.8	0.8	-0.3
	Sep	100.6	-0.1	-0.4
	Oct	100.6	-0.4	-0.7
	Nov	100.1	-0.2	-1.3
	Dec	101.7	1.6	1.2
2015	Jan	100.1	-1.6	0.5
	Feb	99.6	-0.4	-0.8
	Mar	100.1	0.5	-0.1
	Apr	100.3	0.2	-0.3
	May	99.9	-0.4	-0.3

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MONTH-ON-MONTH CHANGES (May 2015 compared to April 2015)

The CPI in May 2015 decreased by 0.4 per cent over April 2015 (**Table 3**).

Based on the contribution to change, Transport contributed 41.2 per cent to the overall month-on-month decrease of the CPI in May 2015. This was followed by Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (35.7 per cent); and Clothing and Footwear (30.1 per cent).

Table 3: CPI by Divisions, May 2015 and April 2015

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Apr 2015	May 2015		
Overall CPI	10,000	100.3	99.9	-0.4	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,911	100.4	100.7	0.3	-15.3
Clothing & Footwear	424	98.6	95.8	-2.9	30.1
Housing , Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,114	101.4	101.4	0.1	-1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	1,101	97.7	96.4	-1.3	35.7
Health	132	103.8	100.3	-3.4	11.6
Transport	1,883	99.3	98.4	-0.9	41.2
Communication	601	100.6	100.2	-0.5	7.1
Recreation & Culture	913	98.6	99.4	0.8	-19.0
Education	390	102.3	102.3	-	-
Restaurants & Hotels	885	103.7	103.7	-0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	646	102.8	102.2	-0.6	10.4

Note: 0.0 means less than 0.05 and “-” means nil.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Transport** (0.9 per cent) due to lower cost of passenger transport by air;
- **Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance** (1.3 per cent) due to lower cost of household textiles, glassware, tableware and household utensils, major tools and equipment as well as non-durable household goods; and
- **Clothing and Footwear** (2.9 per cent) due to lower cost of garments, other articles of clothing and clothing accessories as well as shoes and other footwear.

Increases were recorded in:

- **Recreation and Culture** (0.8 per cent) due to higher cost of audio-visual equipment, computers and computer accessories, books, magazines and periodicals, stationery and drawing materials as well as package holidays and pilgrimages; and
- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (0.3 per cent) due to higher prices of meat (0.5 per cent), fish and seafood (0.9 per cent), milk, dairy products and eggs (0.5 per cent), vegetables (1.8 per cent),

other food products (less than 0.05 per cent), coffee, tea and cocoa (0.1 per cent) as well as mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (0.2 per cent).

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGES (May 2015 compared to May 2014)

The CPI in May 2015 decreased by 0.3 per cent compared to the same month in 2014 (**Table 4**).

Based on the contribution to change, Transport contributed 236.4 per cent to the overall year-on-year decrease of the CPI for May 2015. This was followed by Clothing and Footwear (49.3 per cent); and Education (44.4 per cent).

Table 4: CPI by Divisions, May 2015 and May 2014

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		May 2014	May 2015		
Overall CPI	10,000	100.2	99.9	-0.3	100.0
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,911	99.6	100.7	1.1	-81.7
Clothing & Footwear	424	98.8	95.8	-3.1	49.3
Housing , Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,114	99.1	101.4	2.3	-99.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	1,101	97.2	96.4	-0.8	33.5
Health	132	100.6	100.3	-0.3	1.5
Transport	1,883	101.7	98.4	-3.2	236.4
Communication	601	98.9	100.2	1.3	-29.6
Recreation & Culture	913	99.6	99.4	-0.2	7.4
Education	390	105.2	102.3	-2.8	44.4
Restaurants & Hotels	885	102.2	103.7	1.4	-48.9
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	646	101.7	102.2	0.5	-13.3

Note: 0.0 means less than 0.05 and “ – “ means nil.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Transport** (3.2 per cent) due to lower cost of motor cars as well as passenger transport by air;
- **Clothing and Footwear** (3.1 per cent) due to lower cost of clothing material, most garments, other articles of clothing and clothing accessories as well as shoes and other footwear; and
- **Education** (2.8 per cent) due to lower fees of selected private school for pre-primary and primary education as well as technical and vocational education.

Increases were recorded in:

- **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** (2.3 per cent) due to higher cost of rentals for housing as well as materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling;

- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (1.1 per cent) due to higher prices of meat (1.0 per cent), fish and seafood (4.7 per cent), milk, dairy products and eggs (2.1 per cent), fruits (1.5 per cent), vegetables (2.2 per cent), and other food products (0.2 per cent); and
- **Restaurants and Hotels** (1.4 per cent) due to higher cost of restaurants and cafés, fast food outlets, canteens and other eating places as well as accommodation services.

PERIOD-ON-PERIOD CHANGES (January-May 2015 compared to January-May 2014)

The average CPI for the first five months (January to May) of 2015 decreased by 0.3 per cent compared to the same period in 2014 (**Table 5**).

Table 5: CPI by Divisions, Jan-May 2015 and Jan-May 2014

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)
		Jan-May 2014	Jan-May 2015	
Overall CPI	10,000	100.2	100.0	-0.2
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,911	100.1	100.3	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	424	99.3	94.6	-4.7
Housing , Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,114	99.4	101.4	2.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	1,101	97.7	96.2	-1.5
Health	132	99.6	101.6	2.0
Transport	1,883	101.0	99.8	-1.1
Communication	601	98.9	100.6	1.7
Recreation & Culture	913	99.5	98.5	-1.0
Education	390	105.2	102.8	-2.4
Restaurants & Hotels	885	102.1	103.5	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	646	101.6	102.3	0.7

Note: 0.0 means less than 0.05 and “ – ” means nil.

Decreases were recorded in **Clothing and Footwear** (4.7 per cent); **Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance** (1.5 per cent); **Transport** (1.1 per cent); **Recreation and Culture** (1.0 per cent); and **Education** (2.4 per cent); and

On the other hand, increases were recorded in **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (0.2 per cent), **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** (2.0 per cent); **Health** (2.0 per cent); **Communication** (1.7 per cent); **Restaurant and Hotel** (1.4 per cent); and **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** (0.7 per cent).

Goods according to Durability and Services

Compared to April 2015, the index for semi durable and services decreased by 3.0 and 0.6 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, the index for durable and non-durable increased by 1.0 and less than 0.05 per cent, respectively.

Compared to May 2014, the index for durable and semi-durable goods decreased by 3.8 and 2.2 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, the index for non-durable and services increased by 0.7 and 0.5 per cent, respectively (**Table 6**).

Table 6: CPI of goods according to durability and services

Goods and Services Category	Weights	Index			Change (%)	
		May 2014	Apr 2015	May 2015	May 2015 / Apr 2015	May 2015 / May 2014
Overall	10,000	100.2	100.3	99.9	-0.4	-0.3
Goods	6,025	99.2	98.7	98.4	-0.2	-0.8
Durable	1,313	98.8	94.0	95.0	1.0	-3.8
Semi-durable	977	98.5	99.3	96.3	-3.0	-2.2
Non-durable	3,735	99.5	100.1	100.2	0.0	0.7
Services	3,975	101.7	102.9	102.2	-0.6	0.5

Note: 0.0 means less than 0.05 and “ – ” means nil.