



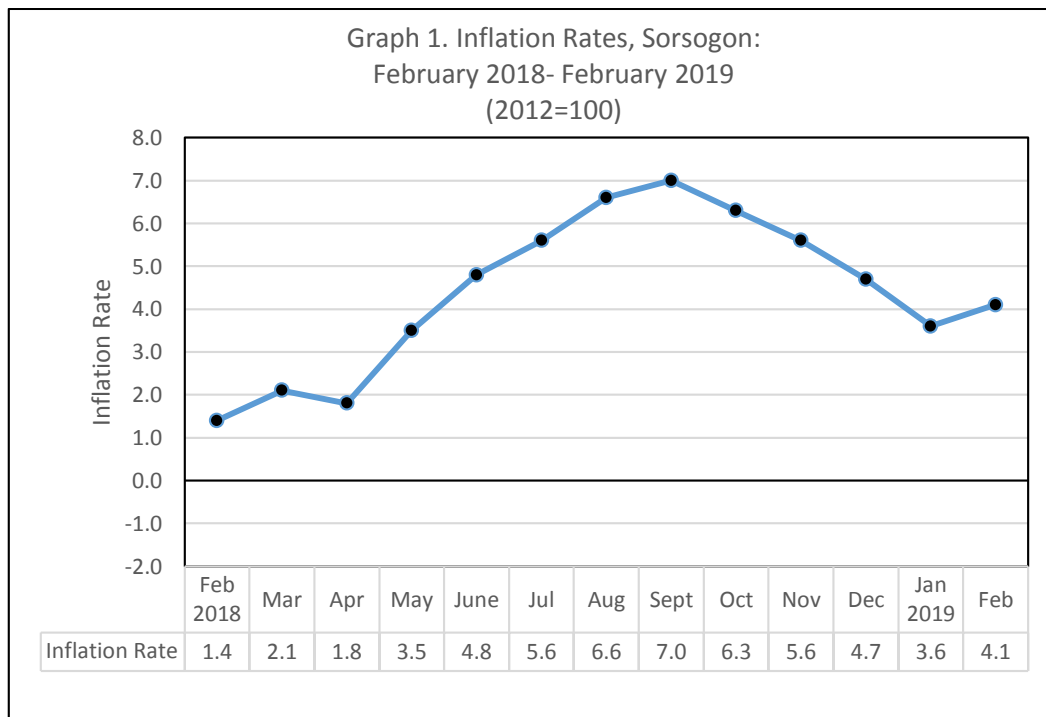
SPECIAL RELEASE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: February 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 4.1% in February 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.5 percentage points higher than the IR recorded last month which was 3.6%. The IR a year ago was 1.4%. (Refer to Graph 1)

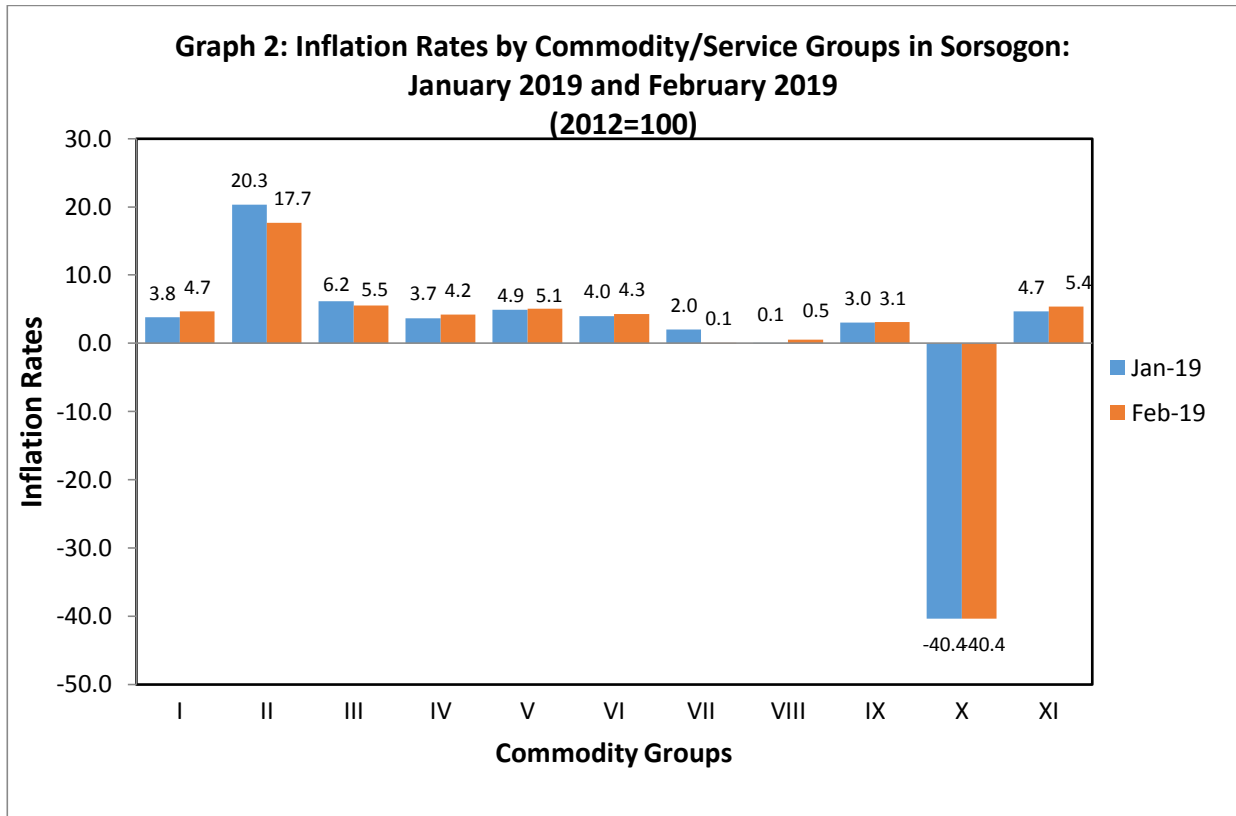


The current IR movement could be attributed to both Food and Non-Food. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages increased by 0.9 percentage points while Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 2.6 percentage points. Moreover, Non-Food items also increased by 0.3 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, significant increase were registered on Fish with 14.5 percentage points. On the other hand, significant decrease were registered on Rice and Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery with 3.1 and 5.1 percentage points consecutively.



Under Non-Food items, significant change was posted on transport with 1.9 percentage point decrease. Other commodity groups posted slight increase of not more than one percentage points. (Refer to Graph 2)



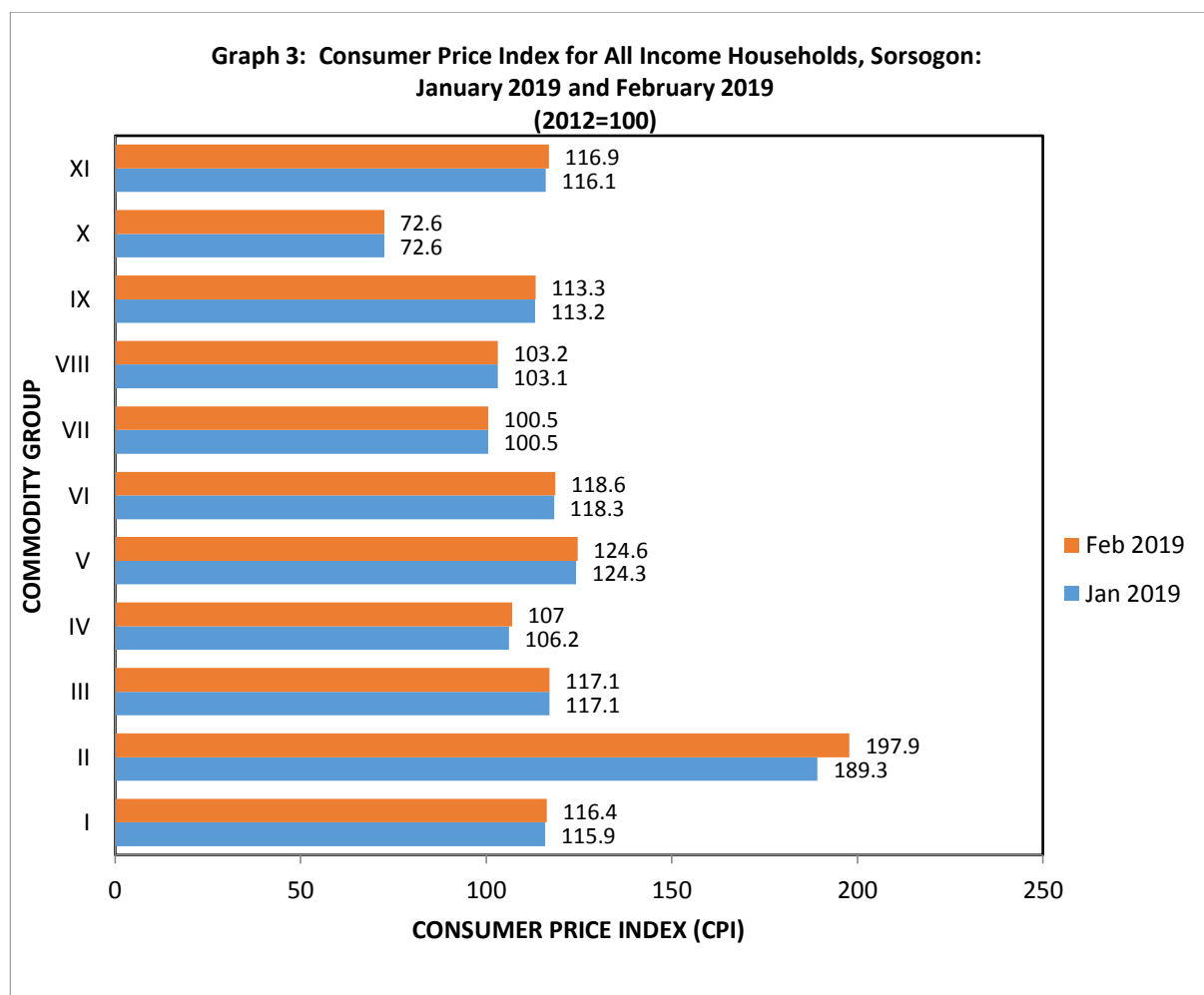
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

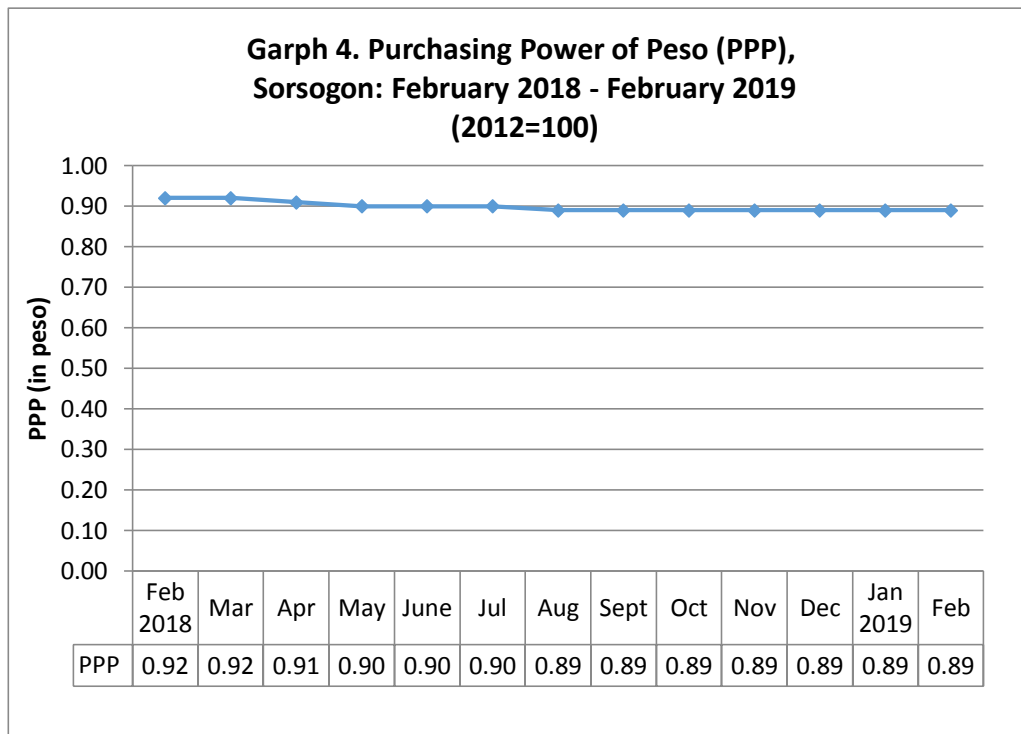
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 113.0 in February 2019. This was higher by 0.53% than the index level posted in January 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 13% with the 2012 base year.

All commodity groups increased except for commodity group III, VII, and X with a stable level. Significant increment was recorded on commodity group II with 4.5%. Other groups posted less than one percent increase. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained deflated at 0.88 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 88 centavos in February 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.92 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)





**Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 January and February, 2018 and 2019
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Jan-18	Jan-19	Feb-18	Feb-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jan-19 Inflation rate	Feb-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	108.5	112.4	108.6	113.0	0.53	3.6	4.1
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	111.7	115.9	111.2	116.4	0.43	3.8	4.7
* Food	111.8	115.1	111.3	115.6	0.43	3.0	3.9
Bread and Cereals	113.6	117.0	117.2	118.0	0.85	3.0	0.7
Rice	114.0	116.7	118.5	117.7	0.86	2.4	-0.7
Corn	131.8	149.2	131.8	149.2	0.00	13.2	13.2
Meat	108.7	117.3	108.2	116.1	-1.02	7.9	7.3
Fish	93.2	96.1	84.1	98.9	2.91	3.1	17.6
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	111.7	115.0	111.5	115.0	0.00	3.0	3.1
Oils and Fats	113.3	119.4	113.8	119.7	0.25	5.4	5.2
Fruit	115.8	120.8	114.9	120.9	0.08	4.3	5.2
Vegetables	165.8	154.7	160.7	149.7	-3.23	-6.7	-6.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	77.8	94.1	77.8	90.2	-4.14	21.0	15.9
Food Products N.E.C.	115.8	119.3	115.8	119.7	0.34	3.0	3.4
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	110.2	125.8	110.4	126.2	0.32	14.2	14.3
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	157.4	189.3	168.1	197.9	4.54	20.3	17.7
Alcoholic Beverages	119.1	125.1	119.9	125.3	0.16	5.0	4.5
Tobacco	179.1	225.8	195.5	239.2	5.93	26.1	22.4
NON-FOOD	105.4	108.5	105.7	109.1	0.55	2.9	3.2
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	110.3	117.1	111.0	117.1	0.00	6.2	5.5
Clothing	108.2	113.2	108.3	113.2	0.00	4.6	4.5
Footwear	115.8	126.7	117.6	126.7	0.00	9.4	7.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	102.4	106.2	102.7	107.0	0.75	3.7	4.2
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.8	108.9	105.9	109.9	0.92	2.9	3.8
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	115.1	118.8	115.9	117.2	-1.35	3.2	1.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	107.8	122.1	107.8	127.4	4.34	13.3	18.2
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	91.7	96.9	92.9	96.9	0.00	5.7	4.3
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	118.5	124.3	118.6	124.6	0.24	4.9	5.1
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.4	110.3	108.4	112.7	2.18	1.8	4.0
Household Textiles	117.6	120.9	117.6	121.1	0.17	2.8	3.0
Household Appliances	105.1	106.7	105.0	106.7	0.00	1.5	1.6
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	103.5	105.7	103.5	106.5	0.76	2.1	2.9
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	105.7	107.0	105.7	108.6	1.50	1.2	2.7
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.2	127.9	121.3	128.2	0.23	5.5	5.7



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COMMODITY GROUP	Jan-18	Jan-19	Feb-18	Feb-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jan-19 Inflation rate	Feb-19 Inflation Rate
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VI. HEALTH	113.7	118.3	113.7	118.6	0.25	4.0	4.3
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.2	114.1	110.2	113.9	-0.18	3.5	3.4
Out-patient Services	122.5	122.7	122.5	125.6	2.36	0.2	2.5
Hospital Services	116.5	125.3	116.5	125.3	0.00	7.6	7.6
VII. TRANSPORT	98.5	100.5	100.4	100.5	0.00	2.0	0.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	86.8	90.6	93.4	95.2	5.08	4.4	1.9
Transport Services	104.0	105.7	104.0	103.4	-2.18	1.6	-0.6
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.0	103.1	102.7	103.2	0.10	0.1	0.5
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	103.8	103.9	103.5	104.1	0.19	0.1	0.6
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	109.9	113.2	109.9	113.3	0.09	3.0	3.1
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.2	109.1	108.2	109.1	0.00	0.8	0.8
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	105.8	106.7	105.8	106.7	0.00	0.9	0.9
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	107.2	112.4	107.3	112.8	0.36	4.9	5.1
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.3	177.6	155.4	178.8	0.68	14.4	15.1
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	110.2	116.9	110.4	117.1	0.17	6.1	6.1
X. EDUCATION	121.8	72.6	121.8	72.6	0.00	-40.4	-40.4
Pre-primary and Primary Education	116.4	124.2	116.4	124.2	0.00	6.7	6.7
Secondary Education	109.4	113.1	109.4	113.1	0.00	3.4	3.4
Tertiary Education	126.6	47.5	126.6	47.5	0.00	-62.5	-62.5
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	110.9	116.1	110.9	116.9	0.69	4.7	5.4
Catering Services	109.4	114.5	109.4	115.5	0.87	4.7	5.6
Personal Care	108.5	113.6	108.6	114.0	0.35	4.7	5.0
Personal Effects N.E.C.	108.0	115.9	107.9	115.9	0.00	7.3	7.4
Inflation Rate	0.6	3.6	1.4	4.1			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.92	0.89	0.92	0.88			

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