



SPECIAL RELEASE

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

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

Inflation Rate (IR) in Catanduanes declines to 1.9 in March 2019

The Inflation Rate (IR) in the province of Catanduanes for March 2019 settled at 1.9 percent which translates to a Purchasing Power of the Peso of P 0.85. It was lower than the registered IR of 3.3 percent in February 2019. It was also lower by 1.5 points than the registered inflation rate of 2.8 in the same period last year.

The CPI for all Income Households in all items in Catanduanes for the month of March 2019 was registered at 117.5 index points which is lower than last month's registered index points. It was higher than the 115.3 price index points registered at the same period last year.

PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

Fruit commodity group has the highest increase in CPI for March 2019

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages commodity group recorded a 122.1 consumer price index points during the month of March 2019 which is the lower compared to last month's recorded price index points of 124.0. Fruit commodity group had the highest increase in CPI recorded at 0.4 price index points. Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products were the other commodity group that recorded an increase in CPI during the month at 0.1%.

Fish commodity group has the highest decline in CPI in March 2019

CPI for Fish commodity group in March 2019 had the highest decrease recorded at 7.2 price index points. Other commodity groups that experienced decrease in price index points during the month were Vegetables (2.5%); Milk, Cheese and Eggs (0.7%); Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (0.7%); Rice (0.4%); Bread and Cereals (0.3%); Food Products N.E.C. (0.2%); and Meat (0.1%).

Oils and Fats and Corn commodity groups did not experience any changes in price index points during the month.

Non-alcoholic beverages commodity group experienced decrease in price index points at 0.4%.

Alcoholic, Beverages and Tobacco commodity group records increase in CPI for March 2019

CPI for Alcoholic, Beverages and Tobacco commodity group in March 2019 increased at 163.3 from 160.0 CPI recorded in February 2019.

Transport commodity group headlines non-food commodity groups that experienced increase in CPI in March 2019

Non-food Commodity Group that recorded an increase in price index points during the month were Transport (1.9%); Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (0.6%); Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.4%); Clothing and Footwear (0.3%); and Recreation and Culture (0.2%).

Commodity groups that experienced decrease in price index points during the month were Health (0.4%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (0.2%).

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, March 2018 and March 2019**

Commodity Group	March 2018	March 2019	Year on Year Change
Food& Non-Alcoholic Beverages	120.2	122.1	1.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	144.6	163.3	12.9
Non - Food	109.6	111.3	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	114.4	117.8	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	112.8	113.2	0.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	115.9	119.5	3.1
Health	112.7	113.6	0.8
Transport	97.4	99.5	2.2
Communication	99.7	100.7	1.0
Recreation and Culture	113.2	115.1	1.7
Education	102.8	72.1	(29.9)
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods & Services	109.9	114.0	3.7
ALL ITEMS	115.3	117.5	1.9

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

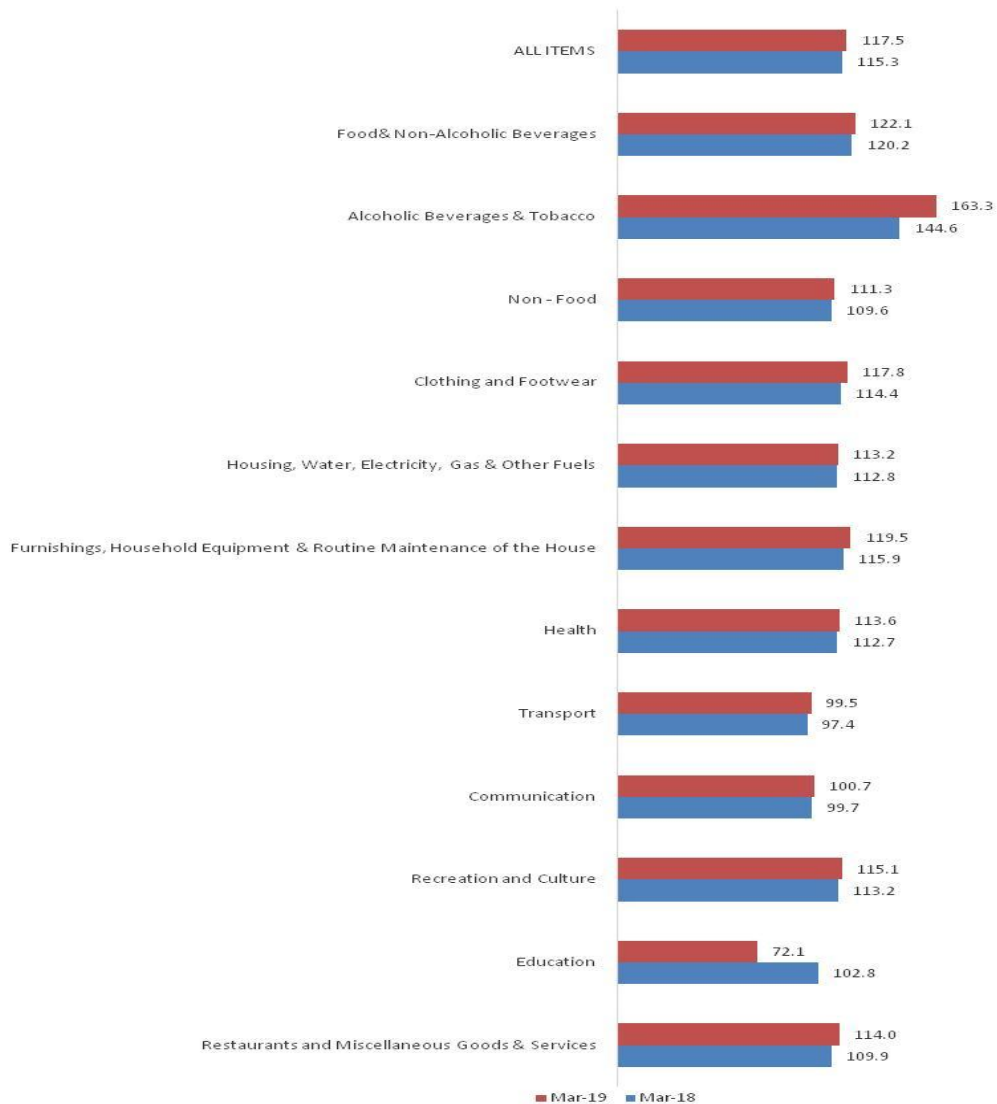
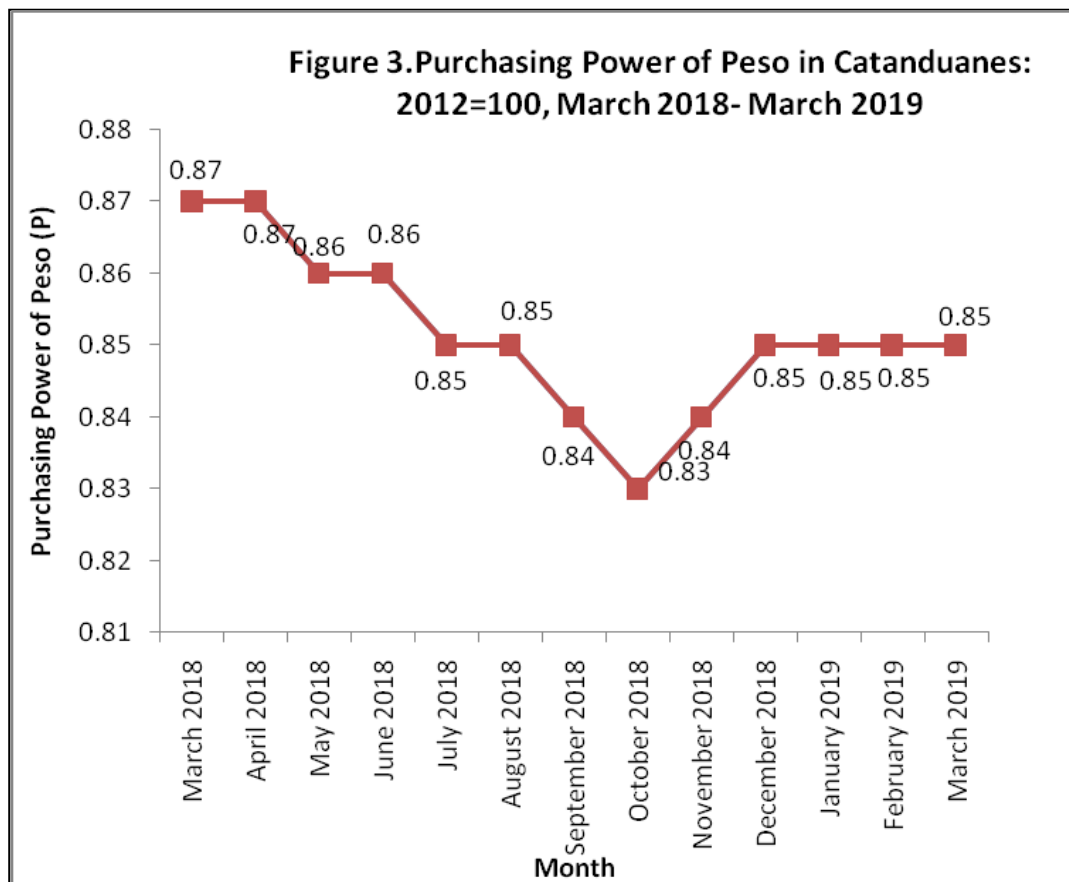
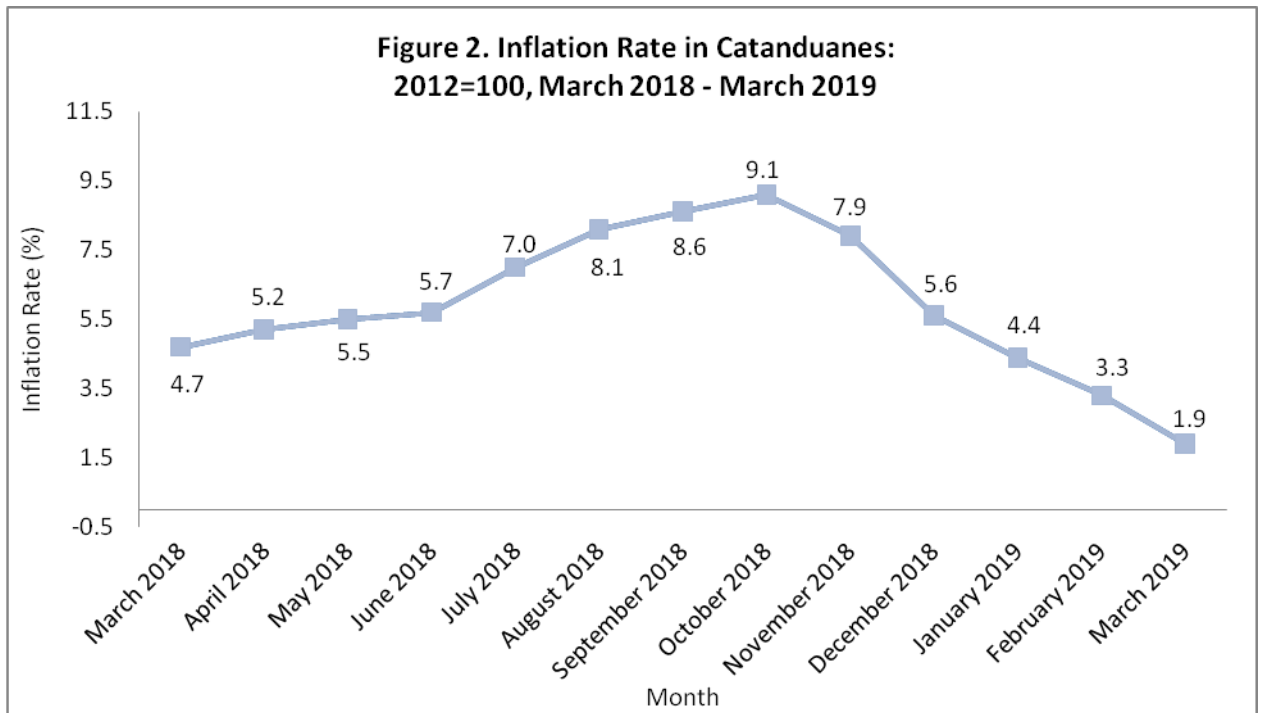


Table2. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in Catanduanes (2012=100): March 2019 and February 2019

COMMODITY GROUP	March-19	February-19	Month-on-Month change
ALL ITEMS	117.5	118.1	(0.5)
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	122.1	124.0	(1.5)
* Food	122.1	124.1	(1.6)
Bread and Cereals	116.1	116.4	(0.3)
Rice	116.1	116.6	(0.4)
Corn	497.9	497.9	0.0
Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products	109.4	109.3	0.1
Meat	122.7	122.8	(0.1)
Fish	126.6	136.4	(7.2)
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	118.8	119.6	(0.7)
Oils and Fats	126.8	126.8	0.0
Fruit	141.4	140.9	0.4
Vegetables	139.2	142.8	(2.5)
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	113.9	114.7	(0.7)
Food Products N.E.C.	126.4	126.6	(0.2)
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	122.6	123.1	(0.4)
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	163.3	160.0	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages	150.8	151.9	(0.7)
Tobacco	178.3	169.8	5.0
NON-FOOD	111.3	110.9	0.4
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.8	117.4	0.3
Clothing	116.3	116.2	0.1
Footwear	121.2	119.9	1.1
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	113.2	113.4	(0.2)
Actual Rentals for Housing			
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	126.3	125.7	0.5
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	103.9	103.9	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	113.7	114.1	(0.4)
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	119.5	118.8	0.6
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	113.2	113.2	0.0
Household Textiles	108.3	107.3	0.9
Household Appliances	131.8	131.6	0.2
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	112.8	112.1	0.6
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden			
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	128.9	127.1	1.4
VI. HEALTH	113.6	114.0	(0.4)
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	118.2	119.1	(0.8)
Out-patient Services	122.9	122.9	0.0
Hospital Services	103.2	103.2	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	99.5	97.6	1.9
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	97.4	92.6	5.2
Transport Services	100.6	100.3	0.3
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	115.1	114.9	0.2
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	159.0	158.9	0.1
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	114.0	113.0	0.9
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	114.0	113.6	0.4
Catering Services	109.5	108.9	0.6
Personal Care	119.7	119.6	0.1
Personal Effects N.E.C.	110.8	110.7	0.1



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 2012.
- * *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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