



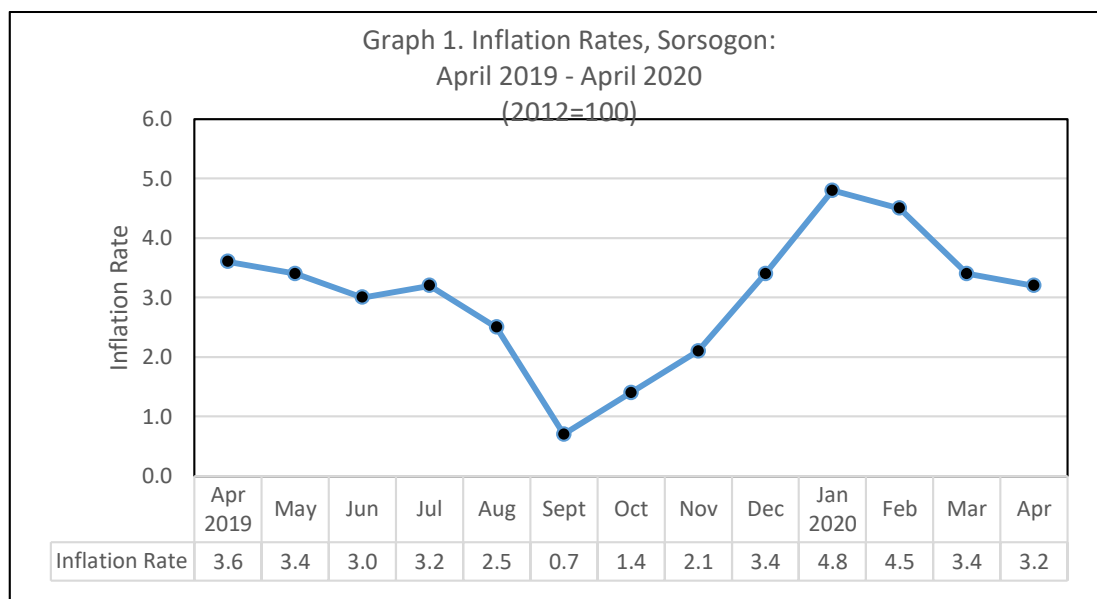
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: April 2020 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 3.2 percent in April 2020 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than the IR last month was 3.4 percent. The IR a year ago was 3.6 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)

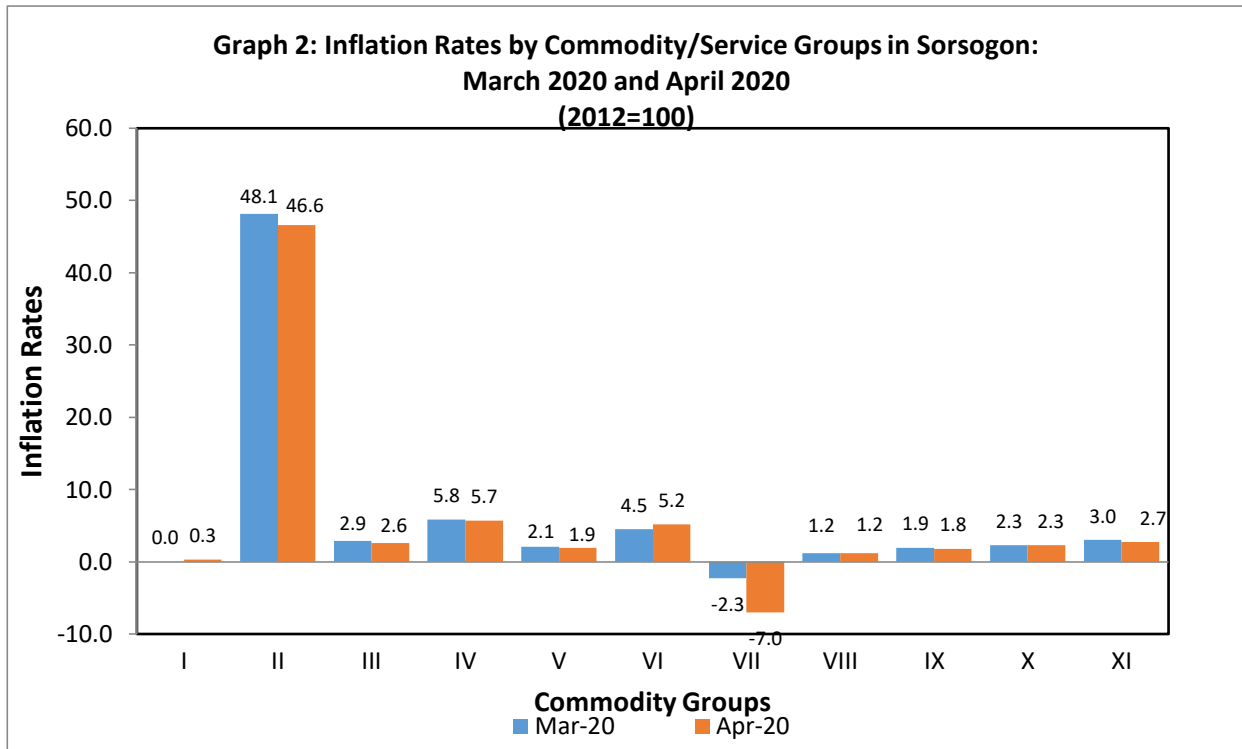


The current IR movement could be attributed to the downward movement of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and Non-Food items. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and Non-Food items posted 1.4 and 0.5 percentage points down. While the heavily weighted Food items posted slight increase of 0.4 percentage points.

Among Food items under commodity group (CG) I, decrements were registered on Corn, Fish and Meat consecutively with 13.0, 2.6 and 1.9 percentage points change respectively. Meanwhile, significant increase were posted on Vegetables, Fruits and Oils and Fats with 6.1, 3.6 and 1.6 percentage points up accordingly. CG II was also noted to have 1.4 percentage points decrease for this month.



Along Non-Food items, most of the CGs decreased except for CG VI which slightly increased by 0.7 percentage points and CG VIII and X which remained at the same IR level. Among CGs that decreased, significant number was posted on CG VII with almost five (4.8) percentage points difference. The rest had minimal decrease of less than one percentage points. (Refer to Graph 2)



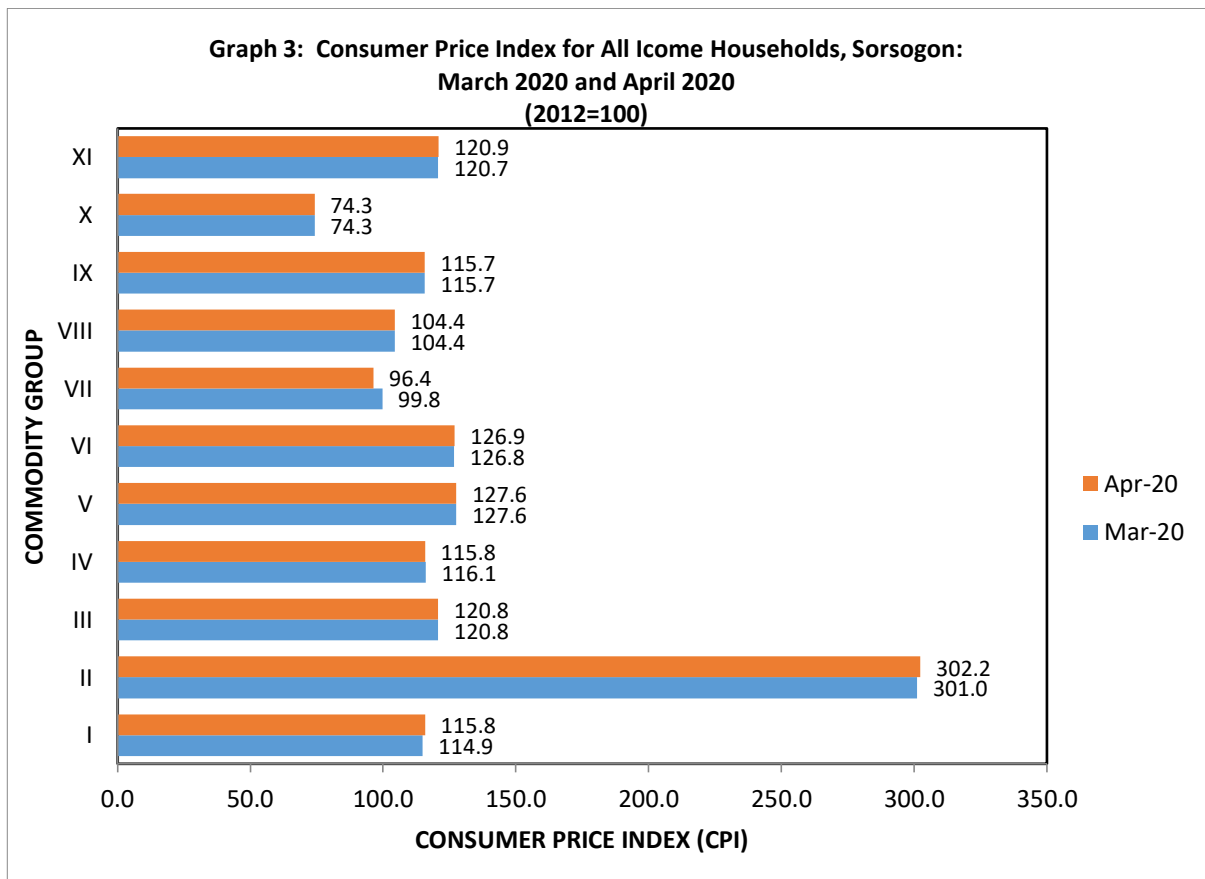
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

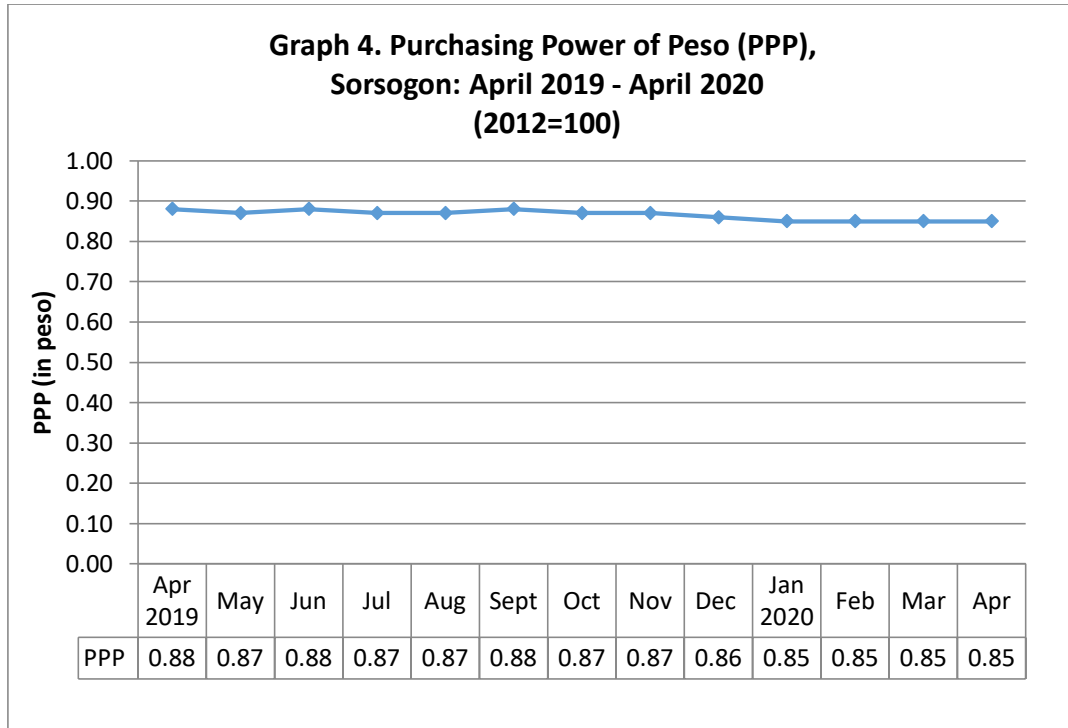
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 117.6 in April 2020. This was slightly higher by 0.09 percent compared to the CPI in March 2020 which was 117.5. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 17.6 percent with 2012 base year.

Significant change was posted on CG VII or Transport with 3.41% decrease. Other CGS recorded less than one percent change. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained at 0.85 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 85 centavos in April 2020 in the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.88 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 March and April 2020
 (2012 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Mar-19	Mar-20	Apr-19	Apr-20	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Mar-20 Inflation rate	Apr-20 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	113.6	117.5	113.9	117.6	0.09	3.4	3.2
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	114.9	114.9	115.4	115.8	0.78	0.0	0.3
* Food	114.0	113.8	114.5	114.7	0.79	-0.2	0.2
Bread and Cereals	116.5	111.3	115.7	111.0	-0.27	-4.5	-4.1
Rice	115.8	108.5	114.7	108.0	-0.46	-6.3	-5.8
Corn	142.3	183.9	163.1	189.5	3.05	29.2	16.2
Meat	115.7	118.7	115.8	116.6	-1.77	2.6	0.7
Fish	94.8	95.1	100.3	98.0	3.05	0.3	-2.3
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	115.9	119.1	116.2	120.4	1.09	2.8	3.6
Oils and Fats	120.1	120.1	118.2	120.1	0.00	0.0	1.6
Fruit	120.2	129.9	117.8	131.5	1.23	8.1	11.6
Vegetables	146.8	160.1	145.0	167.0	4.31	9.1	15.2
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	87.2	85.3	87.1	85.3	0.00	-2.2	-2.1
Food Products N.E.C.	121.3	127.6	122.0	128.3	0.55	5.2	5.2
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	126.6	129.3	126.9	129.4	0.08	2.1	2.0
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	203.3	301.0	206.1	302.2	0.40	48.1	46.6
Alcoholic Beverages	125.7	137.9	125.7	141.0	2.25	9.7	12.2
Tobacco	247.4	393.7	251.7	393.7	0.00	59.1	56.4
NON-FOOD	111.0	115.6	111.1	115.2	-0.35	4.1	3.7
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.4	120.8	117.7	120.8	0.00	2.9	2.6
Clothing	113.4	117.0	113.4	117.0	0.00	3.2	3.2
Footwear	127.4	130.2	128.3	130.2	0.00	2.2	1.5
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	109.7	116.1	109.6	115.8	-0.26	5.8	5.7
Actual Rentals for Housing	111.1	119.1	111.1	119.1	0.00	7.2	7.2
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	117.4	118.9	117.2	118.9	0.00	1.3	1.5
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	127.4	131.8	127.4	131.8	0.00	3.5	3.5
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	103.9	106.7	103.6	105.4	-1.22	2.7	1.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	125.0	127.6	125.2	127.6	0.00	2.1	1.9
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	112.9	115.3	112.9	115.3	0.00	2.1	2.1
Household Textiles	122.6	124.7	122.7	124.7	0.00	1.7	1.6
Household Appliances	107.2	108.2	107.7	108.2	0.00	0.9	0.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	106.8	109.0	107.6	109.0	0.00	2.1	1.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	110.1	114.2	111.7	114.2	0.00	3.7	2.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	128.6	131.4	128.7	131.4	0.00	2.2	2.1



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VI. HEALTH	121.3	126.8	120.6	126.9	0.08	4.5	5.2
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	115.8	115.5	114.6	115.6	0.09	-0.3	0.9
Out-patient Services	125.6	133.7	125.6	133.7	0.00	6.4	6.4
Hospital Services	131.3	148.4	131.3	148.4	0.00	13.0	13.0
VII. TRANSPORT	102.1	99.8	103.7	96.4	-3.41	-2.3	-7.0
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	100.0	90.7	103.1	78.5	-13.45	-9.3	-23.9
Transport Services	103.9	104.5	105.2	104.5	0.00	0.6	-0.7
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.2	104.4	103.2	104.4	0.00	1.2	1.2
Postal Services	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	105.7	100.0	105.7	0.00	5.7	5.7
Telephone and Telefax Services	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.00	0.0	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	113.5	115.7	113.7	115.7	0.00	1.9	1.8
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.2	109.1	109.2	0.00	0.1	0.1
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	0.00	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	113.1	113.9	113.2	114.3	0.35	0.7	1.0
Recreational and Cultural Services	178.8	185.9	185.4	185.9	0.00	4.0	0.3
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	117.7	124.6	117.6	124.6	0.00	5.9	6.0
X. EDUCATION	72.6	74.3	72.6	74.3	0.00	2.3	2.3
Pre-primary and Primary Education	124.2	130.0	124.2	130.0	0.00	4.7	4.7
Secondary Education	113.1	117.1	113.1	117.1	0.00	3.5	3.5
Tertiary Education	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	0.00	0.0	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	117.2	120.7	117.7	120.9	0.17	3.0	2.7
Catering Services	115.8	119.4	116.5	119.4	0.00	3.1	2.5
Personal Care	114.7	117.3	114.7	117.8	0.43	2.3	2.7
Personal Effects N.E.C.	115.9	116.3	115.9	116.3	0.00	0.3	0.3
Inflation Rate	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.2			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.88	0.85	0.88	0.85			