

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso by Province, Region VIII: July - August 2018 (2012=100)**

Province	CPI		Inflation Rate		PPP	
	Jul-18	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
<b>Region VIII</b>	122.9	123.7	5.9	6.1	0.81	0.81
Biliran	121.5	121.7	4.4	4.5	0.82	0.82
Eastern Samar	125.9	126.5	7.8	8.8	0.79	0.79
Leyte	118.8	119.6	5.6	5.8	0.84	0.84
Northern Samar	130.5	132.5	6.8	7.2	0.77	0.75
Samar	131.1	131.4	7.6	7.4	0.76	0.76
Southern Leyte	120.8	121.1	1.5	1.8	0.83	0.83

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 2. Inflation Rate by Major Commodity Group, Region VIII: July - August 2018 (2012=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rate	
	Jul-18	Aug-18
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	5.9	6.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.2	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	21.6	21.2
Clothing and Footwear	1.1	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.9	5.3
Furnishings, Households Equipment and Routine Health	2.9	3.8
Health	2.1	2.6
Transport	7.2	6.8
Communication	-	0.3
Recreation and Culture	0.6	3.9
Education	(16.2)	(16.2)
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.7	2.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



# Fact Sheet

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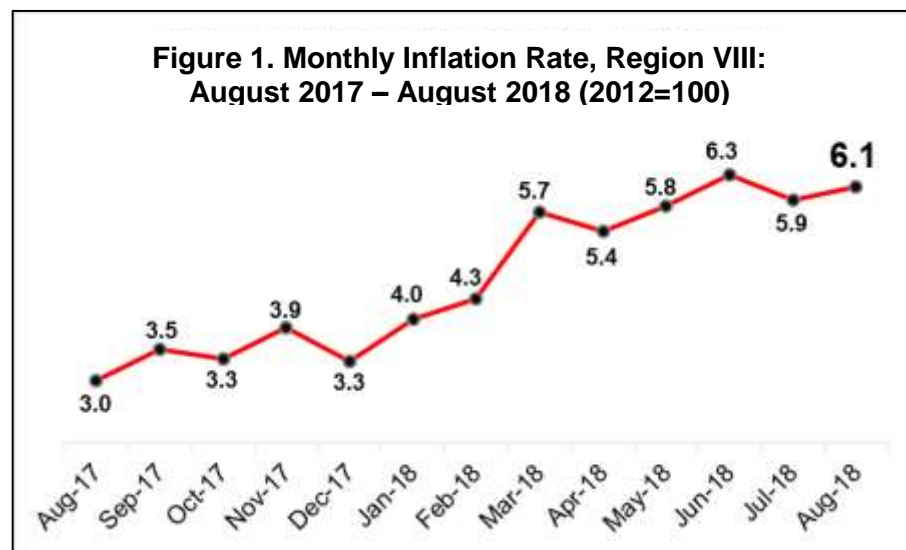
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## EV's Inflation Rate increases to 6.1% in August 2018



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The Inflation Rate (IR) of Eastern Visayas increased to 6.1 percent in August 2018. This IR is 0.2 percentage point higher compared with the 5.9 percent IR a month ago, and 3.1 percentage points higher than the recorded 3.0 percent IR in the same period last year. The regional IR was 0.3 percentage point lower than the 6.4 percent national average in August 2018.

All provinces in the region registered higher inflation rates in August 2018 compared with their figures a month ago, except Samar, which posted a 0.2 percentage point decrease to 7.4 percent. The rest of the provinces registered increases ranging from 0.1 to 0.4 percentage point.

Eastern Samar posted the highest increase in IR at 8.8 percent in August 2018 from 7.8 percent in July 2018, a rise by

1.0 percentage point. Southern Leyte, meanwhile, posted the lowest IR at 1.8 percent (Table 1).

Majority of the commodity groups registered increases in IR. Recreation and culture recorded the highest increase of 3.3 percentage points, from 0.6 percent in July 2018 to 3.9 percent in August 2018. This can be attributed to the huge increase in the index of the recreational and cultural services.

IR for alcoholic beverages and tobacco slowed down by 0.4 percentage point from the previous month's rate (21.6 percent), but still recorded a double digit inflation rate at 21.2 percent in August 2018, the highest among all commodities.

The heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages went up by 0.4 percentage point. It was posted at 8.6 percent during the reference month from 8.2 percent in July 2018. This can be traced to price increases in all food items, except meat, vegetables and food products not elsewhere classified, which showed slower IRs during the month in review. Fish remained to have a double digit inflation rate at 19.6 percent, the highest among all food items.

Communication now had movements at 0.3 percent after posting zero IR in July 2018.

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) of the region remained at P0.81 in August 2018. This PPP implies that goods and services worth P100 in August 2018 only costs P81 in 2012.

All provinces sustained their PPP from last month, except Northern Samar, the only province that registered a 0.02 centavo decrease from its figure a month ago. Leyte recorded the strongest PPP at P0.84. Southern Leyte ranked second at P0.83, followed by Biliran at P0.82, Eastern Samar at P0.79, and Samar at P0.76. Northern Samar, meanwhile, posted the weakest PPP at P0.75 (Table 1).