



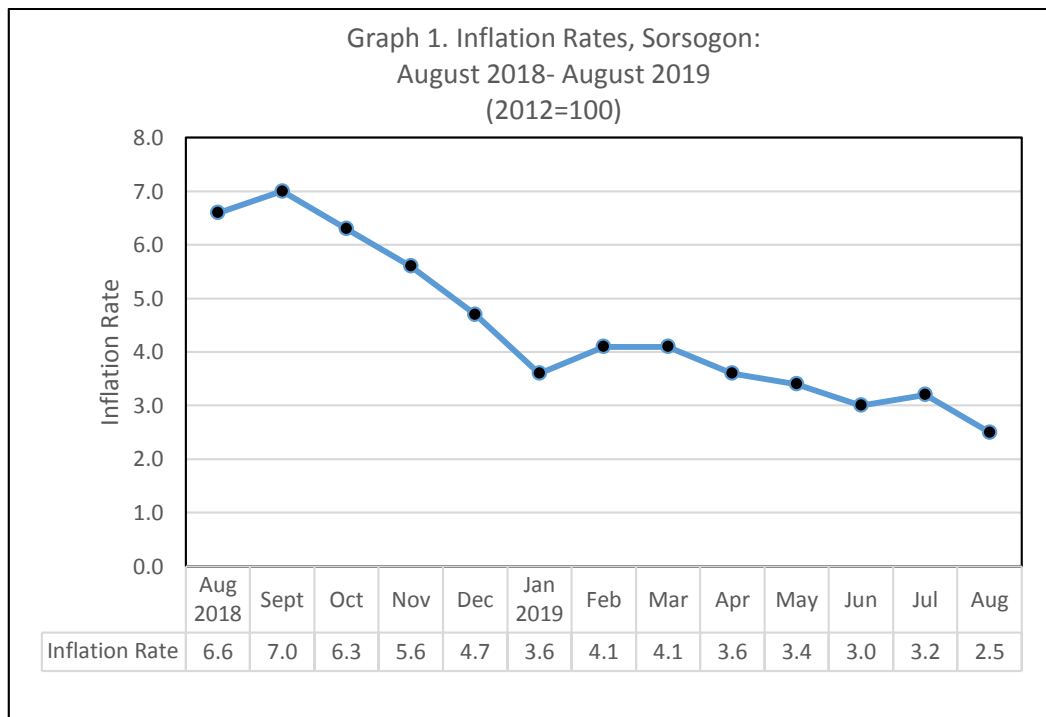
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: August 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 2.5 percent in August 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.7 percentage points lower than the IR last month which was 3.2 percent. The IR a year ago was 6.6 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)

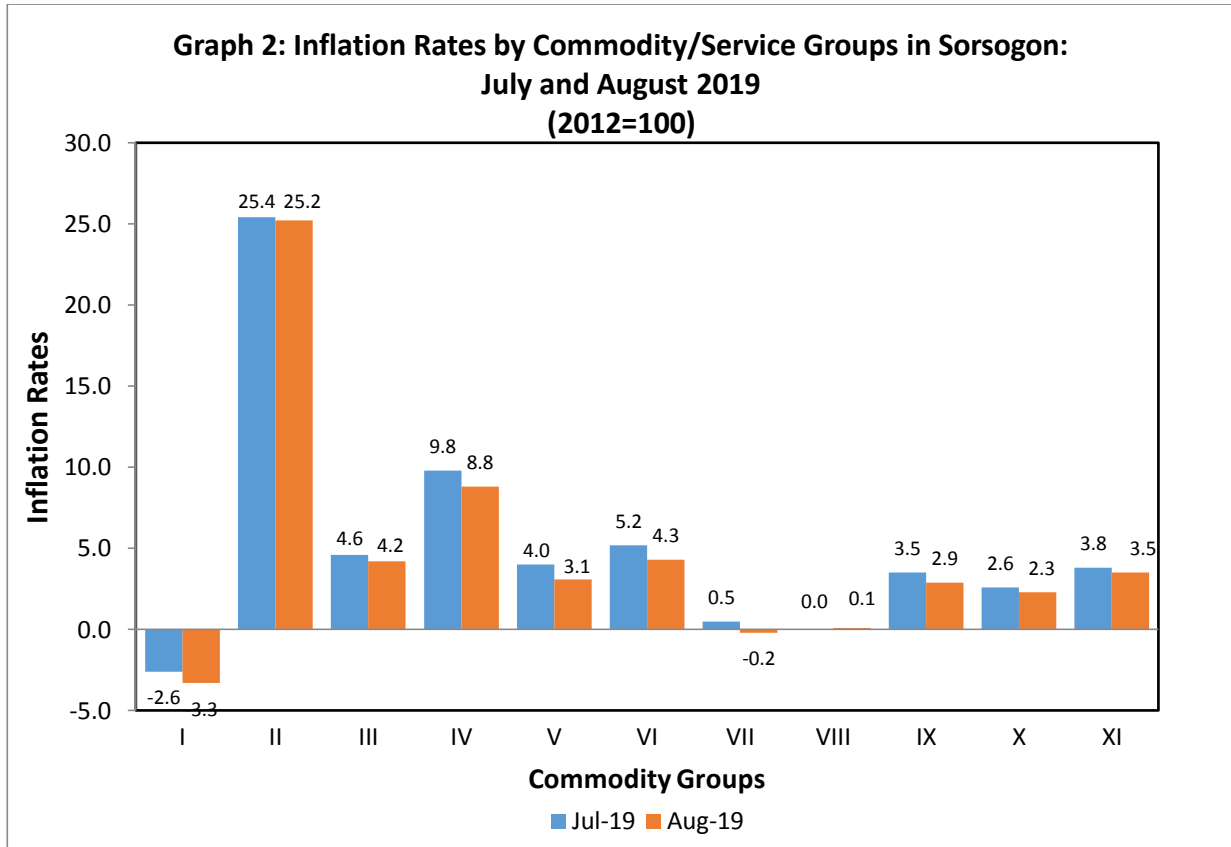


The current IR movement could be attributed to the decrease in prices of both Food and Non-Food items. Food and Non-alcoholic beverages posted 0.8 percentage point decrease and Alcoholic beverages and tobacco posted also a negative 0.2 percentage points. Moreover, Non-food registered also a decrease of 0.8 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, corn, fruits and rice registered slight increase of 13.9, 5.4 and 1.2 percentage points consecutively. Meanwhile, highest decrement was posted on fish with 7.5 percentage points followed by Vegetables and Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery with 3.4 and 3.0 percentage points respectively.



Meanwhile, along Non-Food items, only Communication posted slight increase of 0.1 percentage points while the rest of the commodity groups decreased by one percentage points and below. Commodity group IV had the highest decrement of 1.0 percentage points for this reference month. (Refer to Graph 2)



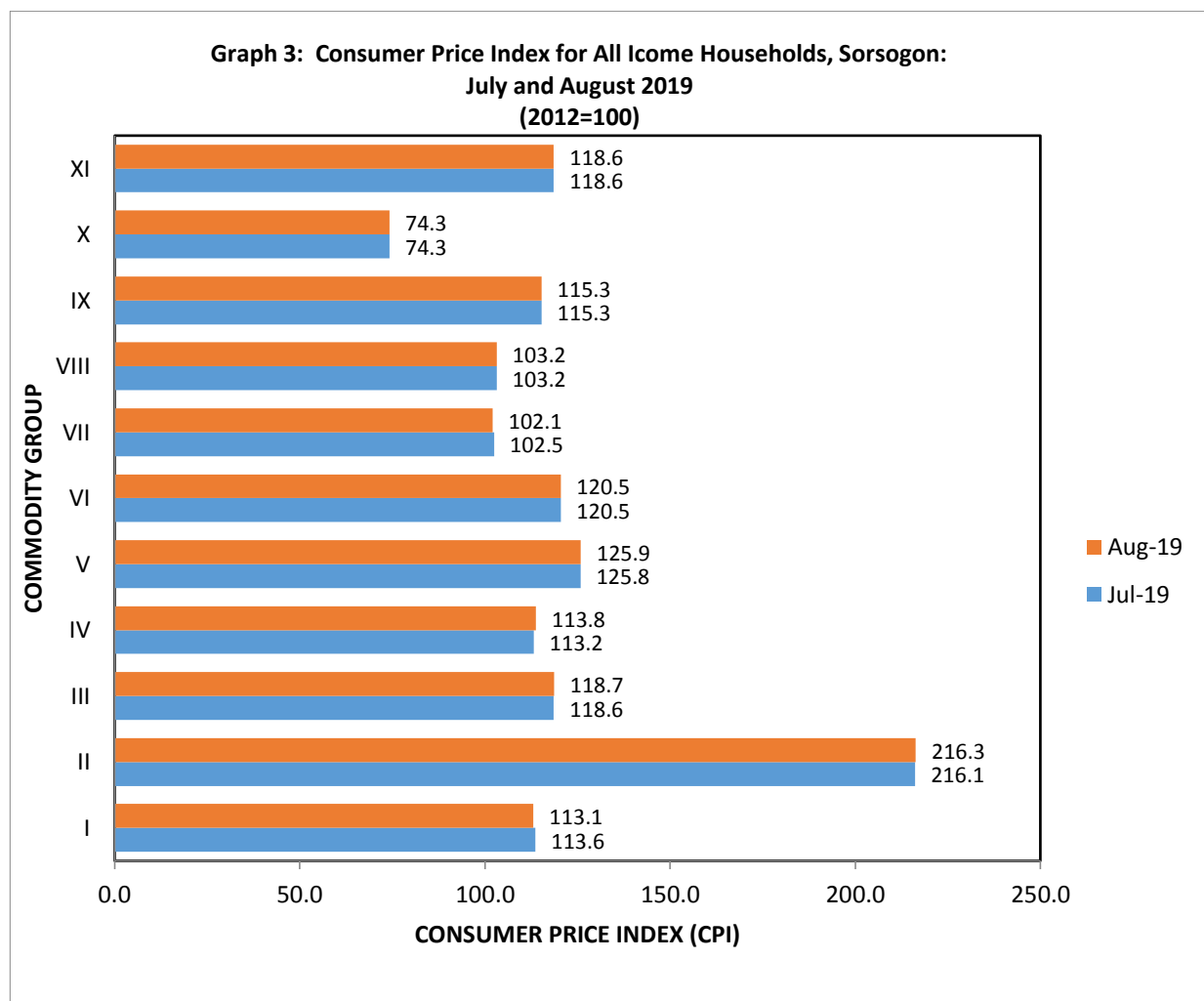
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

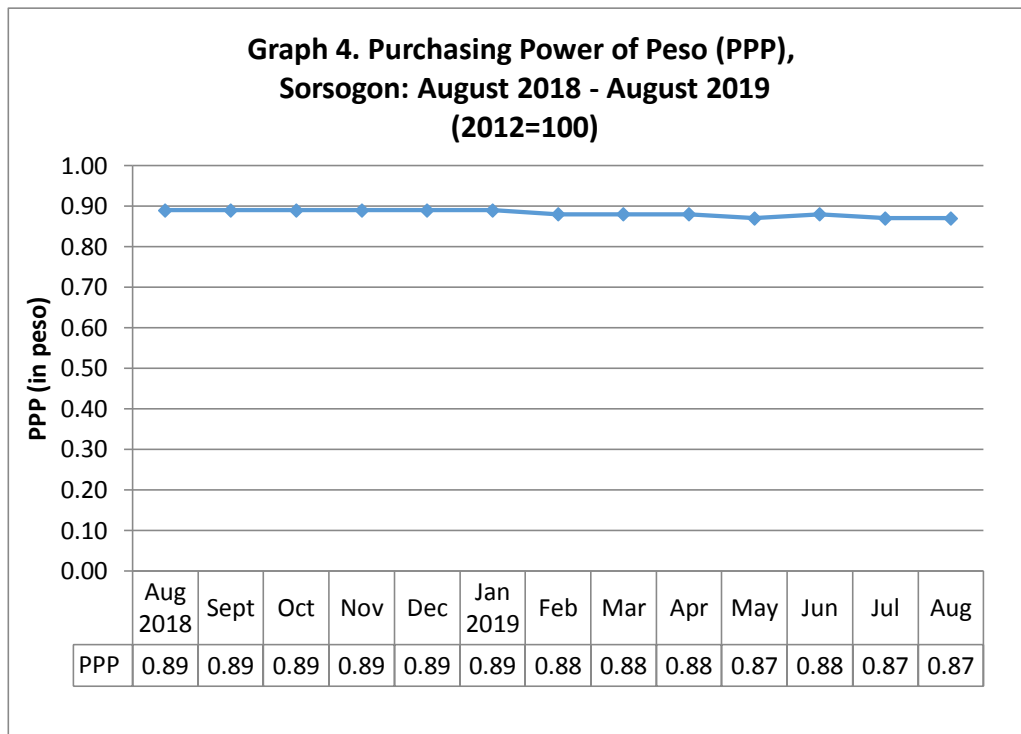
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 114.6 in August 2019. This was the same index level posted in July 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 14.6% with the 2012 base year.

Food and Non-food groups posted less than one percent change. Commodity group I registered 0.44 percent decrease while commodity group II registered 0.09 percentage points increase. Among Non-food, commodity groups III, IV and V posted slight increments of 0.08, 0.53 and 0.08 respectively. Commodity group VII, meanwhile decreased by 0.39 percent. The rest of the commodity groups remained stable. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month by a remained at 0.87 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 87 centavos in August 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.89 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 July 2019 and August 2019
 (2012 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Jul-18	Jul-19	Aug-18	Aug-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jul-19 Inflation rate	Aug-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	111.0	114.6	111.8	114.6	0.00	3.2	2.5
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	116.6	113.6	117.0	113.1	-0.44	-2.6	-3.3
* Food	116.8	112.5	117.2	111.9	-0.53	-3.7	-4.5
Bread and Cereals	120.6	110.8	120.3	111.4	0.54	-8.1	-7.4
Rice	122.2	108.3	121.5	109.1	0.74	-11.4	-10.2
Corn	131.8	156.1	118.0	156.1	0.00	18.4	32.3
Meat	117.7	116.2	116.6	116.1	-0.09	-1.3	-0.4
Fish	96.1	99.8	97.2	93.7	-6.11	3.9	-3.6
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	114.0	116.4	114.0	116.4	0.00	2.1	2.1
Oils and Fats	117.2	119.3	117.5	119.3	0.00	1.8	1.5
Fruit	121.2	112.9	118.3	116.6	3.28	-6.8	-1.4
Vegetables	160.6	151.9	168.8	153.9	1.32	-5.4	-8.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	83.2	87.1	85.4	86.8	-0.34	4.7	1.6
Food Products N.E.C.	118.4	123.5	119.0	123.4	-0.08	4.3	3.7
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	114.2	128.0	115.0	128.2	0.16	12.1	11.5
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	172.3	216.1	172.8	216.3	0.09	25.4	25.2
Alcoholic Beverages	123.3	126.8	123.4	126.9	0.08	2.8	2.8
Tobacco	200.1	266.8	200.8	267.1	0.11	33.3	33.0
NON-FOOD	106.0	113.3	107.1	113.6	0.26	6.9	6.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.4	118.6	113.9	118.7	0.08	4.6	4.2
Clothing	109.8	114.5	110.2	114.7	0.17	4.3	4.1
Footwear	122.5	128.8	123.0	128.8	0.00	5.1	4.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	103.1	113.2	104.6	113.8	0.53	9.8	8.8
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.8	114.5	107.6	114.4	-0.09	8.2	6.3
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	116.7	117.0	116.7	117.0	0.00	0.3	0.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	113.5	127.4	122.1	127.4	0.00	12.2	4.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	94.1	108.4	94.5	110.5	1.94	15.2	16.9
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	121.0	125.8	122.1	125.9	0.08	4.0	3.1
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.7	113.5	106.8	113.5	0.00	4.4	6.3
Household Textiles	118.4	123.3	118.5	123.3	0.00	4.1	4.1
Household Appliances	105.7	108.1	105.9	108.1	0.00	2.3	2.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	104.0	108.6	104.1	108.6	0.00	4.4	4.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	105.9	112.6	105.9	112.6	0.00	6.3	6.3
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	124.2	129.3	125.5	129.4	0.08	4.1	3.1



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VI. HEALTH	114.5	120.5	115.5	120.5	0.00	5.2	4.3
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.6	114.4	112.4	114.5	0.09	3.4	1.9
Out-patient Services	122.8	125.6	122.6	125.6	0.00	2.3	2.4
Hospital Services	118.4	131.3	118.4	131.3	0.00	10.9	10.9
VII. TRANSPORT	102.0	102.5	102.3	102.1	-0.39	0.5	-0.2
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	99.3	99.3	100.5	98.7	-0.60	0.0	-1.8
Transport Services	104.0	105.0	104.0	104.5	-0.48	1.0	0.5
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.2	103.2	103.1	103.2	0.00	0.0	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	104.1	104.1	103.9	104.1	0.00	0.0	0.2
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	111.4	115.3	112.1	115.3	0.00	3.5	2.9
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.6	109.1	108.6	109.1	0.00	0.5	0.5
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	106.4	106.7	106.7	106.7	0.00	0.3	0.0
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	111.5	113.2	111.6	113.2	0.00	1.5	1.4
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.7	185.4	177.6	185.4	0.00	19.1	4.4
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	113.9	123.6	114.1	123.6	0.00	8.5	8.3
X. EDUCATION	72.4	74.3	72.6	74.3	0.00	2.6	2.3
Pre-primary and Primary Education	123.4	130.0	124.2	130.0	0.00	5.3	4.7
Secondary Education	113.0	117.1	113.1	117.1	0.00	3.6	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	114.3	118.6	114.6	118.6	0.00	3.8	3.5
Catering Services	113.8	117.4	114.1	117.4	0.00	3.2	2.9
Personal Care	110.1	115.9	110.4	115.9	0.00	5.3	5.0
Personal Effects N.E.C.	110.0	115.9	110.3	115.9	0.00	5.4	5.1
Inflation Rate	5.6	3.2	6.6	2.5			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.90	0.87	0.89	0.87			