

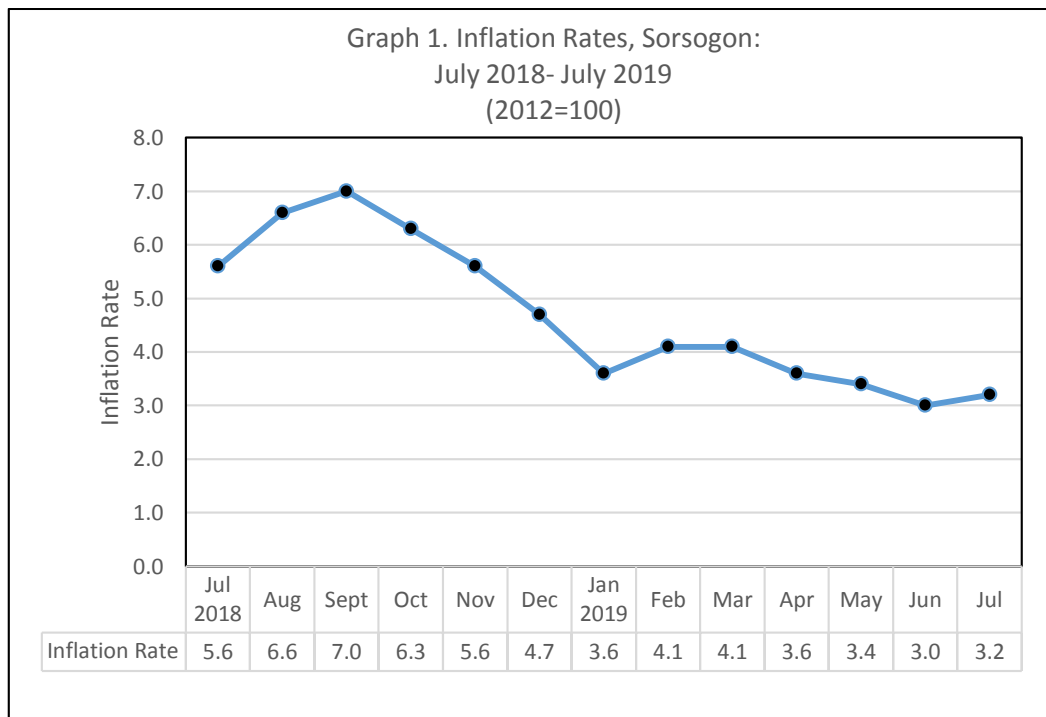
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: July 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 3.2 percent in July 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than the IR last month which was 3.0 percent. The IR a year ago was 5.6 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)

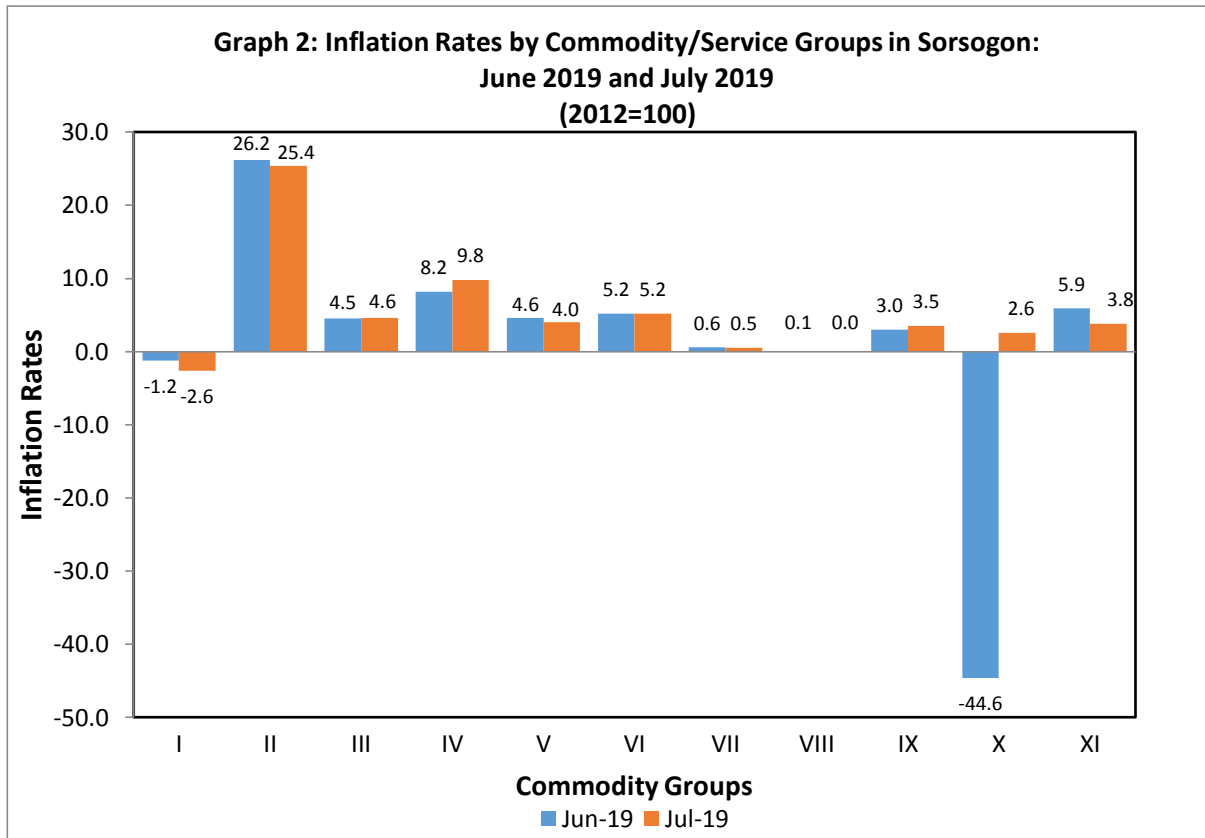


The current IR movement could be attributed to the increase in prices of Non-Food items. It registered an increase of 1.5 percentage points while Food decreased by 1.3 percentage points along with alcoholic beverages and tobacco with a decrease of 0.7 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, most of the items decreased with Corn, Vegetables and Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery as top three contributors of decrements. Percentage point decrease of these three were 8.0, 7.1 and 2.1 consecutively. Meanwhile fruits slightly increased by 0.2 percentage points.



Meanwhile, along Non-Food items, commodity group X was the major contributor for the increase with 47.2 percentage points followed by commodity group IV with 1.6 percentage points. Commodity group XI noted decreased with 2.2 percentage points. Other commodity groups posted slight changes of less than one percentage points. (Refer to Graph 2)



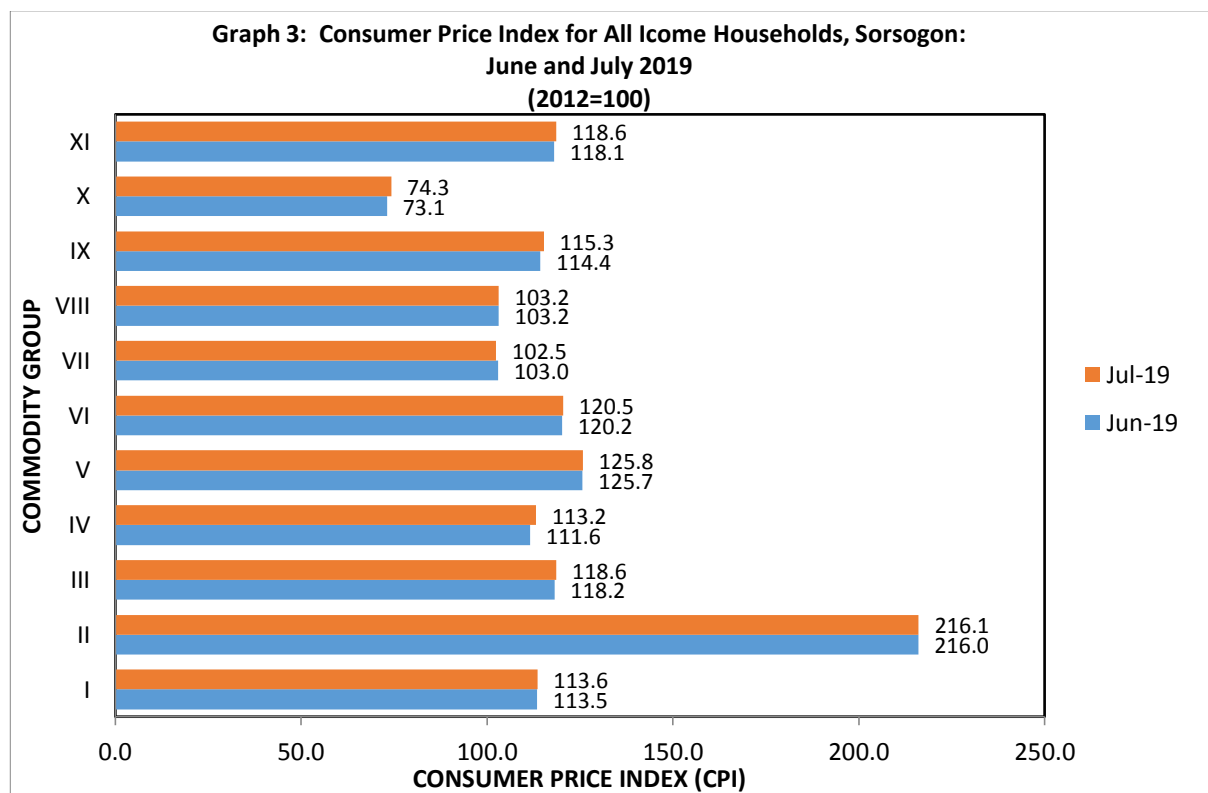
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

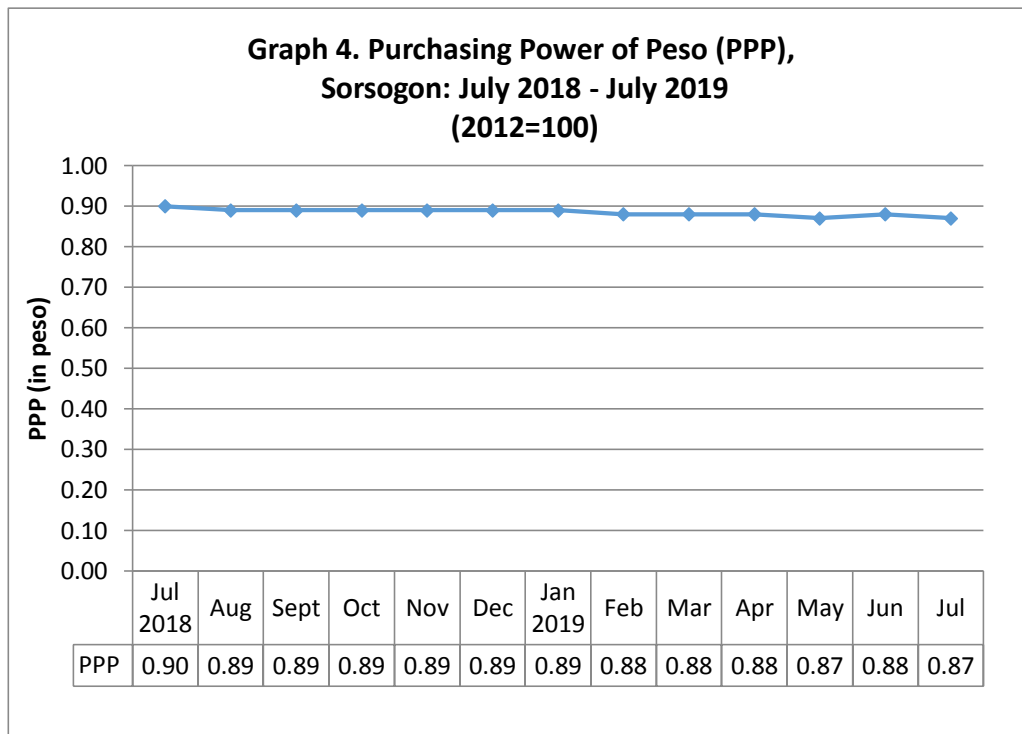
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 114.6 in July 2019. This was higher by 0.53% than the index level posted in June 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 14.6% with the 2012 base year.

Both Food and Non-Food slightly increased for this month with both less than one percent, 0.09 and 0.89 percent respectively. Among the commodity groups, significant change was recorded on group IV with 1.4% and commodity group X with 1.6%. Other commodity groups posted less than one percent change. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month deflated by a cent resulting to a PPP of 0.87 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 87 centavos in July 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.90 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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

COMMODITY GROUP	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jul-18	Jul-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jun-19 Inflation rate	Jul-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	110.7	114.0	111.0	114.6	0.53	3.0	3.2
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	114.9	113.5	116.6	113.6	0.09	-1.2	-2.6
* Food	115.1	112.4	116.8	112.5	0.09	-2.3	-3.7
Bread and Cereals	119.4	111.3	120.6	110.8	-0.45	-6.8	-8.1
Rice	120.8	109.0	122.2	108.3	-0.64	-9.8	-11.4
Corn	131.8	166.6	131.8	156.1	-6.30	26.4	18.4
Meat	116.9	116.1	117.7	116.2	0.09	-0.7	-1.3
Fish	94.1	97.9	96.1	99.8	1.94	4.0	3.9
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	113.5	116.1	114.0	116.4	0.26	2.3	2.1
Oils and Fats	116.6	118.7	117.2	119.3	0.51	1.8	1.8
Fruit	119.5	111.1	121.2	112.9	1.62	-7.0	-6.8
Vegetables	152.0	154.6	160.6	151.9	-1.75	1.7	-5.4
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	81.6	87.1	83.2	87.1	0.00	6.7	4.7
Food Products N.E.C.	117.9	123.7	118.4	123.5	-0.16	4.9	4.3
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	112.6	127.5	114.2	128.0	0.39	13.2	12.1
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	171.2	216.0	172.3	216.1	0.05	26.2	25.4
Alcoholic Beverages	123.2	126.5	123.3	126.8	0.24	2.7	2.8
Tobacco	198.5	266.8	200.1	266.8	0.00	34.4	33.3
NON-FOOD	106.6	112.3	106.0	113.3	0.89	5.3	6.9
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.1	118.2	113.4	118.6	0.34	4.5	4.6
Clothing	109.4	113.9	109.8	114.5	0.53	4.1	4.3
Footwear	122.5	128.8	122.5	128.8	0.00	5.1	5.1
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	103.1	111.6	103.1	113.2	1.43	8.2	9.8
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.8	111.1	105.8	114.5	3.06	5.0	8.2
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	116.1	117.0	116.7	117.0	0.00	0.8	0.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	107.8	127.4	113.5	127.4	0.00	18.2	12.2
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	94.7	111.2	94.1	108.4	-2.52	17.4	15.2
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	120.2	125.7	121.0	125.8	0.08	4.6	4.0
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.6	113.5	108.7	113.5	0.00	4.5	4.4
Household Textiles	118.4	123.3	118.4	123.3	0.00	4.1	4.1
Household Appliances	105.4	106.1	105.7	108.1	1.89	0.7	2.3
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	104.0	108.6	104.0	108.6	0.00	4.4	4.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	105.6	112.4	105.9	112.6	0.18	6.4	6.3
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	123.2	129.2	124.2	129.3	0.08	4.9	4.1



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VI. HEALTH	114.3	120.2	114.5	120.5	0.25	5.2	5.2
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.4	113.9	110.6	114.4	0.44	3.2	3.4
Out-patient Services	122.8	125.6	122.8	125.6	0.00	2.3	2.3
Hospital Services	118.4	131.3	118.4	131.3	0.00	10.9	10.9
VII. TRANSPORT	102.4	103.0	102.0	102.5	-0.49	0.6	0.5
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	100.5	98.6	99.3	99.3	0.71	-1.9	0.0
Transport Services	104.0	106.3	104.0	105.0	-1.22	2.2	1.0
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.1	103.2	103.2	103.2	0.00	0.1	0.0
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	103.9	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.00	0.2	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	111.1	114.4	111.4	115.3	0.79	3.0	3.5
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	106.4	106.7	0.00	0.3	0.3
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	109.8	113.2	111.5	113.2	0.00	3.1	1.5
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.7	185.4	155.7	185.4	0.00	19.1	19.1
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	112.9	120.2	113.9	123.6	2.83	6.5	8.5
X. EDUCATION	131.9	73.1	72.4	74.3	1.64	-44.6	2.6
Pre-primary and Primary Education	123.4	126.9	123.4	130.0	2.44	2.8	5.3
Secondary Education	113.0	113.1	113.0	117.1	3.54	0.1	3.6
Tertiary Education	139.2	47.5	47.5	47.5	0.00	-65.9	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	111.5	118.1	114.3	118.6	0.42	5.9	3.8
Catering Services	110.0	117.0	113.8	117.4	0.34	6.4	3.2
Personal Care	109.3	115.1	110.1	115.9	0.70	5.3	5.3
Personal Effects N.E.C.	108.8	115.9	110.0	115.9	0.00	6.5	5.4
Inflation Rate	4.8	3.0	5.6	3.2			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.90	0.88	0.90	0.87			