

Table 1. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso by Province, Region VIII: September 2019 and August 2019 (2012=100)

Province	CPI		Inflation Rate		PPP	
	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Aug-19
Region VIII	124.8	124.4	(0.1)	0.6	0.80	0.80
Biliran	123.1	119.5	0.5	(1.7)	0.81	0.84
Eastern Samar	128.2	127.5	0.5	0.8	0.78	0.78
Leyte	121.9	122.4	0.6	2.3	0.82	0.82
Northern Samar	130.6	130.1	(1.6)	(1.8)	0.77	0.77
Samar	130.6	131.1	(1.9)	(0.2)	0.77	0.76
Southern Leyte	121.3	121.5	(1.9)	0.3	0.82	0.82

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 2. Inflation Rate by Major Commodity Group, Region VIII: September 2019 and August 2019 (2012=100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Inflation Rate	
	Sep-19	Aug-19
ALL ITEMS	(0.1)	0.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	(2.2)	(0.3)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.4	4.4
Clothing and Footwear	3.0	3.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	(0.9)	(2.0)
Furnishings, Households Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	6.3	5.9
Health	3.2	3.3
Transport	1.1	2.2
Communication	1.1	1.1
Recreation and Culture	2.2	1.3
Education	5.3	5.3
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.9	3.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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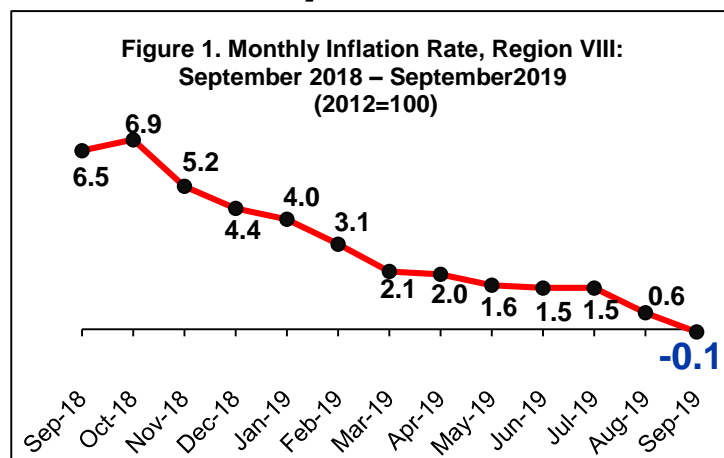
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Eastern Visayas records 0.1% deflation in September 2019



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Eastern Visayas recorded a 0.1 percent deflation in September 2019, the slowest pace since March 2016. This figure is 0.7 percentage point lower compared with the 0.6 percent IR a month ago, and 6.6 percentage points lower compared with the 6.5 percent IR recorded in the same period last year.

The regional inflation rate is 1.0 percentage point lower than the 0.9 percent national average in September 2019.

The provinces of Eastern Samar, Leyte, Samar and Southern Leyte registered lower IRs in September 2019 compared with their figures in the previous month. Southern Leyte recorded the biggest drop, from 0.3 percent IR in August 2019 to 1.9 percent deflation in September 2019. On the other hand, Biliran registered a 2.2 percentage points increase, from 1.7 percent deflation in August 2019 to 0.5 percent IR during the reference month. Northern Samar inched up by 0.2 percentage point, from 1.8 percent deflation a month ago to 1.6 percent deflation in September 2019. Samar and Southern Leyte posted the lowest with 1.9 percent deflation. Leyte, meanwhile, recorded the highest IR during the month in review at 0.6 percent (Table 1).

Majority of the commodity groups in the region exhibited lower IR in September 2019 compared with their rates in August 2019, or had retained their previous month's rates.

The heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages commodity group registered the biggest drop of 1.9 percentage points, from 0.3 percent deflation in August 2019 to 2.2 percent deflation during the month in review. Lower IRs were noted in majority of the food items, with rice registering the highest decrease of 3.7 percentage points pushing its deflation to 8.5 percent in September 2019 from 4.8 percent deflation a month ago. Bread and cereals, fruits, and fish indices continued to register deflations at 6.4 percent, 5.2 percent, and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Transport commodity group slowed down to 1.1 percent during the reference month from 2.2 percent in August 2019. This can be attributed to the deflation recorded in the index for the operation of personal transport equipment.

Health and Clothing and Footwear commodity groups eased down by 0.1 percentage point each, settling at 3.2 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels picked up by 1.1 percentage points, from 2.0 percent deflation in August 2019 to 0.9 percent deflation in September 2019.

IR for recreation and culture was recorded at 2.2 percent during the month in review, an increase of 0.9 percentage point from its 1.3 percent IR in August 2019.

IR for furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house commodity group likewise went up by 0.4 percentage point, pushing its IR to 6.3 percent in September 2019.

The rest of the commodity groups retained their previous month's inflation rate.

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) of the region remained at P0.80 in September 2019. This PPP implies that P100.00 in 2012 (base year) is worth P80.00 only in September 2019.

Samar posted a P0.01 increase in PPP compared with its figure in August 2019, while Biliran's PPP weakened by P0.03. The rest of the provinces sustained their PPP last month. Leyte and Southern Leyte recorded the strongest PPP at P0.82. Biliran ranked second at P0.81, followed by Eastern Samar at P0.78. Northern Samar and Samar posted the weakest PPP at P0.77.