

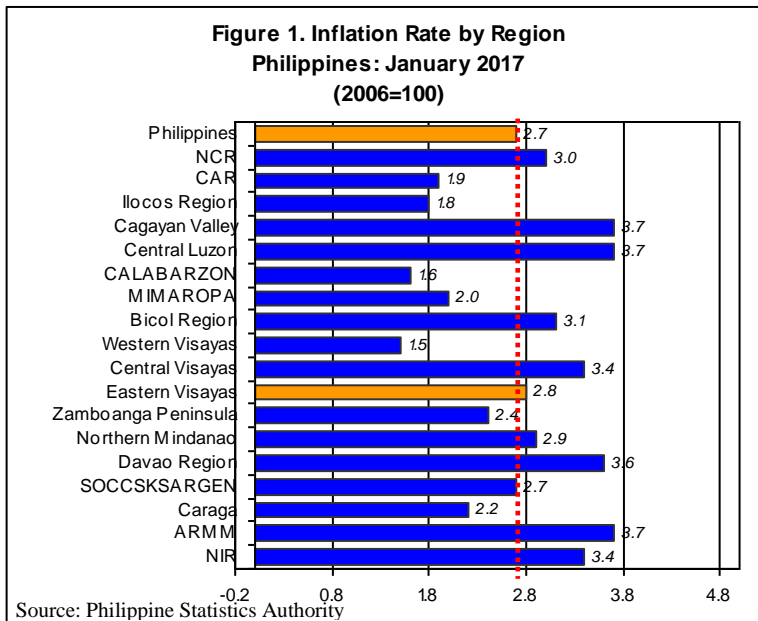


Eastern Visayas welcomes 2017 with a 2.8 percent inflation rate

Eastern Visayas registered 2.8 percent inflation rate (IR) in January 2017. This is 2.1 percentage points higher compared to its 0.7 percent IR recorded in the same period last year and 0.5 percentage point higher than its IR a month ago. This increase may be due to higher annual increments recorded in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

The region's recorded IR is 0.1 percentage points higher than the 2.7 percent national average in January 2017.

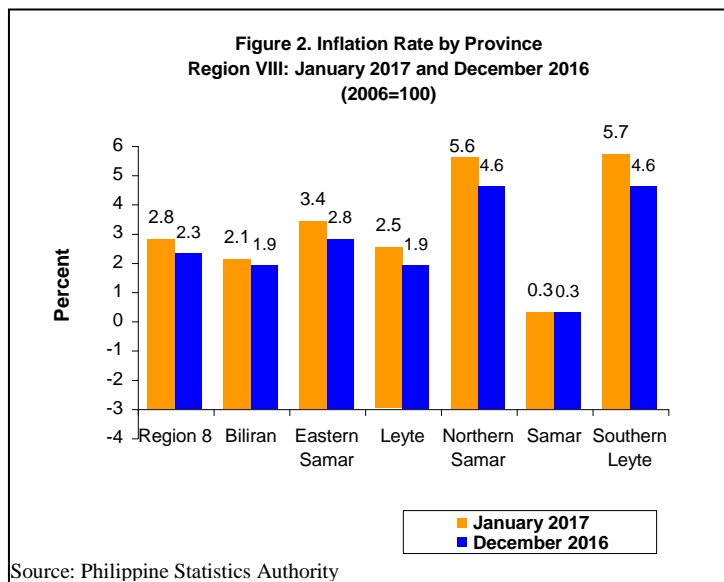
Across regions, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon and ARMM posted the highest inflation rate at 3.7 percent. It was closely followed by Davao Region which recorded an inflation rate of 3.6 percent. Meanwhile, Central Visayas registered the lowest inflation rate at 1.5 percent (Figure 1).



BY PROVINCE

All provinces in the region posted increases in inflation rates in January 2017 compared to their figures in December 2016, except for Samar, the only province that had sustained its December 2016 rate.

Southern Leyte exhibited the highest IR at 5.7 percent, followed by Northern Samar at 5.6 percent. Eastern Samar and Leyte both posted a 0.6 percentage points increase in their January 2017 IR which were pegged at 3.4 percent and 2.5



percent, respectively (Figure 2).

BY COMMODITY GROUP

Four major commodity groups in the region exhibited an upward trend on its inflation rates from December 2016 to January 2017 (Table 3). Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels recorded the highest uptick of 2.6 percentage points, primarily effected by mark-ups in the prices of LPG and house rentals.

Similarly, Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages and Clothing and Footwear

indices moved up by 0.3 percentage points from their December 2016 rate of 2.3 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively. Increased inflation rate was likewise observed in Restaurants and Miscellaneous goods and services from 1.6 percent in December 2016 to 1.8 percent in January 2017.

On the other hand, annual price changes in the Transport services abruptly slowed down to 2.2 percent in January 2017 from 3.8 percent in December 2016. Inflation rates for Alcoholic beverages and Tobacco and Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House also went down by 0.2 percentage points, settling at 3.9 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively.

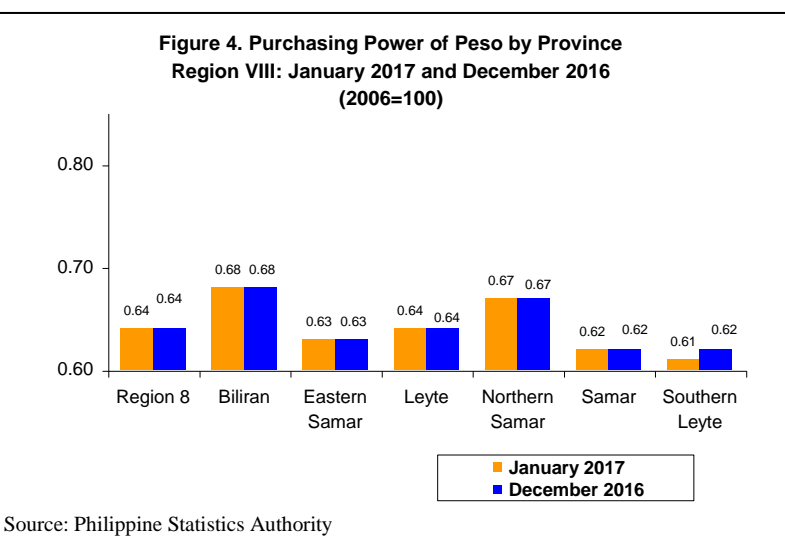
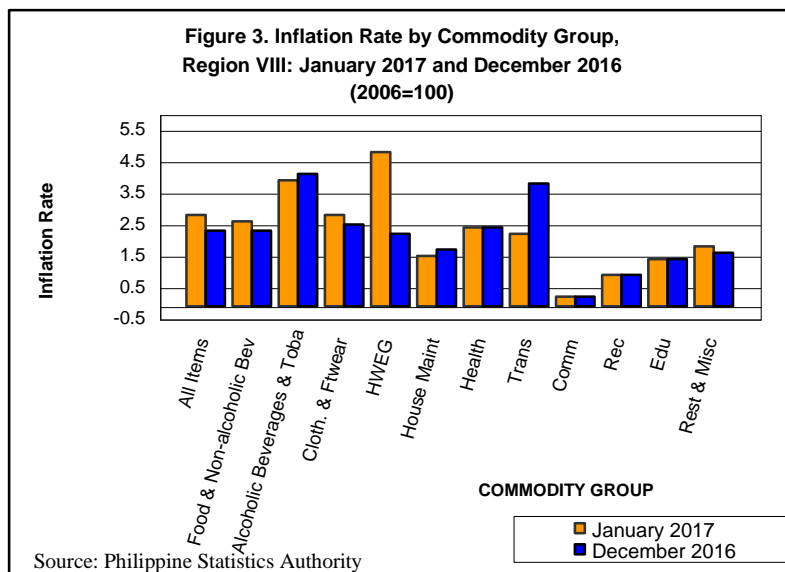
The rest of the commodity groups retained their last month's rate (Table 3).

PURCHASING POWER OF THE PESO

The 64-centavo purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the region was still sustained in January 2017. This implies that goods and services worth 100 pesos in January 2017 only cost 64 pesos in 2006.

Five provinces in the region similarly maintained their respective PPP at P0.68 for Biliran, P0.67 for Northern Samar, P0.64 for Leyte, P0.63 for Eastern Samar and P0.62 for Samar.

Meanwhile, Southern Leyte posted a centavo decline in its PPP from 62 centavos in December 2016 to 61 centavos in January 2017 (Figure 4).



**Table 1. Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate by Region:
January 2017 and December 2016 (2006 = 100)**

Province	CPI		Inflation Rate	
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016
Philippines	146.8	146.3	2.7	2.6
NCR	135.9	135.8	3.0	2.7
CAR	143.8	144.2	1.9	2.3
I - Ilocos Region	138.8	138.2	1.8	1.8
II - Cagayan Valley	152.2	152.6	3.7	4.9
III - Central Luzon	148.9	148.5	3.7	3.6
IV(A)- CALABARZON	143.4	142.7	1.6	1.5
IV(B)- MIMAROPA	149.7	148.9	2.0	2.3
V - Bicol Region	150.9	150.1	3.1	3.2
VI - Western Visayas ^{a/}	154.4	154.6	1.5	1.7
VII - Central Visayas ^{b/}	150.7	149.9	3.4	3.2
VIII - Eastern Visayas	156.9	156.2	2.8	2.3
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	161.2	159.6	2.4	3.0
X - Northern Mindanao	157.5	156.8	2.9	2.4
XI - Davao Region	157.2	155.8	3.6	3.5
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	156.1	156.1	2.7	2.9
XIII - Caraga	164.6	164.2	2.2	2.1
ARMM – Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao	164.6	163.5	3.7	3.2
NIR – Negros Island Region ^{c/}	150.2	150.2	3.4	3.3

a/ - Excludes the province of Negros Occidental

b/ - Excludes the province of Negros Oriental

c/ - Consists of provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 2. Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate by Province, Region VIII:
January 2017 and December 2016 (2006 = 100)**

Province	CPI		Inflation Rate	
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016
Region VIII	156.9	156.2	2.8	2.3
Biliran	147.9	147.6	2.1	1.9
Eastern Samar	159.9	159.3	3.4	2.8
Leyte	156.1	155.4	2.5	1.9
Northern Samar	150.3	149.0	5.6	4.6
Samar	161.3	161.3	0.3	0.3
Southern Leyte	163.4	161.4	5.7	4.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 3. Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate for All Income Households by Major Commodity Group, Region VIII: January 2017 and December 2016 (2006 = 100)

Commodity	Consumer Price Index		Inflation Rate	
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016
ALL ITEMS	156.9	156.2	2.8	2.3
FOOD AND NON-ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES	175.0	174.5	2.6	2.3
* Food	177.5	176.9	2.7	2.4
Bread and Cereals	185.5	185.2	2.5	1.9
Meat	143.1	142.6	1.3	1.2
Fish	188.2	187.5	1.5	1.8
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	145.4	145.3	1.7	1.9
Oils and Fats	191.7	190.8	0.7	1.0
Fruit	203.0	200.4	8.1	6.8
Vegetables	193.2	190.6	7.8	7.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	148.2	148.5	0.3	0.8
Food Products N.E.C.	162.1	161.6	1.1	0.6
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	131.9	131.8	1.4	1.2
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	199.4	198.1	3.9	4.1
Alcoholic Beverages	188.8	187.6	4.0	3.9
Tobacco	216.6	215.0	3.5	4.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	131.6	131.2	2.8	2.5
Clothing	132.2	131.8	3.4	3.1
Footwear	129.9	129.6	1.1	0.9
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	144.3	141.5	4.8	2.2
Actual Rentals for Housing	130.9	126.8	8.2	5.6
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	150.1	149.5	3.9	3.5
Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	117.9	117.9	3.7	3.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	167.4	166.0	1.0	-2.1
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	133.6	133.6	1.5	1.7
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	118.5	118.5	0.8	0.8
Household Textiles	117.4	117.2	1.9	1.9
Household Appliances	113.7	113.6	2.2	2.6
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	136.3	136.0	1.6	1.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	132.5	132.1	-0.8	-1.1
Goods & Services for Routine Household Maintenance	141.1	141.1	1.7	1.9
HEALTH	136.8	136.4	2.4	2.4
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	131.1	130.6	2.5	2.2
Out-patient Services	149.4	148.9	2.5	3.0
Hospital Services	140.8	140.8	1.5	1.5
TRANSPORT	130.6	132.8	2.2	3.8
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	126.8	123.0	2.9	-1.8
Transport Services	131.9	136.2	1.9	5.7
COMMUNICATION	95.6	95.6	0.2	0.2
Postal Services	129.2	129.2	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	66.1	66.1	0.2	0.2
Telephone and Telefax Services	105.7	105.7	0.3	0.3
RECREATION AND CULTURE	108.8	108.8	0.9	0.9
Audio-visual, Photography & Info Processing Equipment	99.2	99.2	0.2	0.2
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	99.3	99.3	1.4	1.4
Other Recreational Items & Equipment, Gardens & Pets	109.6	109.2	3.2	2.7
Recreational and Cultural Services	122.6	122.6	1.4	1.5
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	128.5	128.3	1.8	1.7
EDUCATION	178.2	178.2	1.4	1.4
Pre-primary and Primary Education	203.5	203.5	1.4	1.4
Secondary Education	176.1	176.1	0.3	0.3
Tertiary Education	167.3	167.3	1.9	1.9
Education Not Definable by Level				
RESTAURANTS & MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	130.1	129.7	1.8	1.6
Catering Services	139.1	138.8	1.6	1.5
Personal Care	123.1	122.7	1.7	1.5
Personal Effects N.E.C.	119.2	119.1	2.0	1.8

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index by Major Commodity Group and Province, Region VIII:
January 2016 – January 2017 (2006 = 100)**

Province/Commodity	2016												2017
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
REGION VIII													
All Items	152.6	152.6	152.6	152.5	152.9	153.5	153.8	154.3	154.7	154.9	155.6	156.2	156.9
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	170.5	170.4	170.1	169.8	170.3	171.2	171.5	172.1	172.5	173.1	174.1	174.5	175.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	192.0	192.6	192.6	192.8	193.7	194.9	195.3	195.2	196.6	196.9	197.9	198.1	199.4
Clothing & Footwear	128.0	128.5	128.9	129.2	129.5	129.9	130.2	130.3	130.8	131.0	131.1	131.2	131.6
Housing, Water, Elect., Gas & Other Fuels	137.7	138.2	138.9	138.7	138.5	139.3	139.9	140.7	141.2	140.7	141.6	141.5	144.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	131.6	131.6	131.6	131.8	131.9	132.0	132.3	132.3	132.9	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.6
Health	133.6	134.1	134.3	134.6	134.7	135.1	135.3	135.3	135.8	136.2	136.3	136.4	136.8
Transport	127.8	126.0	127.2	126.3	128.8	127.3	127.2	127.1	127.1	126.9	127.7	132.8	130.6
Communication	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.4	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.6
Recreation and Culture	107.8	107.9	108.0	108.1	108.1	108.2	108.3	108.4	108.5	108.6	108.7	108.8	108.8
Education	175.8	175.8	175.8	175.8	175.8	178.2	178.2	178.2	178.2	178.2	178.2	178.2	178.2
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	127.8	127.9	127.9	128.0	128.2	128.6	128.7	129.0	129.3	129.4	129.4	129.7	130.1
BILIRAN													
All Items	144.8	144.3	145.3	144.3	146.2	146.5	146.2	146.5	146.4	147.2	147.1	147.6	147.9
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	157.1	156.2	157.7	155.4	158.9	159.7	159.5	159.7	159.5	160.8	160.3	161.1	161.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	171.6	173.3	174.8	175.5	177.7	178.3	178.4	178.4	178.4	178.4	178.9	179.2	179.4
Clothing & Footwear	121.4	121.7	121.8	121.7	121.2	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.3	121.3	121.4	121.3
Housing, Water, Elect., Gas & Other Fuels	138.8	138.0	139.0	139.3	139.5	138.9	137.9	139.1	139.0	139.8	140.6	139.7	140.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	136.1	136.3	136.1	138.7	138.8	138.9	138.9	138.9	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.1
Health	148.6	148.7	148.7	148.6	148.7	148.9	149.3	149.3	149.4	149.5	149.6	149.7	149.7
Transport	122.8	121.7	122.4	121.7	123.0	122.3	122.0	121.9	121.9	122.2	122.6	127.9	124.6
Communication	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6	90.6
Recreation and Culture	112.2	112.1	112.6	113.2	113.3	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7	113.7
Education	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1	145.1
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	119.5	119.9	119.8	119.5	119.7	119.7	119.8	119.8	119.8	119.8	119.9	119.8	119.8
EASTERN SAMAR													
All Items	154.7	154.2	154.5	154.7	154.3	155.7	157.0	157.5	158.0	158.3	158.7	159.3	159.9
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	167.2	166.3	166.2	166.3	165.9	169.1	171.3	172.6	171.6	172.3	172.6	172.7	173.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	241.6	244.4	245.3	244.8	244.6	242.2	241.2	241.2	240.3	239.6	240.6	240.0	242.0
Clothing & Footwear	146.6	146.8	147.7	147.9	148.4	149.6	149.8	149.8	154.1	155.0	155.0	155.2	155.9
Housing, Water, Elect., Gas & Other Fuels	127.2	127.2	128.4	129.1	127.1	126.0	127.2	126.1	129.6	128.5	129.7	130.8	132.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	164.9	164.5	164.9	165.4	165.3	165.3	165.8	165.9	168.6	171.3	171.1	171.6	171.9
Health	145.1	145.1	145.4	145.8	146.1	146.4	146.6	147.0	147.4	148.3	148.4	148.4	148.7
Transport	138.5	136.3	137.8	136.7	139.4	137.3	136.3	136.8	136.5	136.5	137.1	143.3	139.3
Communication	89.6	89.6	89.6	89.6	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7
Recreation and Culture	110.4	110.5	110.7	110.9	111.1	109.7	109.8	110.0	110.0	110.7	110.7	110.6	110.8
Education	135.8	135.8	135.8	135.8	135.8	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	142.6	141.9	141.8	142.2	142.1	142.4	143.0	143.2	144.1	143.9	144.3	144.4	144.9
LEYTE													
All Items	152.3	152.9	153.3	153.1	153.2	153.9	154.3	154.6	155.0	154.8	155.0	155.4	156.1
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	170.6	171.3	171.5	171.3	171.4	171.7	172.1	172.1	172.7	172.7	172.8	172.9	173.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	206.1	206.1	206.4	206.4	207.3	208.2	208.4	207.9	210.7	211.2	211.9	211.8	213.7
Clothing & Footwear	119.4	119.4	119.7	119.7	119.8	119.9	119.9	120.0	120.1	120.3	120.3	120.3	120.5
Housing, Water, Elect., Gas & Other Fuels	140.5	142.0	143.3	142.7	142.2	144.1	145.3	147.1	147.1	145.7	146.6	146.1	150.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	123.6	123.6	123.7	123.7	123.9	123.9	123.9	123.9	124.5	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.7
Health	127.4	127.5	127.6	127.8	127.9	128.1	128.2	128.0	128.6	129.0	129.0	129.1	129.3
Transport	123.9	122.6	123.7	122.9	124.7	123.9	123.6	123.6	123.3	123.2	123.7	128.6	125.9
Communication	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4
Recreation and Culture	111.2	111.3	111.3	111.4	111.4	111.5	111.5	111.5	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.7	111.7
Education	200.1	200.1	200.1	200.1	200.1	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	123.8	124.0	124.0	124.1	124.3	124.4	124.4	124.6	124.8	124.9	124.9	125.1	125.3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Province/Commodity	2016												2017
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
NORTHERN SAMAR													
All Items	142.3	141.5	140.6	140.6	141.1	142.4	142.0	143.4	144.1	145.2	147.6	149.0	150.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	148.2	147.3	145.8	145.8	145.8	148.9	147.8	150.4	151.6	153.7	157.2	159.2	160.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.4	141.4	144.8	146.9	147.6	148.4	148.6	152.2	152.7	153.3
Clothing & Footwear	122.5	123.1	123.4	123.4	123.4	123.9	125.5	125.5	125.7	126.1	126.4	126.5	128.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	136.6	135.0	134.2	134.5	135.3	134.3	133.6	133.8	133.9	133.9	136.0	137.0	138.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	137.3	137.3	137.4	137.3	137.3	138.0	140.0	140.0	140.1	140.1	140.2	140.2	140.5
Health	175.2	178.4	178.4	178.4	178.4	178.7	179.3	179.4	179.6	179.9	179.9	180.1	180.4
Transport	130.6	127.3	129.0	127.2	132.0	128.8	129.6	129.4	129.6	129.2	132.5	134.6	135.6
Communication	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.6	71.7	71.7
Recreation and Culture	103.2	102.6	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.4	104.0	104.1	104.1	104.2	104.3	104.5	105.0
Education	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	157.1	157.1	156.7	156.7	157.0	157.2	158.0	158.1	158.4	158.7	158.9	159.0	159.4
SAMAR													
All Items	160.8	159.8	158.9	158.5	159.3	158.6	158.5	158.9	159.0	159.9	160.8	161.3	161.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	185.6	183.5	181.4	180.7	181.6	180.2	179.6	180.5	180.2	181.4	183.2	183.0	182.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	189.6	189.8	187.5	187.8	188.8	192.3	192.9	192.9	193.4	194.2	194.4	195.7	196.7
Clothing & Footwear	139.5	141.4	142.2	143.7	144.7	145.8	146.1	146.1	146.3	146.4	146.5	146.9	147.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	141.6	141.8	141.6	141.6	141.9	142.8	142.9	142.5	143.2	144.7	144.5	144.2	146.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	128.7	129.0	128.7	128.6	128.7	128.7	128.8	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.3	129.3	129.4
Health	126.0	127.8	129.0	129.9	130.0	131.6	131.9	132.0	132.8	133.7	134.1	134.2	135.2
Transport	146.2	143.7	145.1	144.1	147.7	144.7	145.8	145.2	146.6	145.5	146.5	156.1	153.1
Communication	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.6	90.6	90.7	90.8	90.8
Recreation and Culture	101.6	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.4	102.5	102.5	102.6	103.2	103.4	103.4	103.4
Education	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	179.3	168.2	168.2	168.2	168.2	168.2	168.2	168.2	168.2
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	119.9	120.1	120.3	120.3	120.5	122.2	122.3	123.3	123.5	123.6	123.6	124.1	125.3
SOUTHERN LEYTE													
All Items	154.6	155.3	155.5	155.7	157.2	158.5	159.1	159.4	159.8	160.1	160.9	161.4	163.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	184.1	185.7	185.8	186.2	188.6	190.9	192.3	192.9	193.7	193.9	195.4	196.4	199.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	155.1	157.2	158.5	159.3	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9	160.9
Clothing & Footwear	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.1	140.3	140.3	140.7	140.7	140.7	140.6	140.7	140.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	127.7	127.5	127.6	127.8	128.0	128.4	128.4	128.5	128.6	129.3	129.6	129.6	130.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	126.3	126.3	126.3	126.7
Health	120.9	120.9	120.9	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.2	121.2	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.3	122.3
Transport	110.5	108.1	109.5	108.6	111.6	110.0	109.1	108.5	108.5	109.0	108.8	110.1	111.4
Communication	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.1
Recreation and Culture	107.8	107.8	107.8	107.8	107.8	108.6	108.8	108.8	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9
Education	163.5	163.5	163.5	163.5	163.5	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3	169.3
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	121.0	121.0	121.0	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.5	121.6	121.6	121.6	121.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 5. Inflation Rate by Major Commodity Group and Province, Region VIII:
January 2016 – January 2017 (2006 = 100)**

Province/Commodity	2016												2017
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
REGION VIII													
All Items	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.8
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.2	4.2	3.8	3.8	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	13.5	13.4	11.5	11.3	4.3	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.1	3.9
Clothing & Footwear	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.8	0.9	2.1	1.8	0.5	0.6	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.2	4.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	5.1	4.4	4.0	3.9	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.5
Health	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
Transport	0.1	-1.5	-0.7	-1.3	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	3.8	2.2
Communication	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Recreation and Culture	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Education	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	3.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.3	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
BILIRAN													
All Items	-0.6	-1.0	-0.1	-0.8	0.6	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.1
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-2.4	-2.6	-0.9	-2.2	0.5	1.3	1.5	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	5.2	5.3	6.8	7.3	7.9	8.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	6.0	5.9	4.5
Clothing & Footwear	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	-0.3	-1.3	-1.1	-0.4	0.4	1.5	2.2	1.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	6.7	4.4	3.2	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	2.2
Health	4.4	4.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.7
Transport	2.2	0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	0.0	4.3	1.5
Communication	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.1	0.8	1.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.2	1.3
Education	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	-0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3
EASTERN SAMAR													
All Items	-0.4	-0.8	-0.3	0.6	0.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.8	3.4
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-3.3	-3.1	-1.9	-0.7	-0.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.1	2.8	2.4	3.2	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	18.3	14.7	13.0	13.0	12.3	11.0	10.6	7.4	6.4	2.3	1.0	-0.1	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	5.1	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.1	3.2	3.2	3.0	5.5	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.2	-1.0	-1.3	-0.2	-2.2	-3.7	-2.2	-1.6	1.1	0.9	1.9	1.3	4.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	5.2	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.5	5.2	4.8	4.1	4.4	4.2
Health	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5
Transport	3.0	0.3	1.3	0.5	2.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	3.8	0.6
Communication	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Recreation and Culture	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Education	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	1.8	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.9	2.1	1.8	1.6
LEYTE													
All Items	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.5
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.5	5.9	5.9	6.2	4.4	3.7
Clothing & Footwear	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.4	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.4	1.7	3.0	4.2	3.9	2.8	3.8	2.5	6.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9
Health	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Transport	1.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	3.4	1.6
Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Recreation and Culture	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Education	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 5 cont'd...

Province/Commodity	2016												2017
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
NORTHERN SAMAR													
All Items	-0.5	-2.0	-3.4	-2.0	-0.7	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.4	2.1	3.5	4.6	5.6
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-3.5	-4.8	-5.4	-4.1	-2.3	0.3	-0.6	0.5	1.6	2.9	4.7	6.6	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.9	3.4	4.9	5.3	5.8	6.0	8.6	9.0	9.5
Clothing & Footwear	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.9	4.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	6.3	1.7	-3.9	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	1.2	2.1	1.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.3
Health	5.2	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	5.3	4.4	3.0
Transport	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.7	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.4	1.9	4.1	3.1	3.8
Communication	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Recreation and Culture	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.7
Education	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.5
SAMAR													
All Items	-0.1	-0.6	-0.9	-1.2	-0.7	-1.3	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.1	-0.9	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-2.9	-3.2	-2.7	-2.9	-2.3	-1.3	-1.5	-1.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	0.3	0.1	-1.1	-0.9	-0.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.5	3.2	3.7
Clothing & Footwear	-0.6	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.7	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	-1.9	-1.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.9	3.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	-1.2	-1.0	-1.5	-1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.5
Health	0.1	1.4	2.4	3.1	3.2	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.4	6.1	6.4	6.5	7.3
Transport	3.4	0.7	1.5	0.9	3.3	0.8	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.6	2.2	7.2	4.7
Communication	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.4	0.4
Recreation and Culture	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
Education	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2	-6.2
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.9	2.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.5	4.5
SOUTHERN LEYTE													
All Items	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.3	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.7
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	4.7	5.7	6.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.2	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	3.6	5.0	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Clothing & Footwear	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	2.4	-0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.4	1.0	2.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6
Health	2.4	2.4	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2
Transport	0.7	-1.5	-0.4	-1.3	0.7	-0.9	-1.4	-1.9	-0.9	-0.4	-1.3	-0.6	0.8
Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and Culture	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Education	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Restaurants & Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

DEFINITION OF TERMS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) - indicator of change in the average prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year. Computation of the CPI uses the market basket for a particular area, i.e., province or region.

INFLATION RATE (IR) - the annual rate of change or year-on-year change in CPI. Inflation rate is the general rise of prices over a specified period. It indicates how fast or how slow the price changes over two time periods. Contrary to common knowledge, low inflation does not necessarily connote that prices are falling, rather, it means that prices continue to increase at a slower rate.

MARKET BASKET - refers to a sample of goods and services used to represent all goods and services bought by a particular group of consumers in a particular area.

BASE PERIOD - refers to the reference period of the index number. It is the period, usually a year, at which the index is set to 100. The current base period is 2006.

RETAIL PRICE - the price at which a commodity is sold for spot in small quantities for consumption. It is confined to transactions on cash basis in the free market and excludes black-market prices and prices of commodities that are on sale as in summer sales, anniversary sales, Christmas sales, etc.

PURCHASING POWER OF THE PESO (PPP) - a measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period. It is computed by getting the reciprocal of the CPI and multiplying the result by 100.

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