



# Consumer Price Index

(Jan 2015 = 100)

July 2020



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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGES (%)

July 2020 : 2.0

## FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES : 2.2%



7.9%

Mineral Waters,  
Soft Drinks, Fruit  
and Vegetable  
Juices



5.9%

Vegetable



2.0%

Meat

## NON-FOOD : 1.9%



10.6%

Miscellaneous Goods  
and Services



2.2%

Transport



3.0%

Furnishings,  
Household Equipment  
& Routine Household  
Maintenance

## CPI July 2020 - HIGHLIGHTS

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) in July 2020 has **increased** by 2.0 per cent year-on-year from 98.9 in July 2019 to 100.9 this year. Both Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food index have recorded an increase of 2.2 per cent and 1.9 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, the index Goods, and the index of Services have increased by 1.4 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively.

On a month-on-month basis, the CPI has **decreased** by 0.1 per cent compared to June 2020; whereby both Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food index have recorded a decrease of 0.4 per cent and 0.02 per cent.

For period-on-period, the CPI for January to July 2020 registered an increase of 1.9 per cent compared to the same period last year (**Table 1**).

**Table 1: CPI, July 2020**

Category	Weights	Index	Change (%)		
		Jul 2020	Jul 2020/ Jul 2019	Jul 2020/ Jun 2020	Jan- Jul 2020 / Jan- Jul 2019
<b>OVERALL CPI</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	103.9	2.2	-0.4	2.0
Non-Food	8,117	100.2	1.9	-0.02	1.9
Goods	5,726	99.7	1.4	-0.2	1.1
Services	4,274	102.4	2.7	0.02	2.9

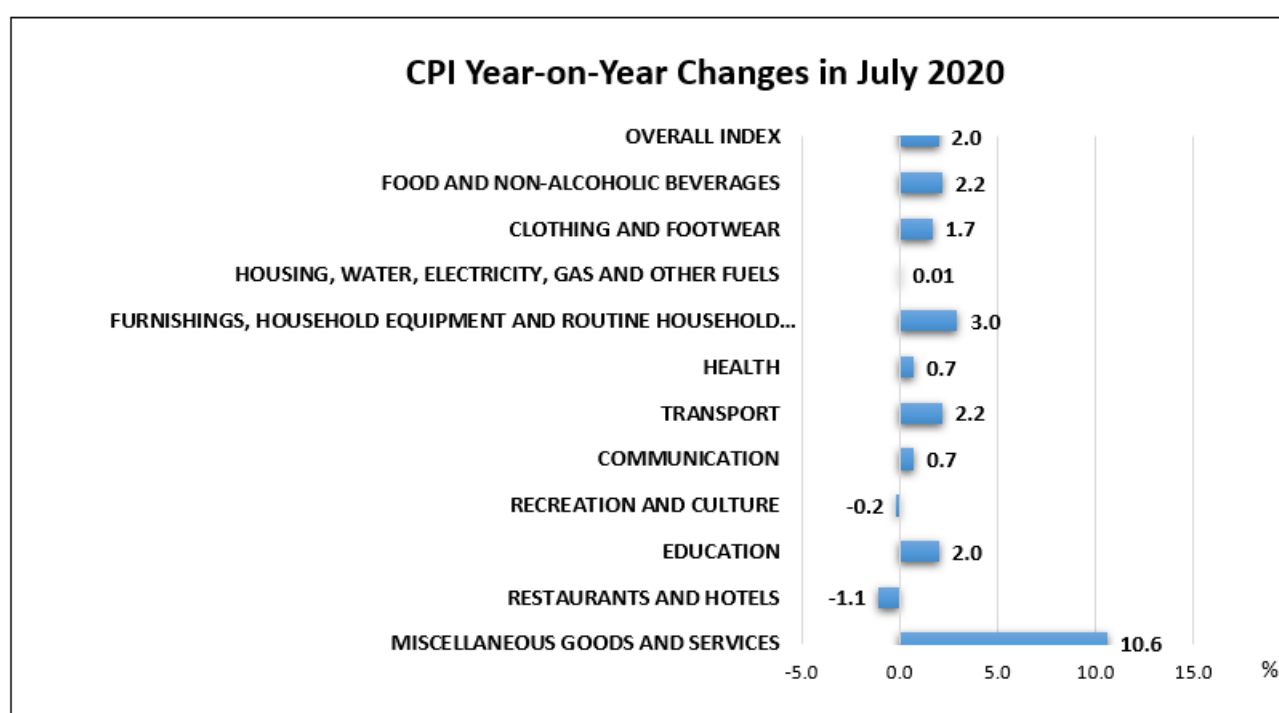
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## YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGES (July 2020 compared to July 2019)

The CPI in July 2020 has increased by 2.0 per cent compared to the same month in 2019.

Among the major groups which recorded increases were the indices for Miscellaneous Goods and Services (10.6 per cent); Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.2 per cent); and Transport (2.2 per cent) (**Figure 1**).

**Figure 1: CPI Year-on-Year Changes, July 2020**



Based on the contribution to change, Miscellaneous Goods and Services has contributed 41.3 per cent to the overall year-on-year increase of the CPI in July 2020. This was followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (21.3 per cent); and Transport (20.1 per cent) (**Table 2**).

**Table 2: CPI by Divisions, July 2020 and July 2019**

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Jul 2019	Jul 2020		
<b>Overall CPI</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	101.6	103.9	2.2	21.3
Clothing & Footwear	403	101.5	103.2	1.7	3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,170	93.2	93.2	0.01	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	702	99.6	102.5	3.0	10.5
Health	91	101.0	101.7	0.7	0.3
Transport	1,961	92.2	94.2	2.2	20.1
Communication	594	99.2	99.9	0.7	2.2
Recreation & Culture	664	103.8	103.6	-0.2	-0.6
Education	696	103.2	105.2	2.0	7.4
Restaurants & Hotels	1069	104.4	103.3	-1.1	-6.1
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	767	99.7	110.3	10.6	41.3

Note: “ – “ means nil.

Increases were recorded in:

- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** (10.6 per cent) due to increased prices of insurance; other services as well as jewellery, clocks and watches;
- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (2.2 per cent) due to increased prices of mineral waters, soft drinks, fruits and vegetable juices; vegetables as well as meat (**Table 3**); and
- **Transport** (2.2 per cent) due to increased prices of prices of passenger transport by passenger transport by road as well as passenger transport by air of a few limited flights.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Restaurants and Hotels** (1.1 per cent) due to decreased prices of accommodation services; and
- **Recreation and Culture** (0.2 per cent) due to decreased prices of package holidays/pilgrimages; equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and picture as well as recreational and sporting services.

**Table 3: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Year-on-Year Changes, July 2020**

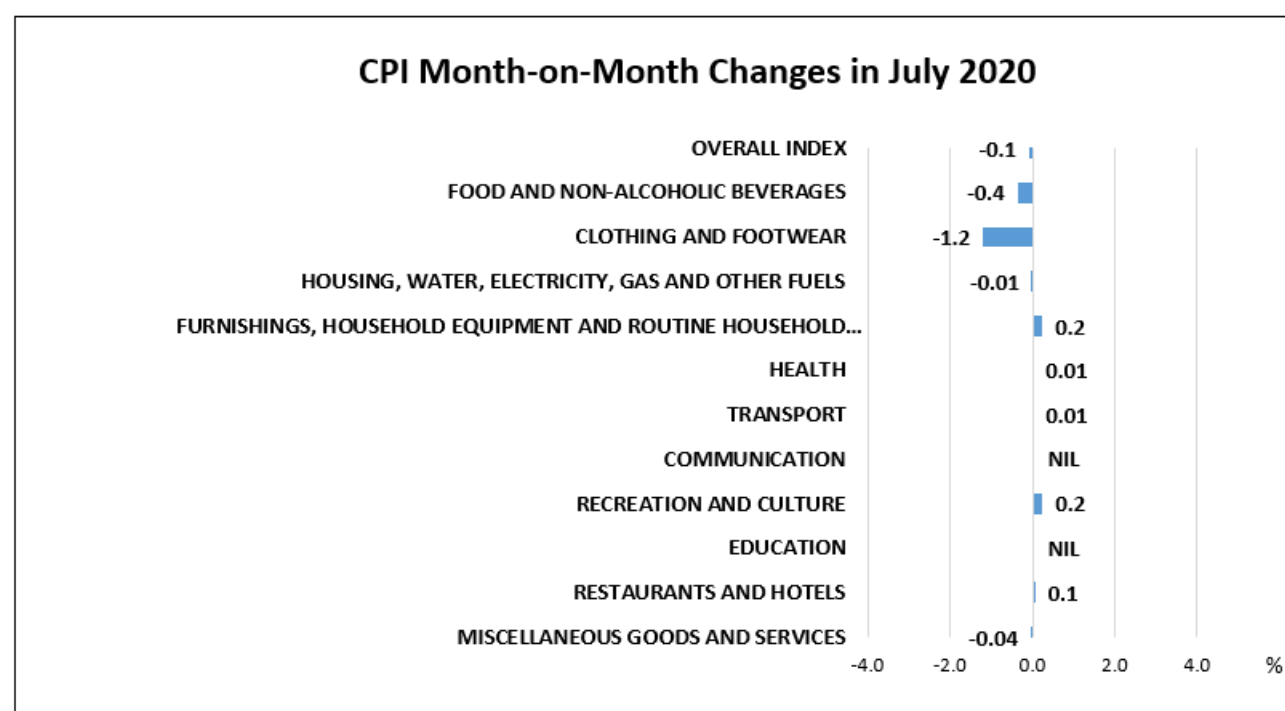
Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Jul 2019	Jul 2020		
<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>21.3</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>1642</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Rice and Cereals	370	98.2	98.6	0.4	0.7
Meat	319	102.1	104.2	2.0	3.3
Fish and Seafood	225	105.3	107.1	1.7	2.1
Milk, Dairy Products and Eggs	180	93.5	94.8	1.4	1.2
Oil and Fats	55	99.9	100.9	1.0	0.3
Fruits	134	111.7	113.1	1.2	0.9
Vegetables	149	100.6	106.5	5.9	4.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	91	99.3	99.3	0.1	0.04
Food Products, Not Elsewhere Classified	119	100.4	101.7	1.3	0.8
<b>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	72	96.5	96.5	0.02	0.01
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices	169	109.9	118.6	7.9	7.5

Note: “ – “ means nil.

### **MONTH-ON-MONTH CHANGES (July 2020 compared to June 2020)**

The CPI in May 2020 has decreased by 0.1 per cent over June 2020.

The indices which recorded decreases were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.4 per cent); Clothing and Footwear (1.2 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.04 per cent) (**Figure 2**).

**Figure 2: CPI Month-on-Month Changes, July 2020**

Based on the contribution to change, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has contributed 84.6 per cent to the overall month-on-month decrease of the CPI in July 2020. This was followed by Clothing and Footwear (59.2 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (4.4 per cent) (**Table 4**).

**Table 4: CPI by Divisions, July 2020 and June 2020**

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Jun 2020	Jul 2020		
<b>Overall CPI</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	104.2	103.9	-0.4	84.6
Clothing & Footwear	403	104.4	103.2	-1.2	59.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,170	93.2	93.2	-0.01	1.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	702	102.3	102.5	0.2	-19.9
Health	91	101.7	101.7	0.01	-0.1
Transport	1,961	94.2	94.2	0.01	-1.9
Communication	594	99.9	99.9	-	-
Recreation & Culture	664	103.4	103.6	0.2	-19.6
Education	696	105.2	105.2	-	-
Restaurants & Hotels	1069	103.2	103.3	0.1	-8.0
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	767	110.4	110.3	-0.04	4.4

Note: “ - ” means nil.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (0.4 per cent) due to decreased prices of vegetables; fruits as well as meat;
- **Clothing and Footwear** (1.2 per cent) due to decrease in prices of clothing material as well as garments; and
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** (0.04 per cent) due to decreased prices of other appliances articles and products for personal care.

Increases were recorded in:

- **Furnishings, household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance** (0.2 per cent) due to increased prices of household textiles;
- **Recreation and Culture** (0.2 per cent) due to increase prices of pet and related products; package holiday as well as stationery and drawing materials; and
- **Restaurant and Hotels** (0.1 per cent) due to increased prices of accommodation services.

Meanwhile, the indices for Communication; and Education remain unchanged.

**PERIOD-ON-PERIOD CHANGES (January-July 2020 compared to January-July 2019)**

The average CPI for the first seven months (January to July) of 2020 has increased by 1.9 per cent year-on-year compared to the same period in 2019 (Table 5).

Increases were recorded in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.0 per cent); Clothing and Footwear (3.9 per cent); Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (2.7 per cent); Health (0.8 per cent); Communication (0.03 per cent); Recreation and Culture (0.4 per cent); Education (1.8 per cent); Restaurants and Hotels (1.7 per cent); and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (11.3 per cent).

On the other hand, decreases were recorded in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (0.4 per cent); and Transport (0.1 per cent).

**Table 5: CPI by Divisions, January-July 2020 and January- July 2019**

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Jan-July 2019	Jan-July 2020		
<b>Overall CPI</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	101.8	103.8	2.0	20.5
Clothing & Footwear	403	97.9	101.7	3.9	8.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1,170	93.6	93.2	-0.4	-2.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	702	99.3	102.0	2.7	10.0
Health	91	100.9	101.7	0.8	0.4
Transport	1,961	94.3	94.2	-0.1	-1.0
Communication	594	99.3	99.3	0.03	0.1
Recreation & Culture	664	102.7	103.1	0.4	1.4
Education	696	103.1	105.0	1.8	7.1
Restaurants & Hotels	1069	102.2	103.9	1.7	9.9
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	767	99.1	110.3	11.3	46.0

Note: “ – “ means nil.

### Goods according to Durability and Services

For July 2020, the indices for durable goods, semi-durable goods, non-durable goods and services have increased year-on-year by 0.6, 3.8, 1.2 and 2.7 per cent, respectively.

Compared to June 2020, the indices for semi-durable goods and non-durable goods have decreased by 0.3 and 0.2 per cent, respectively. Meanwhile, the indices for durable goods as well as services have increased by 0.01 and 0.02 per cent, respectively.

For the period January to July 2020, the indices of goods and services increased by 1.1 and 2.9 per cent, respectively compared to the same period last year (**Table 6**).

**Table 6: CPI of goods according to durability and services**

Goods and Services Category	Weights	Index			Change (%)		
		Jul 2019	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Jul 2020 / Jul 2019	Jul 2020 / Jun 2020	Jan-July 2020 / Jan-July 2019
<b>Overall</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Goods	5,726	98.3	99.9	99.7	1.4	-0.2	1.1
Durable	1,220	88.9	89.4	89.4	0.6	0.01	-1.5
Semi-durable	790	101.3	105.5	105.2	3.8	-0.3	4.6
Non-durable	3,716	100.8	102.1	102.0	1.2	-0.2	1.2
Services	4,274	99.7	102.4	102.4	2.7	0.02	2.9

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