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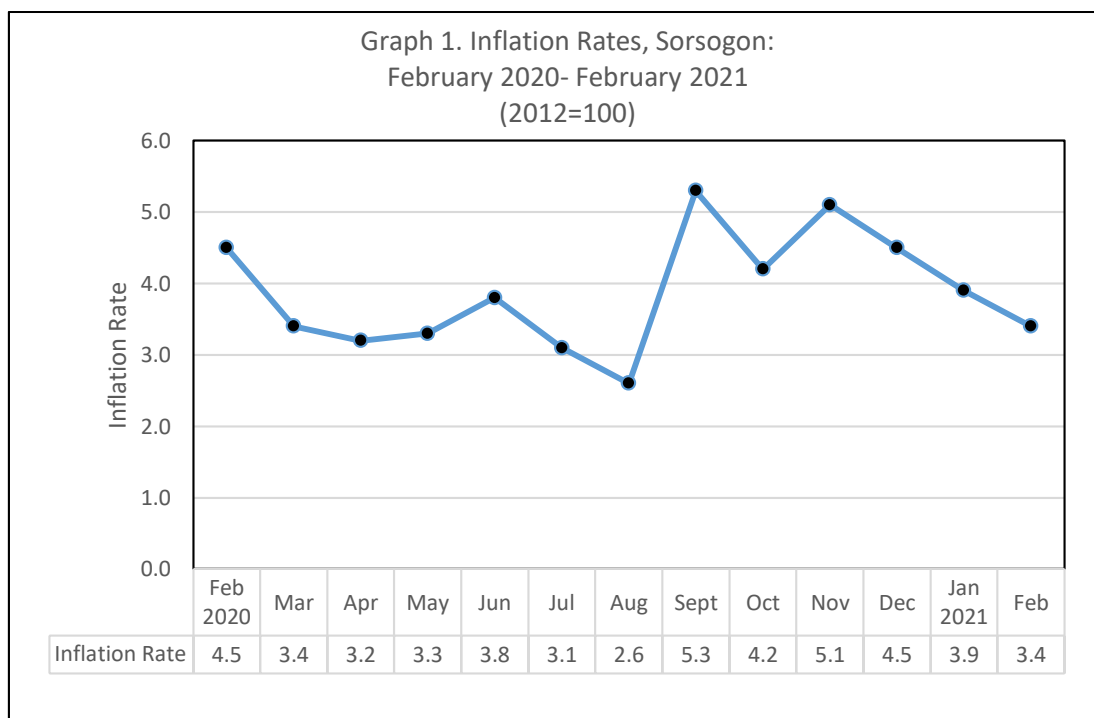
## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: February 2021 (2012=100)

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### PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 3.4 percent in February 2021 with 2012 as base year. This is slightly lower by 0.5 percentage points than the IR last month which was 3.9 percent. The IR a year ago was 4.5 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



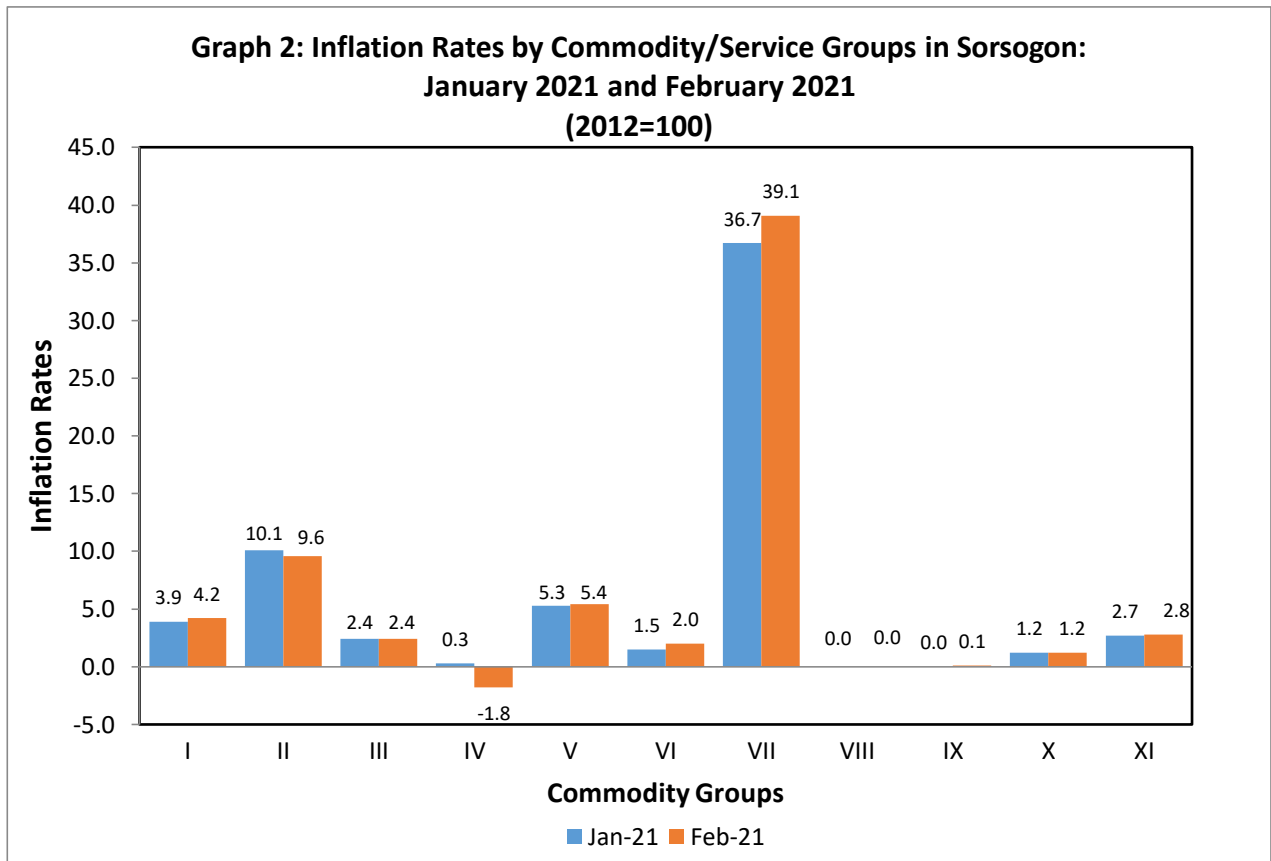
The current IR movement could be attributed to the slight decrease of Non-Food items with 1.2 percentage points while Food items posted a slight increase of 0.2 percentage points.

Among Food items under commodity group (CG) I, significant increase were posted on Fish, Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery and Food products, n.e.c. with 6.5 percentage points for the former and both 1.7 for the latter items. While significant decreases were posted on Bread and Cereals and Vegetables with 1.3 and



3.7 percentage points respectively. Meanwhile, alcoholic beverages decreased by 3.4 percentage points.

Along Non-Food items, most of the CGs registered less than one percentage point increase except for CG IV and CG II which decreased by 2.2 and 0.5 percentage points consecutively. Specifically, electricity, gas and other fuels recorded 6.2 percentage points decrease. On the other hand, CG VII increased by 2.4 percentage points. (Refer to Graph 2)



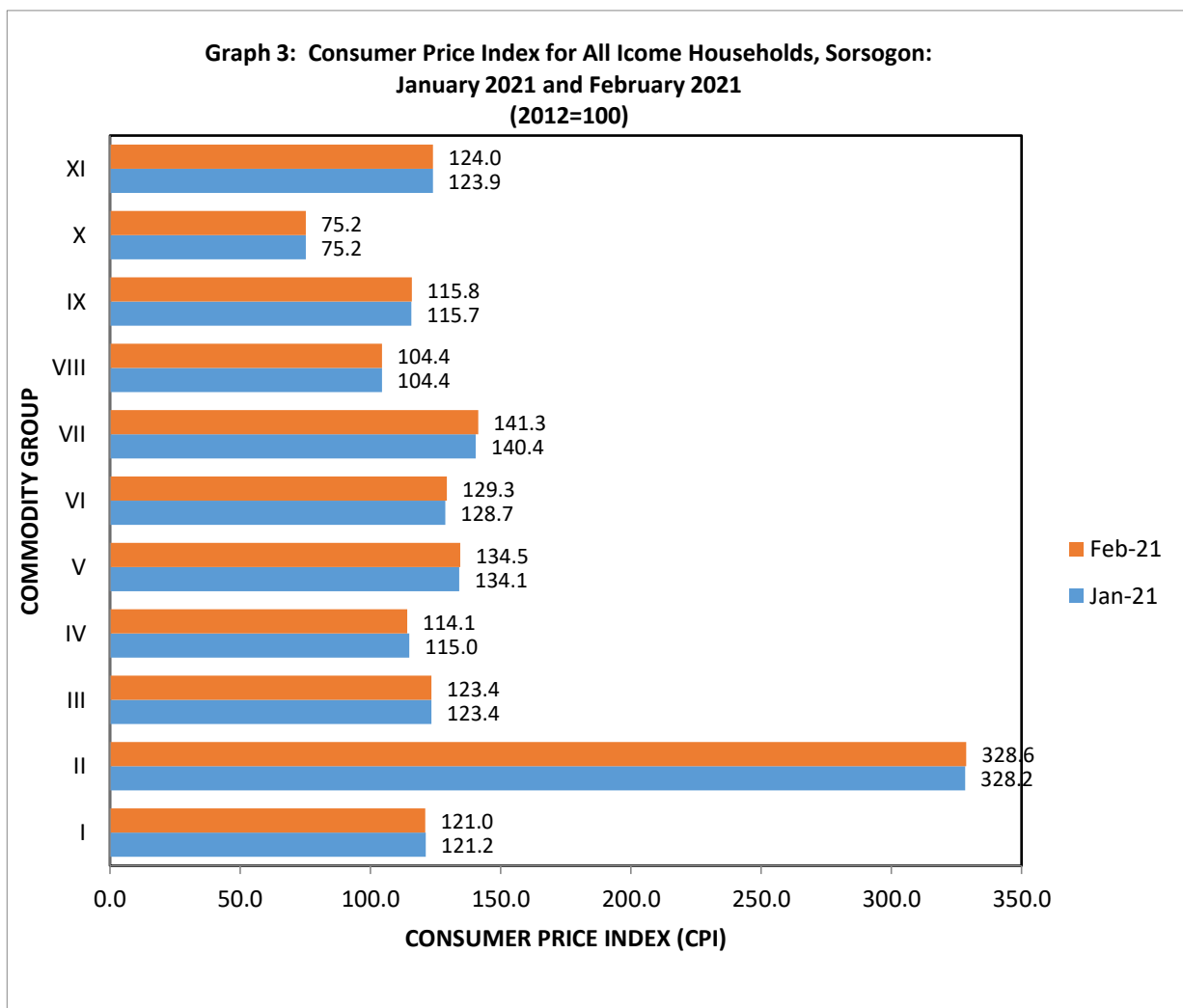
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



### PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

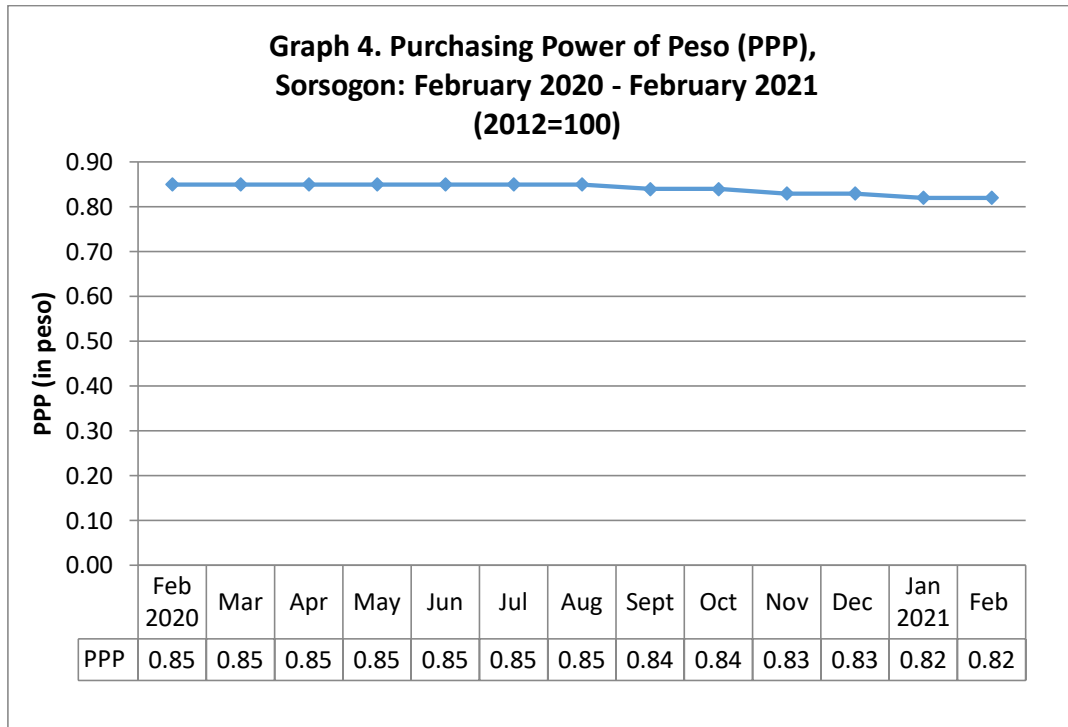
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 122.1 in February 2021. This was lower by 0.3 percent compared to the CPI in January 2021 which was 122.4 level. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 22.1 percent with 2012 base year.

All of the CGs posted less than one percent change from last month's CPI level. Decrements were posted on CG I and IV with 0.2 and 0.8 percent respectively. Other CGs not mentioned posted slight increments of less than one percent. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon remained at 0.82 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 82 centavos in February 2021 in the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.85 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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**Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:**  
 January 2021 and February 2021  
 (2012 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Jan-20	Jan-21	Feb-20	Feb-21	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jan-21 Inflation rate	Feb-21 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	117.8	122.4	118.1	122.1	-0.25	3.9	3.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	116.6	121.2	116.1	121.0	-0.17	3.9	4.2
* Food	115.6	120.4	115.1	120.1	-0.25	4.2	4.3
Bread and Cereals	110.6	111.6	111.4	111.0	-0.54	0.9	-0.4
Rice	107.8	107.5	108.6	106.8	-0.65	-0.3	-1.7
Corn	177.0	187.4	187.4	187.4	0.00	5.9	0.0
Meat	119.3	130.6	120.2	130.5	-0.08	9.5	8.6
Fish	104.1	107.4	100.4	110.1	2.51	3.2	9.7
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	118.0	121.3	118.7	121.8	0.41	2.8	2.6
Oils and Fats	120.3	121.3	120.3	123.2	1.57	0.8	2.4
Fruit	122.1	139.4	124.6	141.7	1.65	14.2	13.7
Vegetables	173.7	193.6	166.0	180.6	-6.71	11.5	8.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	86.8	85.5	85.6	85.8	0.35	-1.5	0.2
Food Products N.E.C.	127.3	130.8	127.0	132.6	1.38	2.7	4.4
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	129.1	132.0	129.2	132.4	0.30	2.2	2.5
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	298.0	328.2	299.8	328.6	0.12	10.1	9.6
Alcoholic Beverages	129.4	145.0	134.4	146.1	0.76	12.1	8.7
Tobacco	393.7	432.3	393.7	432.3	0.00	9.8	9.8
NON-FOOD	114.9	119.2	115.8	118.8	-0.34	3.7	2.6
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	120.5	123.4	120.5	123.4	0.00	2.4	2.4
Clothing	117.0	120.0	117.0	120.0	0.00	2.6	2.6
Footwear	129.3	132.0	129.3	132.0	0.00	2.1	2.1
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	114.6	115.0	116.2	114.1	-0.78	0.3	-1.8
Actual Rentals for Housing	118.1	119.1	119.1	119.1	0.00	0.8	0.0
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	118.6	121.1	118.8	121.3	0.17	2.1	2.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	131.8	131.4	131.8	131.4	0.00	-0.3	-0.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	103.5	102.3	106.8	98.9	-3.32	-1.2	-7.4
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	127.4	134.1	127.6	134.5	0.30	5.3	5.4
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	115.3	117.2	115.3	115.5	-1.45	1.6	0.2
Household Textiles	124.6	126.5	124.6	128.1	1.26	1.5	2.8
Household Appliances	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.5	0.28	0.0	0.3
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	109.0	110.0	109.0	110.0	0.00	0.9	0.9
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	114.2	115.3	114.2	115.4	0.09	1.0	1.1



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Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	131.2	139.4	131.4	139.7	0.22	6.3	6.3
VI. HEALTH	126.8	128.7	126.8	129.3	0.47	1.5	2.0
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	115.6	118.0	115.6	119.0	0.85	2.1	2.9
Out-patient Services	133.6	136.9	133.6	136.9	0.00	2.5	2.5
Hospital Services	148.4	148.4	148.4	148.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	102.7	140.4	101.6	141.3	0.64	36.7	39.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	99.7	95.2	95.9	98.2	3.15	-4.5	2.4
Transport Services	105.1	175.8	105.1	175.8	0.00	67.3	67.3
VIII. COMMUNICATION	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
Postal Services	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.00	0.0	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	115.7	115.7	115.7	115.8	0.09	0.0	0.1
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.2	109.1	109.2	0.00	0.1	0.1
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	0.00	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	113.8	114.5	113.8	114.6	0.09	0.6	0.7
Recreational and Cultural Services	185.9	159.8	185.9	159.8	0.00	-14.0	-14.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	125.0	127.0	125.0	127.6	0.47	1.6	2.1
X. EDUCATION	74.3	75.2	74.3	75.2	0.00	1.2	1.2
Pre-primary and Primary Education	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Secondary Education	117.1	122.9	117.1	122.9	0.00	5.0	5.0
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	120.6	123.9	120.6	124.0	0.08	2.7	2.8
Catering Services	119.4	122.6	119.4	122.6	0.00	2.7	2.7
Personal Care	116.8	119.6	116.9	120.2	0.50	2.4	2.8
Personal Effects N.E.C.	116.0	119.3	116.0	119.3	0.00	2.8	2.8
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>			
<b>Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.82</b>			