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## SINGAPORE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN DIFFERENT INCOME GROUPS

### **Consumer Price Index, July – December 2009**

During July - December 2009, the consumer price index (CPI) for general households fell by 0.4 per cent over the same period of 2008, compared with an increase of 0.8 per cent in the first half of 2009. Similar trends were observed for all income groups. The CPIs for the lowest 20% and middle 60% income groups fell by 0.8 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively while that for the highest 20% income group slipped by 0.1 per cent.

### **Consumer Price Index, 2009**

For the whole year of 2009, the inflation rate for general households was 0.2 per cent, lower than the 6.5 per cent for 2008. The CPIs for the lowest 20% and top 20% income groups rose by 0.4 per cent each while that for the middle 60% income group edged up by 0.1 per cent.

The increases in the CPIs for all income groups in 2009 were mainly attributed to higher costs of food and health care. The rise in the CPI for the top 20% income group was also contributed by higher accommodation costs. These price increases were partially offset by lower electricity tariffs as well as cheaper petrol and holiday travel.

**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%
2007	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3
2008	6.5	7.4	6.4	6.1
2009	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4
2007				
Jan – Jun	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.7
Jul - Dec	3.4	2.8	3.3	3.9
2008				
Jan - Jun	7.1	7.4	6.9	6.9
Jul - Dec	6.0	7.5	5.9	5.4
2009				
Jan - Jun	0.8	1.6	0.7	0.9
Jul - Dec	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5	-0.1

\* with base year 2004

\*\* refers to the central 90% of households by expenditure in the 2002/03 Household Expenditure Survey.

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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN  
DIFFERENT INCOME GROUPS  
(2004 = 100)**

Income Group		All Items	Food	Clothing & Footwear	Housing	Transport & Communication	Education & Stationery	Health Care	Recreation & Others
Weight Per 10,000									
General Households		<b>10,000</b>	2,338	357	2,126	2,176	819	525	1,659
Lowest	20%	<b>10,000</b>	2,962	265	2,599	1,477	700	674	1,323
Middle	60%	<b>10,000</b>	2,413	381	2,048	2,145	824	519	1,670
Highest	20%	<b>10,000</b>	1,700	365	2,223	2,322	904	479	2,007
Percent Change Over Corresponding Period Of Previous Year									
<u>2007</u>									
General Households		2.1	2.9	0.6	0.4	2.0	1.3	4.1	3.2
Lowest	20%	2.0	3.0	1.1	0.1	2.1	1.5	4.1	2.7
Middle	60%	2.0	2.9	0.7	0.1	2.1	1.3	4.3	3.1
Highest	20%	2.3	3.0	0.6	1.2	2.0	1.4	3.9	3.6
<u>2008</u>									
General Households		6.5	7.8	1.5	12.7	3.3	3.4	5.6	3.7
Lowest	20%	7.4	8.4	1.8	13.4	3.2	3.2	5.1	2.9
Middle	60%	6.4	7.8	1.5	12.4	3.5	3.2	5.7	3.6
Highest	20%	6.1	7.3	1.6	11.8	3.2	3.6	5.7	4.0
<u>2009</u>									
General Households		0.2	2.3	1.1	-0.3	-2.4	0.3	2.9	-0.1
Lowest	20%	0.4	2.4	1.6	-1.9	-1.2	1.0	3.6	-
Middle	60%	0.1	2.4	1.1	-1.1	-2.3	-	3.0	-
Highest	20%	0.4	2.3	1.3	2.4	-3.1	0.1	2.5	-0.6
<u>2008 Jan - Jun</u>									
General Households		7.1	7.8	1.7	10.9	6.7	4.3	6.7	4.2
Lowest	20%	7.4	8.1	2.1	11.6	5.0	3.7	5.5	4.0
Middle	60%	6.9	7.8	1.7	10.6	6.6	4.2	6.8	4.2
Highest	20%	6.9	7.5	1.7	9.9	7.5	4.6	6.9	4.3
<u>2008 Jul - Dec</u>									
General Households		6.0	7.7	1.3	14.4	-	2.5	4.6	3.2
Lowest	20%	7.5	8.6	1.4	15.1	1.5	2.8	4.7	1.8
Middle	60%	5.9	7.7	1.3	14.2	0.5	2.3	4.6	3.1
Highest	20%	5.4	7.1	1.5	13.6	-0.9	2.6	4.5	3.8
<u>2009 Jan - Jun</u>									
General Households		0.8	3.9	0.6	3.0	-5.4	-0.3	3.6	0.8
Lowest	20%	1.6	4.2	1.1	0.7	-2.2	0.7	4.8	0.3
Middle	60%	0.7	3.9	0.6	1.9	-4.9	-0.6	3.7	0.9
Highest	20%	0.9	3.7	1.0	6.5	-7.1	-0.6	3.0	0.5
<u>2009 Jul - Dec</u>									
General Households		-0.4	0.8	1.6	-3.4	0.6	0.8	2.2	-0.9
Lowest	20%	-0.8	0.7	2.2	-4.3	-0.3	1.3	2.4	-0.3
Middle	60%	-0.5	0.9	1.6	-3.9	0.3	0.7	2.4	-0.9
Highest	20%	-0.1	1.0	1.6	-1.5	1.0	0.7	2.0	-1.6