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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN CATANDUANES, 2012=100: FEBRUARY 2019

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

Inflation Rate (IR) in Catanduanes decline to 3.3 in February 2019

The Inflation Rate (IR) in the province of Catanduanes for February 2019 settled at 3.3 percent which translates to a Purchasing Power of the Peso of P 0.85. It was lower than the registered IR of 4.4 percent in January 2019. It was also lower by 1.5 points than the registered inflation rate of 4.8 in the same period last year.

The CPI for all Income Households in all items in Catanduanes for the month of February 2019 was registered at 118.1 index points which is the same than last month's registered index points. It was higher than the 114.3 price index points registered at the same period last year.

PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

Corn commodity group has the highest increase in CPI for February 2019

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages commodity group recorded a 124.0 consumer price index points during the month of February 2019 which is the lower compared to last month's recorded price index points of 124.3. Corn commodity group had the highest increase in CPI recorded at 2.4 price index points. Other commodity groups that recorded increase during the month were Fish (1.0%); Rice (0.7%); Bread and Cereals (0.6%); Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products (0.3%). and Food Products N.E.C. (0.2%).

Non-alcoholic beverages commodity group experienced an increase in price index points at 0.5%.

Vegetable commodity group has the highest decline in CPI in February 2019

CPI for Vegetable commodity group in February 2019 had the highest decrease recorded at 5.0 price index points. Other commodity groups that experienced decrease in price index points during the month were Fruits (3.0%); Meat (1.1%); Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (0.8%); and Milk, Cheese and Eggs (0.1%).

Oils and fats commodity group did not experience any changes in price index points during the month.

Alcoholic, Beverages and Tobacco commodity group experience increase in CPI for February 2019

CPI for Alcoholic, Beverages and Tobacco commodity group in February 2019 increased at 160.0 from 156.0 CPI recorded in January 2019.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House commodity group headlines non-food commodity groups that experienced increase in CPI in February 2019

Non-food Commodity Group that recorded an increase in price index points during the month were Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (1.0%); Clothing and Footwear (0.5%); Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.4%); Transport (0.3%); and Recreation and Culture (0.1%).

Commodity groups that experienced decrease in price index points during the month were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (0.5%) and Health (0.4%).

Communication and Education commodity groups did not experience any changes in price index points during the month.

**Table1. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in Catanduanes
2012=100, February 2018 and February 2019**

Commodity Group	February 2018	February 2019	Year on Year Change
Food& Non-Alcoholic Beverages	118.5	124.0	4.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	141.8	160.0	12.8
Non - Food	109.3	110.9	1.5
Clothing and Footwear	113.8	117.4	3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	112.4	113.4	0.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	115.4	118.8	2.9
Health	112.7	114.0	1.2
Transport	98.3	97.6	(0.7)
Communication	99.7	100.7	1.0
Recreation and Culture	112.0	114.9	2.6
Education	102.8	72.1	(29.9)
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods & Services	109.1	113.6	4.1
ALL ITEMS	114.3	118.1	3.3

**Figure 1. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in Catanduanes:
2012=100 February 2018 and February 2019**

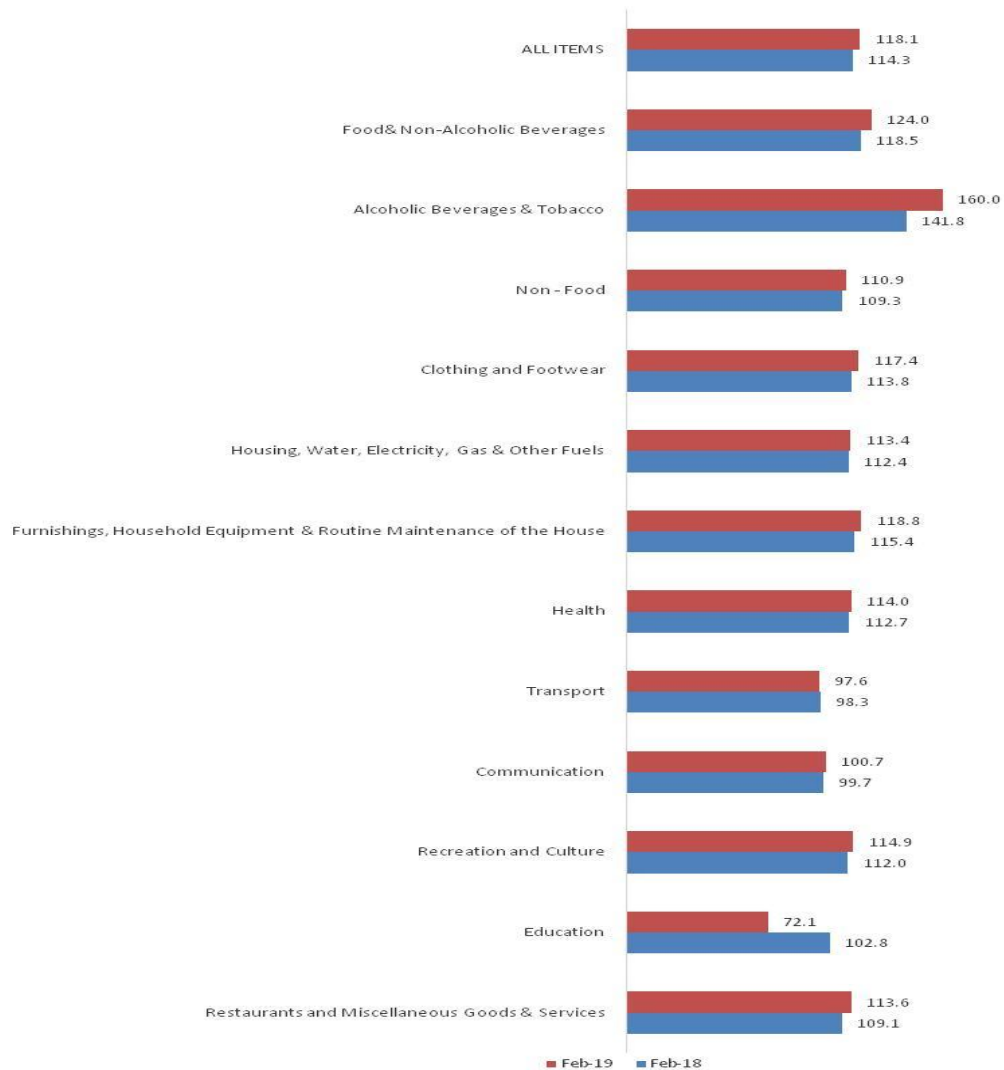
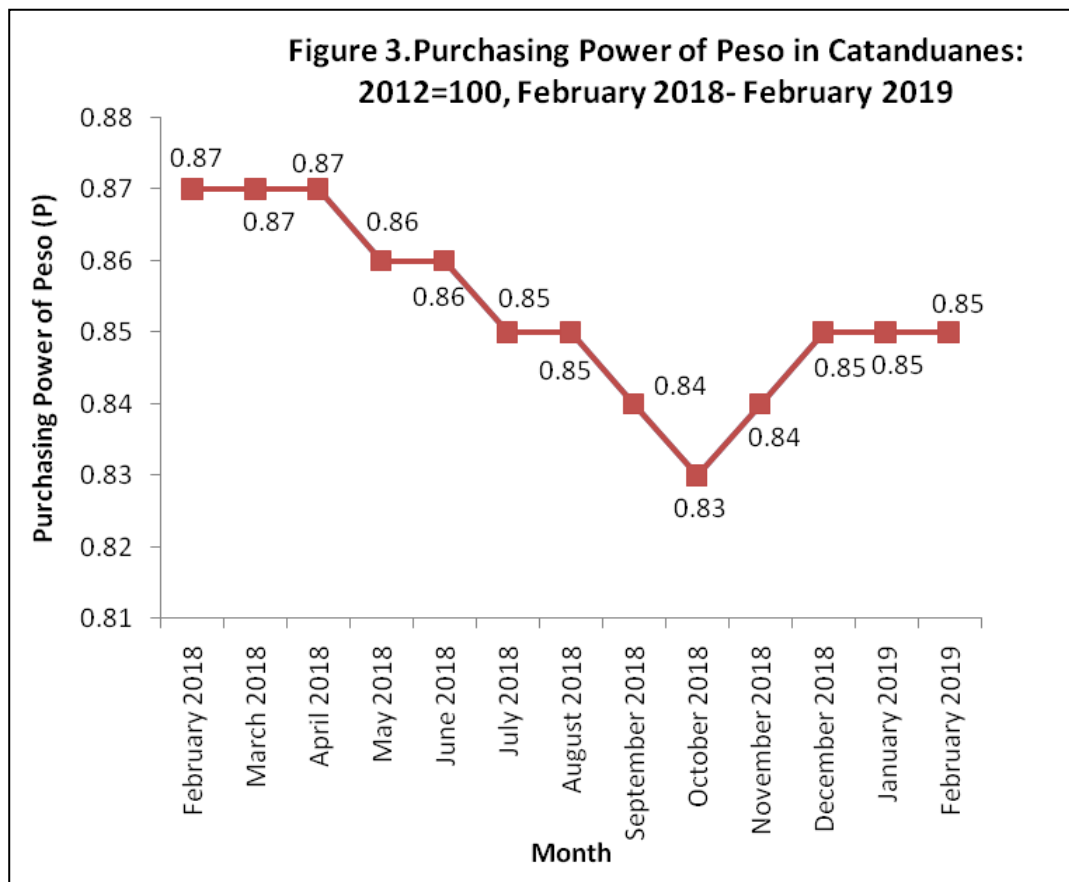
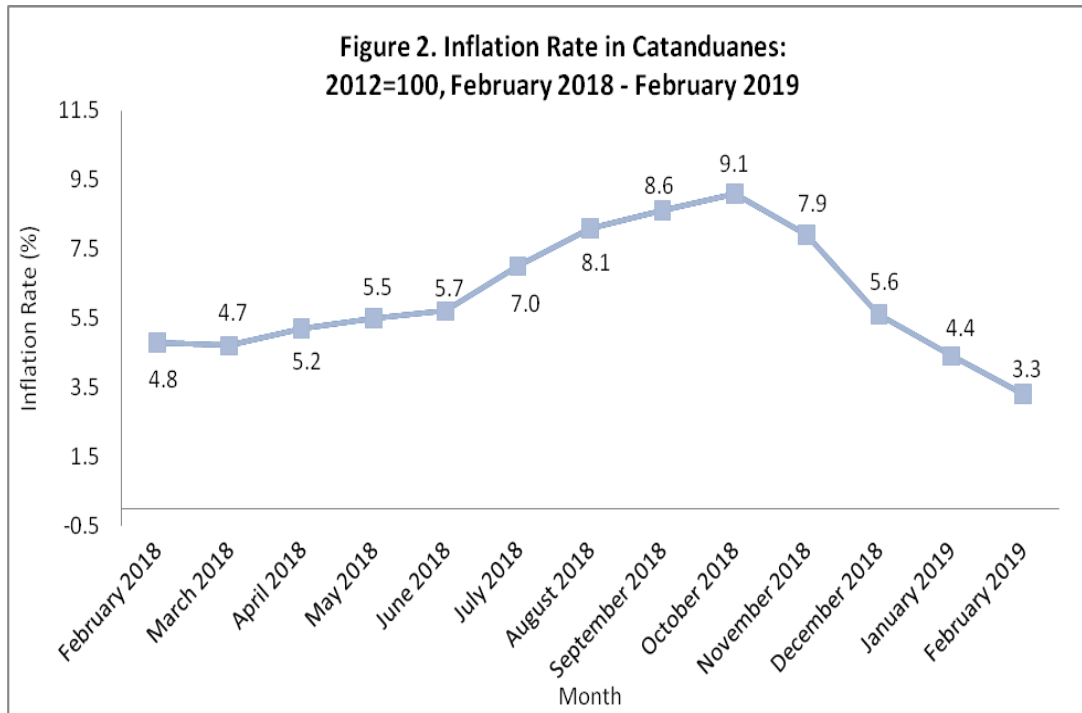


Table2. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in Catanduanes (2012=100): February 2019 and January 2019

COMMODITY GROUP	February-19	January-19	Month-on-Month change
ALL ITEMS	118.1	118.1	0.0
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	124.0	124.3	(0.2)
* Food	124.1	124.4	(0.2)
Bread and Cereals	116.4	115.7	0.6
Rice	116.6	115.8	0.7
Corn	497.9	485.7	2.4
Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products	109.3	109.0	0.3
Meat	122.8	124.1	(1.1)
Fish	136.4	135.1	1.0
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	119.6	119.7	(0.1)
Oils and Fats	126.8	126.8	0.0
Fruit	140.9	145.1	(3.0)
Vegetables	142.8	149.9	(5.0)
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	114.7	115.6	(0.8)
Food Products N.E.C.	126.6	126.4	0.2
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	123.1	122.5	0.5
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	160.0	156.0	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages	151.9	151.2	0.5
Tobacco	169.8	161.7	4.8
NON-FOOD	110.9	110.8	0.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.4	116.8	0.5
Clothing	116.2	115.7	0.4
Footwear	119.9	119.2	0.6
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	113.4	114.0	(0.5)
Actual Rentals for Housing			
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	125.7	125.2	0.4
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	103.9	103.9	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	114.1	114.9	(0.7)
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	118.8	117.6	1.0
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	113.2	111.1	1.9
Household Textiles	107.3	107.3	0.0
Household Appliances	131.6	131.6	0.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	112.1	112.1	0.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden			
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	127.1	127.0	0.1
VI. HEALTH	114.0	114.5	(0.4)
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	119.1	120.1	(0.8)
Out-patient Services	122.9	122.9	0.0
Hospital Services	103.2	103.2	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	97.6	97.3	0.3
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	92.6	89.4	3.5
Transport Services	100.3	101.7	(1.4)
VIII. COMMUNICATION	100.7	100.7	0.0
Postal Services	148.4	148.4	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	98.1	98.1	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	101.2	101.2	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	114.9	114.8	0.1
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	116.9	116.9	0.0
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	105.3	105.3	0.0
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	104.9	104.9	0.0
Recreational and Cultural Services	158.9	158.5	0.3
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	113.0	112.8	0.2
X. EDUCATION	72.1	72.1	0.0
Pre-primary and Primary Education	123.2	123.2	0.0
Secondary Education	104.4	104.4	0.0
Tertiary Education	45.3	45.3	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level			
XI. RESTAURANT AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	113.6	113.1	0.4
Catering Services	108.9	108.4	0.5
Personal Care	119.6	118.9	0.6
Personal Effects N.E.C.	110.7	110.7	0.0



CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI):

- * A measure of the changes in the average price level of goods and services that most people buy for their day-to-day consumption.
- * It measures the composite change in the consumer prices of various commodities over time.

COMPONENTS OF THE CPI:

- * *Market basket* -- A sample of the variety of goods and services commonly consumed by an average Filipino household to represent the price behavior of all goods and services bought by consumers.
- * *Weight* - Value attached to a commodity or group of commodities depending on the magnitude of its contribution to the index.
- * *Base period* -- A reference date at which the index is equal to 100. Base year is 2006.
- * *Sample outlets* -- Establishments where prices of commodities are quoted.
- * *Index methodology* -- Laspeyre's formula = Fixed base year and weights.

INFLATION RATE:

- * It is the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in average retail prices.

PURCHASING POWER OF THE PESO (PPP):

- * It shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period.

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