



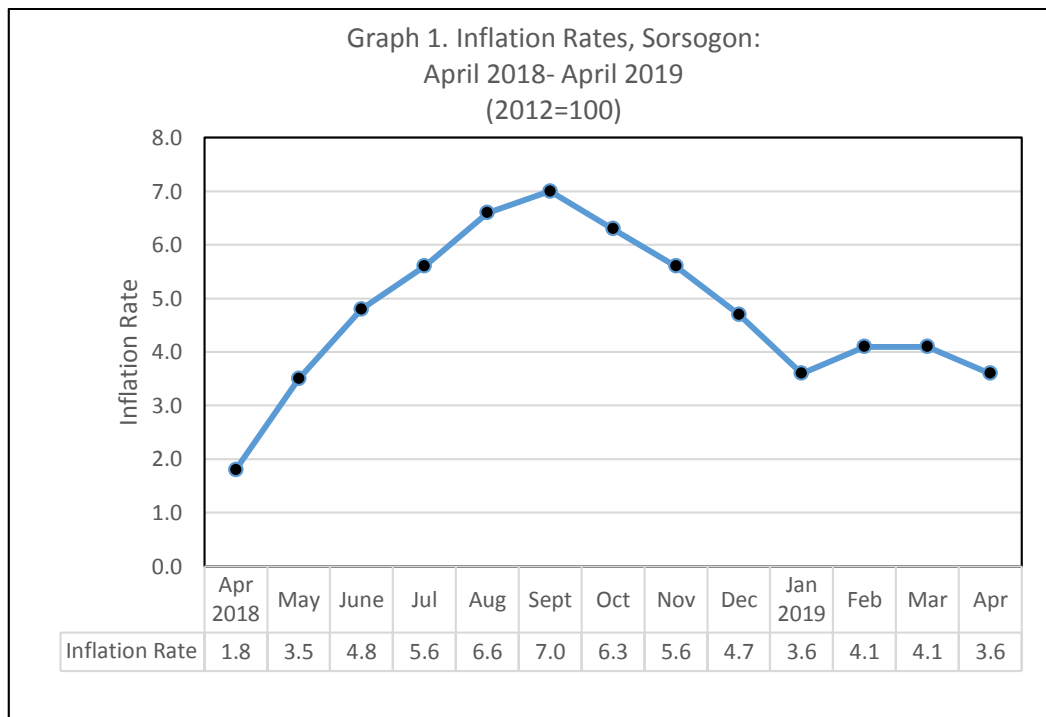
SPECIAL RELEASE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: April 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 3.6 percent in April 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.5 percentage points lower than the IR last month which was 4.1 percent. The IR a year ago was 1.8 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



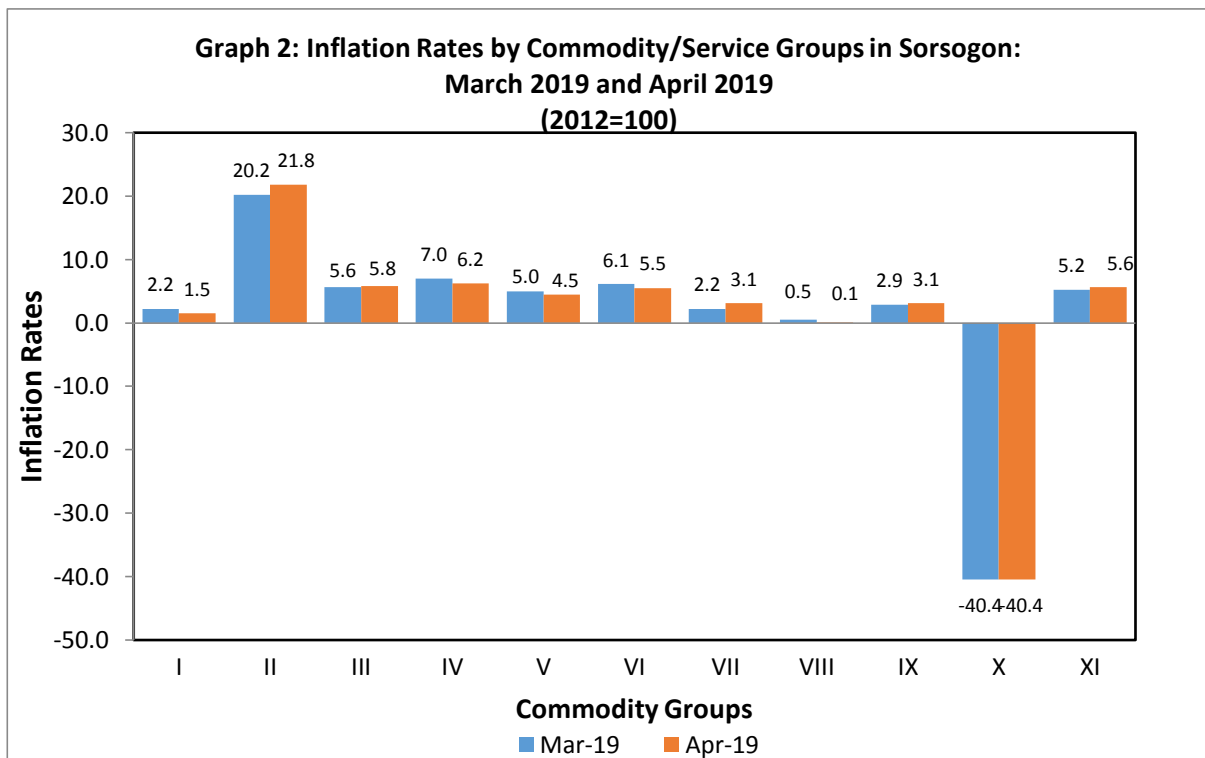
The current IR movement could be attributed to the opposite movement of prices for Food, Beverages and Tobacco and Non-Food. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco both decreased by 2.5 percentage points while Non-Food items increased by 1.8 percentage points.

Among commodity group I and II, most of the items slightly decreased except for milk, cheese and eggs and non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco with an increase of 0.4, 0.2 and 2.2 percentage points respectively. Significant decrease, on the other hand,



were recorded on Fruits, Oils and fats, Vegetables and Rice with 3.0, 1.7, 1.3 and 1.2 percentage points consecutively.

Meanwhile, Non-food items posted less than one percentage points change. Increments were registered on groups VII and XI with 0.9 and 0.4 percentage points along with groups IX and III with both 0.2 percentage points lower than last year's IR. Decrements, on the contrary, were recorded on groups IV, V, VI and VIII having 0.8, 0.5, 0.6 and 0.4 percentage points respectively. (Refer to Graph 2)



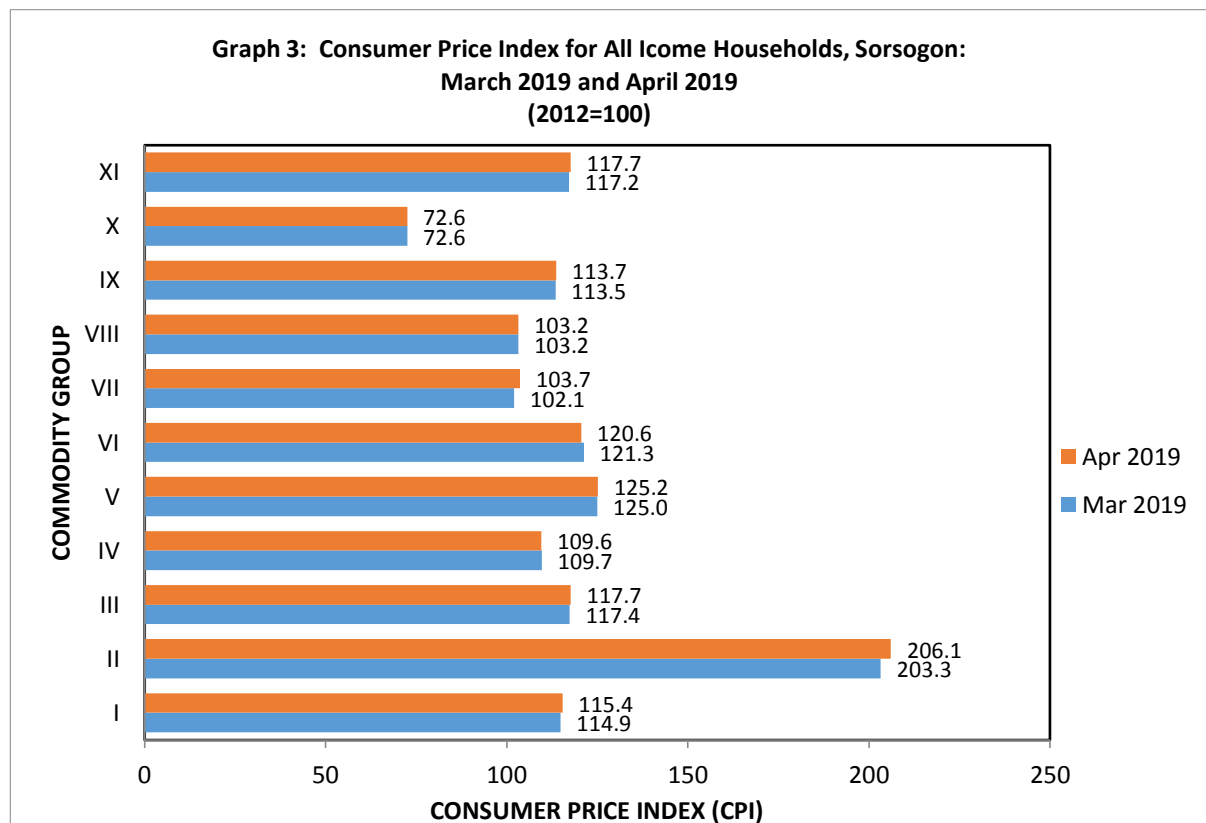
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation and Culture
- X. Education
- XI. Restaurants and Miscellaneous and Services



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

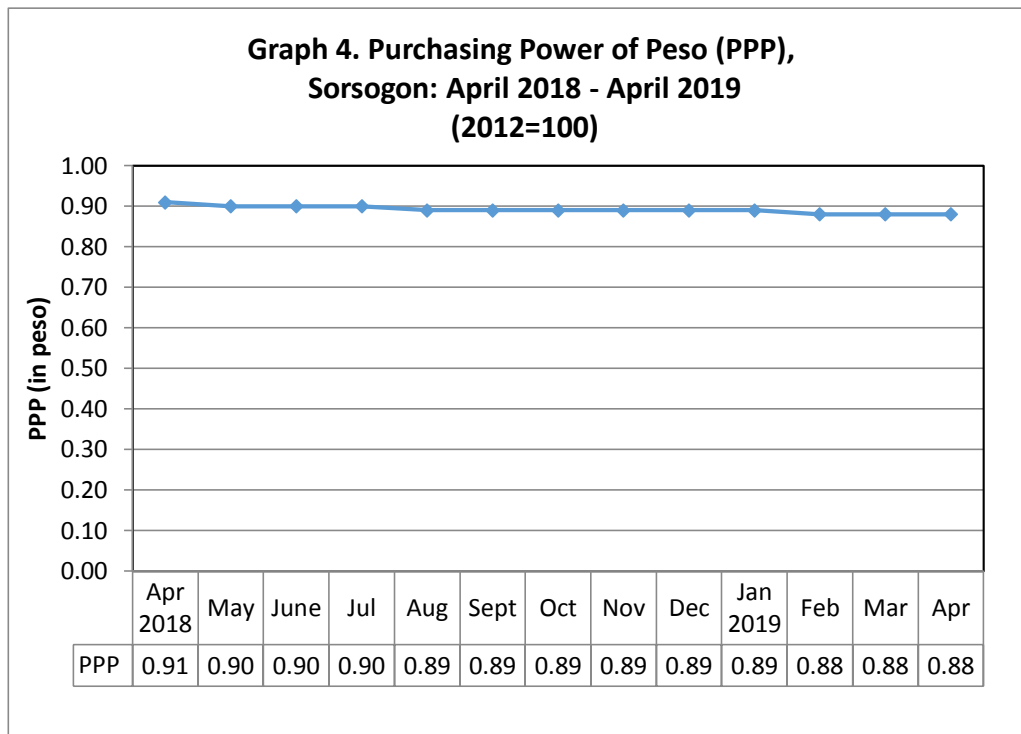
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 113.9 in April 2019. This was higher by 0.26% than the index level posted in March 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 13.9% with the 2012 base year.

Most of the commodity groups slightly increased by less than two percent. Commodity groups posted increase were groups II (1.38%), VII (1.57%), I (0.44%), XI (0.43), III (0.26), IX (0.18) and V (0.16%). Meanwhile, decrements were noted on groups IV (0.09%) and VI (0.58%). Commodity group X remained stable for this month. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained at 0.88 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 88 centavos in April 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.91 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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**Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 March 2019 and April 2019
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Mar-18	Mar-19	Apr-18	Apr-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Mar-19 Inflation rate	Apr-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	109.1	113.6	109.9	113.9	0.26	4.1	3.6
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	112.4	114.9	113.7	115.4	0.44	2.2	1.5
* Food	112.5	114.0	113.9	114.5	0.44	1.3	0.5
Bread and Cereals	118.3	116.5	118.6	115.7	-0.69	-1.5	-2.4
Rice	119.8	115.8	120.1	114.7	-0.95	-3.3	-4.5
Corn	131.8	142.3	131.8	163.1	14.62	8.0	23.7
Meat	110.1	115.7	110.7	115.8	0.09	5.1	4.6
Fish	86.2	94.8	92.2	100.3	5.80	10.0	8.8
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	112.6	115.9	112.5	116.2	0.26	2.9	3.3
Oils and Fats	115.5	120.1	115.5	118.2	-1.58	4.0	2.3
Fruit	117.4	120.2	118.5	117.8	-2.00	2.4	-0.6
Vegetables	157.3	146.8	157.6	145.0	-1.23	-6.7	-8.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	80.7	87.2	81.0	87.1	-0.11	8.1	7.5
Food Products N.E.C.	116.5	121.3	117.6	122.0	0.58	4.1	3.7
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	111.0	126.6	111.0	126.9	0.24	14.1	14.3
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	169.1	203.3	169.2	206.1	1.38	20.2	21.8
Alcoholic Beverages	122.6	125.7	123.0	125.7	0.00	2.5	2.2
Tobacco	195.5	247.4	195.5	251.7	1.74	26.5	28.7
NON-FOOD	105.7	111.0	106.2	111.1	0.09	5.0	4.6
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111.2	117.4	111.3	117.7	0.26	5.6	5.8
Clothing	108.7	113.4	108.8	113.4	0.00	4.3	4.2
Footwear	117.6	127.4	117.6	128.3	0.71	8.3	9.1
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	102.5	109.7	103.2	109.6	-0.09	7.0	6.2
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.9	111.1	105.9	111.1	0.00	4.9	4.9
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	116.2	117.4	116.1	117.2	-0.17	1.0	0.9
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	107.8	127.4	107.8	127.4	0.00	18.2	18.2
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	92.2	103.9	94.7	103.6	-0.29	12.7	9.4
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	119.1	125.0	119.8	125.2	0.16	5.0	4.5
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.6	112.9	108.6	112.9	0.00	4.0	4.0
Household Textiles	118.4	122.6	118.4	122.7	0.08	3.5	3.6
Household Appliances	105.5	107.2	105.4	107.7	0.47	1.6	2.2
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	103.9	106.8	104.3	107.6	0.75	2.8	3.2
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	106.0	110.1	106.0	111.7	1.45	3.9	5.4
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.8	128.6	122.7	128.7	0.08	5.6	4.9



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VI. HEALTH	114.3	121.3	114.3	120.6	-0.58	6.1	5.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.3	115.8	110.4	114.6	-1.04	5.0	3.8
Out-patient Services	122.6	125.6	122.6	125.6	0.00	2.4	2.4
Hospital Services	118.4	131.3	118.4	131.3	0.00	10.9	10.9
VII. TRANSPORT	99.9	102.1	100.6	103.7	1.57	2.2	3.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	91.8	100.0	94.0	103.1	3.10	8.9	9.7
Transport Services	104.0	103.9	104.0	105.2	1.25	-0.1	1.2
VIII. COMMUNICATION	102.7	103.2	103.1	103.2	0.00	0.5	0.1
Postal Services	102.2	105.4	102.2	105.4	0.00	3.1	3.1
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	103.5	104.1	103.9	104.1	0.00	0.6	0.2
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	110.3	113.5	110.3	113.7	0.18	2.9	3.1
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.2	109.1	108.2	109.1	0.00	0.8	0.8
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	105.8	106.7	105.8	106.7	0.00	0.9	0.9
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	107.9	113.1	107.9	113.2	0.09	4.8	4.9
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.6	178.8	155.6	185.4	3.69	14.9	19.2
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	111.5	117.7	111.6	117.6	-0.08	5.6	5.4
X. EDUCATION	121.8	72.6	121.8	72.6	0.00	-40.4	-40.4
Pre-primary and Primary Education	116.4	124.2	116.4	124.2	0.00	6.7	6.7
Secondary Education	109.4	113.1	109.4	113.1	0.00	3.4	3.4
Tertiary Education	126.6	47.5	126.6	47.5	0.00	-62.5	-62.5
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XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	111.4	117.2	111.5	117.7	0.43	5.2	5.6
Catering Services	109.9	115.8	109.9	116.5	0.60	5.4	6.0
Personal Care	109.1	114.7	109.4	114.7	0.00	5.1	4.8
Personal Effects N.E.C.	108.8	115.9	108.8	115.9	0.00	6.5	6.5
Inflation Rate	2.1	4.1	1.8	3.6			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.92	0.88	0.91	0.88			