

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

Province	CPI		Inflation Rate		PPP	
	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Oct-18
Region VIII	124.5	125.4	5.2	6.9	0.80	0.80
Biliran	121.6	121.9	2.6	5.4	0.82	0.82
Eastern Samar	129.0	128.0	8.9	8.8	0.78	0.78
Leyte	120.2	122.0	4.8	7.1	0.83	0.82
Northern Samar	133.1	133.3	5.4	6.3	0.75	0.75
Samar	133.1	133.3	7.4	8.1	0.75	0.75
Southern Leyte	123.6	124.5	3.4	4.0	0.81	0.80

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

COMMODITY GROUP	Inflation Rate	
	Nov-18	Oct-18
ALL ITEMS	5.2	6.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.4	8.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	20.6	20.6
Clothing and Footwear	1.9	1.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.9	8.3
Furnishings, Households Equipment and Routine Health	3.6	2.5
Transport	2.4	2.9
Communication	6.7	8.6
Recreation and Culture	0.4	0.3
Education	3.7	3.2
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	(16.4)	(16.4)
	1.5	1.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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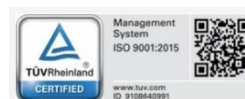
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An information sheet that showcases relevant data/indicators in Eastern Visayas

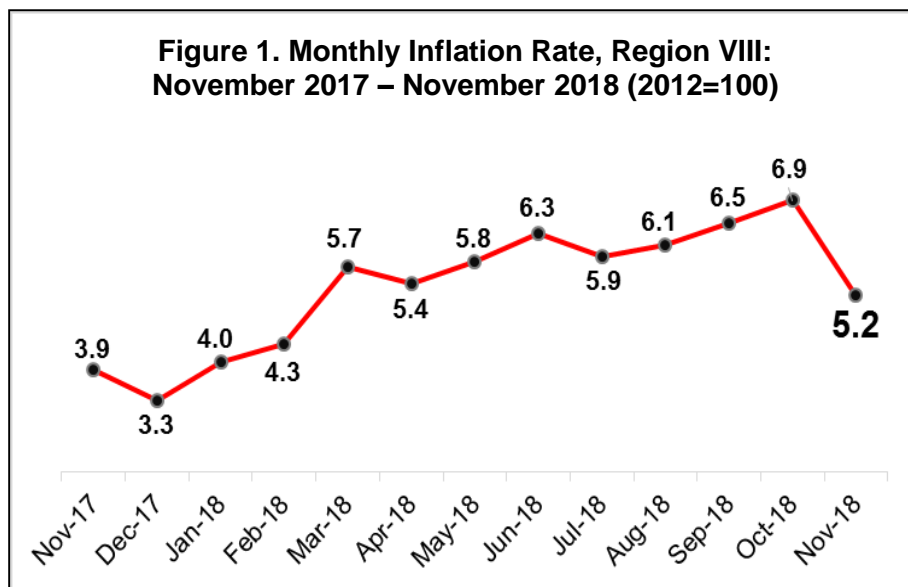
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EV's Inflation Rate drops to 5.2% in November 2018



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The Inflation Rate (IR) of Eastern Visayas decreased to 5.2 percent in November 2018. This IR is 1.7 percentage points lower compared with the record high 6.9 percent IR a month ago, but 1.3 percentage points higher than the 3.9 percent IR in the same period last year. The regional inflation rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than the 6.0 percent national average in November 2018.

All provinces registered lower inflation rates in November 2018 compared with their figures in the previous month, except Eastern Samar, which recorded a 0.1 percentage point increase in November 2018 (8.9 percent) from 8.8 percent in October 2018. It also posted the highest IR among the provinces. Biliran, meanwhile, registered the lowest IR at 2.6 percent during the reference month from 5.4 percent in October 2018, posting the largest decrease of 2.8 percentage points. The rest of the provinces registered decreases ranging from 0.6 to 2.3 percentage points.

Among the commodity groups, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels registered the highest decrease of 4.4 percentage points. It was posted at 3.9 percent in November 2018 from 8.3 percent in October 2018. This can be attributed to the huge decrease in the index of electricity, gas and other fuels.

The transport index also registered a decrease of 1.9 percentage points in November 2018 (6.7 percent), from 8.6 percent in October 2018. Contributing to the decline was the slower annual gains seen in the index of operation of personal transport equipment.

The heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages eased down to 7.4 percent in November 2018 from its previous month's rate of 8.9 percent, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points. This can be traced to slower price increases of all food items, except for oils and fats and fruits, which registered faster IRs, and sugar, jam, honey, chocolate, and confectionery products; and food products not elsewhere classified, which retained their IRs at 6.7 percent and 5.4 percent, respectively.

Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house increased to 3.6 percent during the reference month, 1.1 percentage points higher compared with the 2.5 percent IR in October 2018. This can be attributed to the increase in the index for goods and services for routine household maintenance.

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) of the region remained at P0.80 in November 2018. This PPP implies that goods and services worth 100 pesos in November 2018 only costs 80 pesos in 2012.

All provinces sustained their PPP from last month, except Leyte and Southern Leyte, which registered a 0.01 centavo increase each in PPP compared with their figures in October 2018. Leyte recorded the strongest PPP at P0.83. Biliran ranked second at P0.82, followed by Southern Leyte at P0.81 and Eastern Samar at P0.78. Northern Samar and Samar posted the weakest PPP at P0.75.