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SINGAPORE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN DIFFERENT INCOME GROUPS (2009 = 100) January – June 2010

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for households in different income groups has been rebased to 2009 =100, based on the results of the Household Expenditure Survey (HES) conducted during 2007/08.

For the first half of 2010, the CPI for general households rose by 2.0 per cent compared with the same period in 2009. This increase is in contrast to the decline of 0.6 per cent registered in the second half of 2009.

During the first half of 2010, the inflation rates for the lowest 20%, middle 60% and highest 20% income groups were 1.6 per cent, 1.9 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively.

The increase in CPI for the lowest 20% income group was mainly due to higher electricity tariffs, service & conservancy charges, as well as car and food prices. For the middle 60% and highest 20% income groups, the main items contributing to higher CPI were cars, petrol, electricity tariffs, and food which were partially offset by lower accommodation costs. In particular, the highest 20% income group experienced a higher inflation rate compared with other income groups in the first half of 2010, on account of the highest 20% income group's relatively larger weights for cars and petrol, which registered significant price increases during this period.

Changes in CPI* by Income Groups
(Percent Change over Corresponding Period of Previous Year)

Period	General Households	Income Group		
		Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
2008	6.6	7.8	6.5	6.1
2009	0.6	2.1	0.9	-0.1
2008				
Jan - Jun	7.1	7.4	6.9	6.9
Jul - Dec	6.2	8.2	6.2	5.5
2009				
Jan - Jun	1.8	4.6	2.1	0.7
Jul - Dec	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0
2010				
Jan - Jun	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.1

* with base year 2009

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DIFFERENT INCOME GROUPS
(2009 = 100)**

Income Group	All Items	Food	Clothing & Footwear	Housing	Transport	Communication	Education & Stationery	Health Care	Recreation & Others
Weight Per 10,000									
General Households	10,000	2,205	341	2,548	1,553	475	735	586	1,557
Lowest 20%	10,000	2,689	225	3,605	719	518	439	739	1,066
Middle 60%	10,000	2,381	352	2,477	1,492	552	686	585	1,475
Highest 20%	10,000	1,843	348	2,428	1,823	354	865	559	1,780
Percent Change Over Corresponding Period Of Previous Year									
<u>2008</u>									
General Households	6.6	7.7	1.5	13.3	4.2	0.2	3.3	5.6	3.6
Lowest 20%	7.8	8.3	1.7	14.4	4.7	0.4	3.1	5.0	2.9
Middle 60%	6.5	7.7	1.5	13.2	4.5	0.2	3.1	5.6	3.5
Highest 20%	6.1	7.2	1.5	12.2	3.8	-	3.5	5.6	3.9
<u>2009</u>									
General Households	0.6	2.3	0.8	1.7	-3.2	0.2	0.8	2.0	-0.3
Lowest 20%	2.1	2.6	1.2	3.9	-3.1	1.2	1.0	2.1	-
Middle 60%	0.9	2.3	0.8	2.6	-3.1	0.2	0.7	1.9	-0.1
Highest 20%	-0.1	2.1	0.9	-0.2	-3.1	0.1	1.0	2.1	-0.6
<u>2008 Jan - Jun</u>									
General Households	7.1	7.8	1.7	10.9	8.5	1.1	4.3	6.7	4.2
Lowest 20%	7.4	8.1	2.1	11.6	6.9	1.4	3.7	5.5	4.0
Middle 60%	6.9	7.8	1.7	10.7	8.4	1.2	4.2	6.8	4.2
Highest 20%	6.9	7.5	1.7	9.9	8.8	0.9	4.6	6.9	4.3
<u>2008 Jul - Dec</u>									
General Households	6.2	7.6	1.2	15.6	0.2	-0.8	2.3	4.4	3.0
Lowest 20%	8.2	8.5	1.2	16.9	2.5	-0.5	2.5	4.5	1.9
Middle 60%	6.2	7.6	1.2	15.6	0.8	-0.8	2.1	4.5	2.9
Highest 20%	5.5	6.9	1.3	14.4	-0.9	-0.9	2.5	4.4	3.6
<u>2009 Jan - Jun</u>									
General Households	1.8	3.6	0.6	7.5	-7.1	0.7	0.4	2.5	0.6
Lowest 20%	4.6	4.3	1.0	9.8	-4.6	1.7	0.5	2.8	0.8
Middle 60%	2.1	3.7	0.6	8.5	-6.7	0.7	0.1	2.5	0.6
Highest 20%	0.7	3.3	0.7	5.4	-7.8	0.6	0.8	2.5	0.6
<u>2009 Jul - Dec</u>									
General Households	-0.6	1.0	1.0	-3.5	0.9	-0.2	1.3	1.4	-1.2
Lowest 20%	-0.2	0.9	1.5	-1.4	-1.6	0.8	1.6	1.4	-0.7
Middle 60%	-0.3	1.0	1.0	-2.7	0.5	-0.3	1.2	1.4	-0.9
Highest 20%	-1.0	1.0	1.1	-5.4	1.7	-0.4	1.3	1.7	-1.7
<u>2010 Jan - Jun</u>									
General Households	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.2	10.6	-3.3	2.0	1.3	0.2
Lowest 20%	1.6	1.0	0.5	2.4	4.9	-2.4	1.6	1.4	0.2
Middle 60%	1.9	1.0	0.4	0.8	9.8	-3.3	2.0	1.3	0.3
Highest 20%	2.1	0.9	0.4	-1.3	12.1	-3.3	2.1	1.3	0.1