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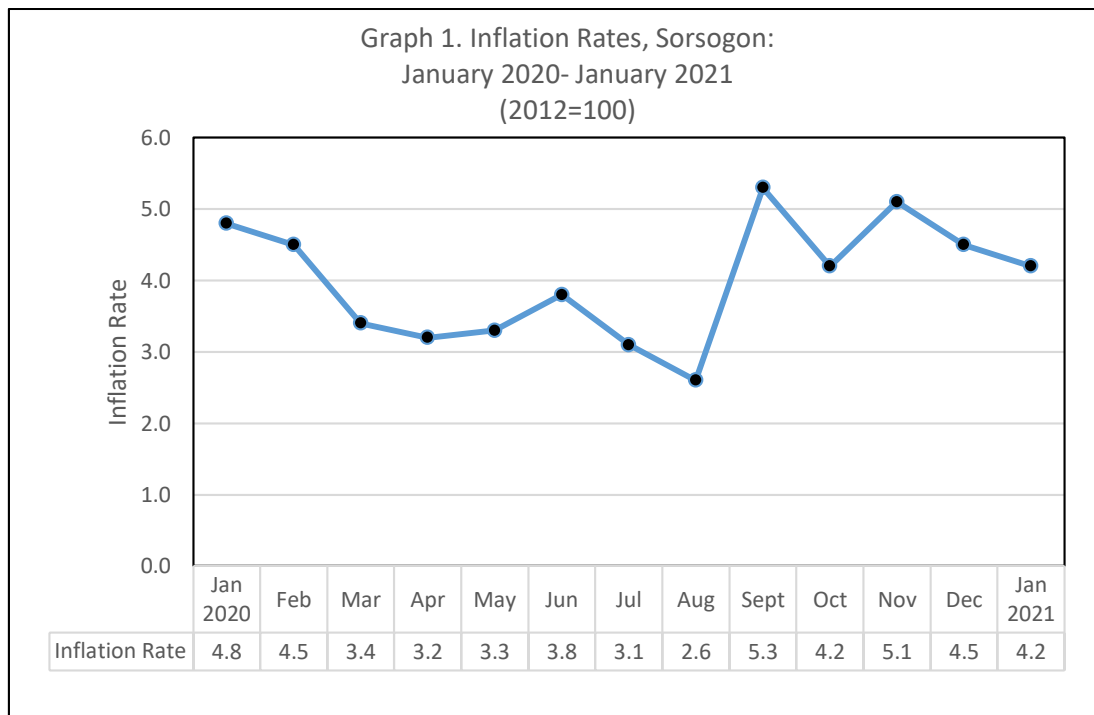
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: January 2021 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 4.2 percent in January 2021 with 2012 as base year. This is slightly lower by 0.3 percentage points than the IR last month which was 4.5 percent. The IR a year ago was 4.8 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



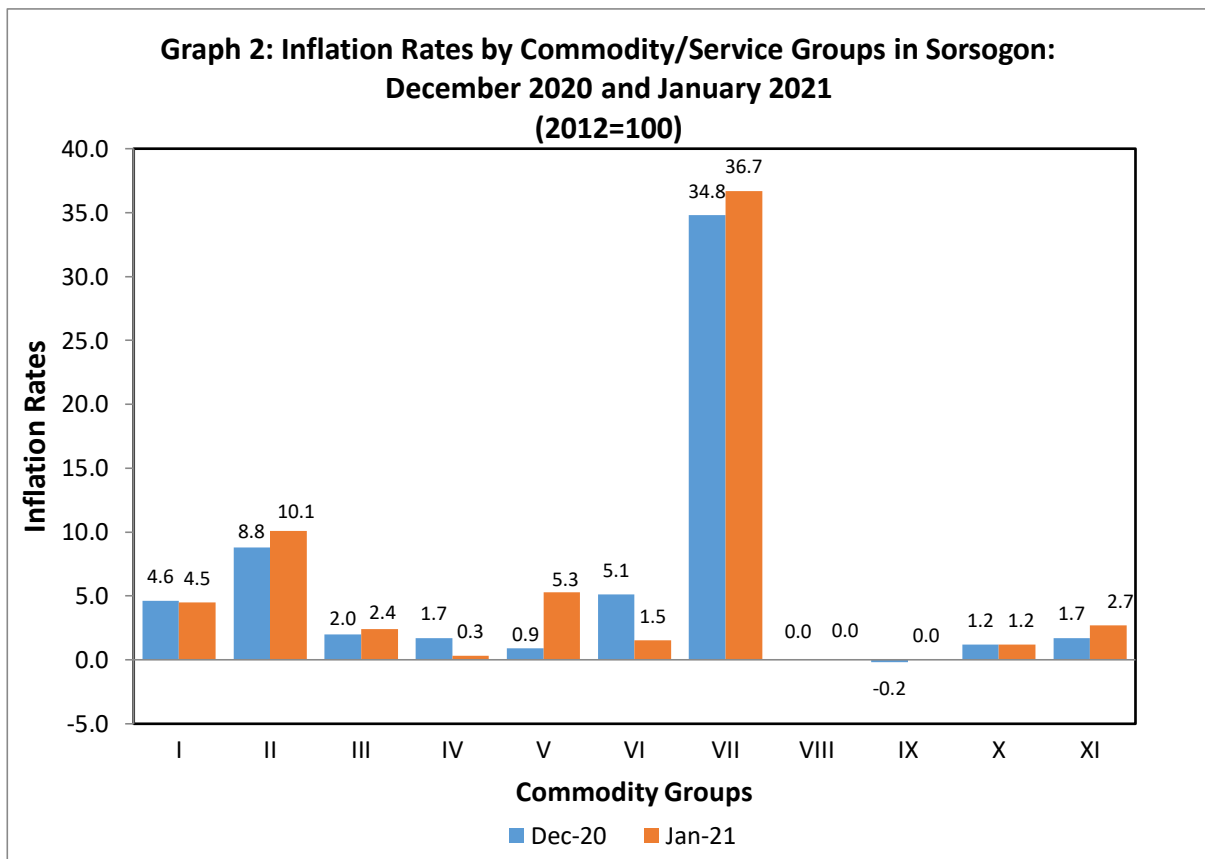
The current IR movement could be attributed to the slight decrease of both Food and Non-food items. Food and Non-alcoholic beverages registered 0.08 percentage points decrease while Alcoholic beverages and tobacco registered 2.4 percentage points increase. Non-Food items decreased by 0.5 percentage points.

Among Food items under commodity group (CG) I, significant changes were posted on Meat and Vegetables with 5.1 and 3.8 percentage points increase. Meanwhile, Fish and Fruits decreased by 4.7 and 1.2 respectively. Corn also posted significant



decrease of 14.2 percentage points. Others not mentioned posted less than one percentage points change.

Along Non-Food items, most of the CGs registered more than one percentage points change. Increments were recorded on CG V, VII, XI, III and IX with 4.4, 1.9, 1.1, 0.4 and 0.2 percentage points consecutively. On the other hand, decrements were recorded on CG IV and VI with 1.3 and 3.7 percentage points accordingly. (Refer to Graph 2)



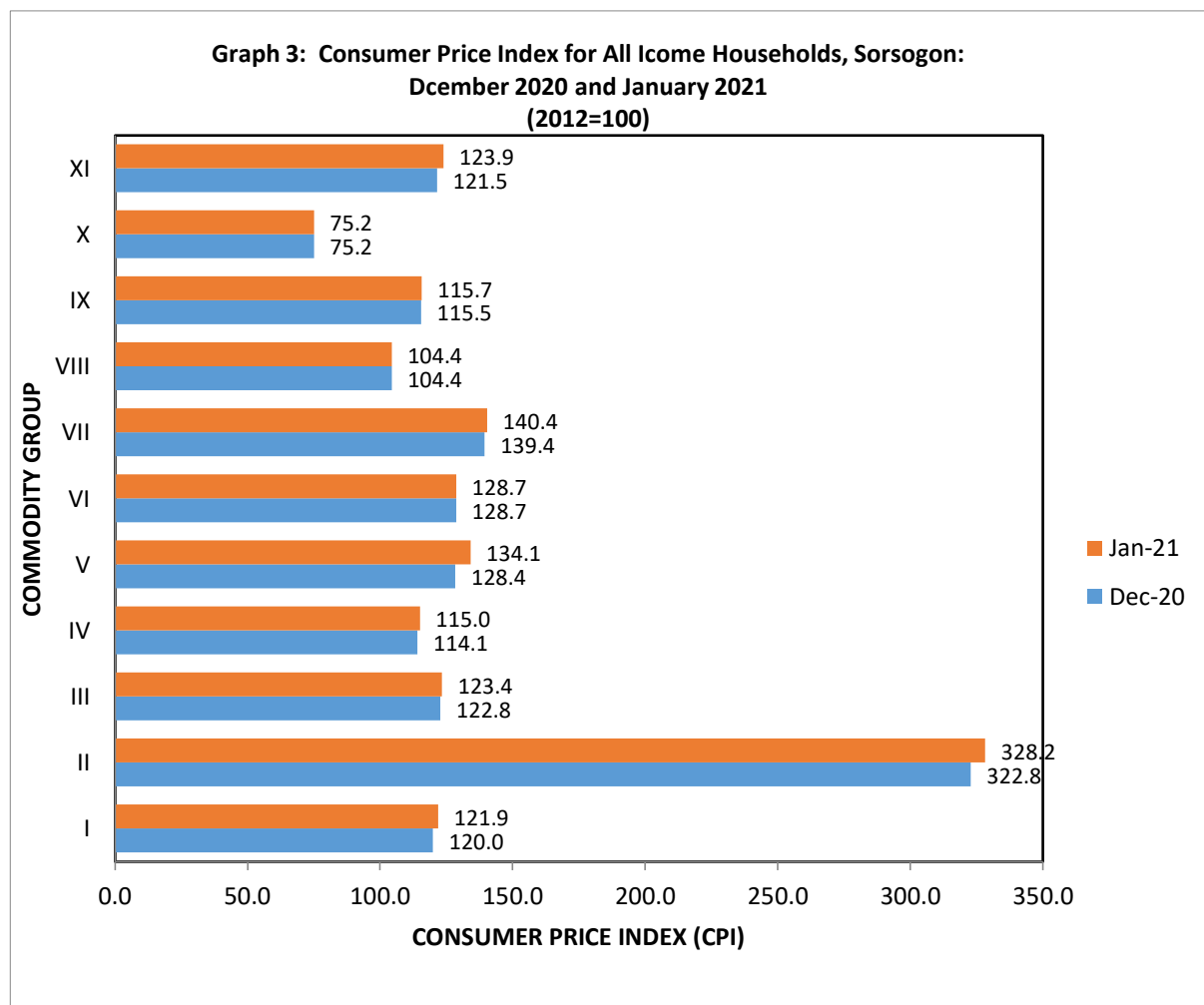
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

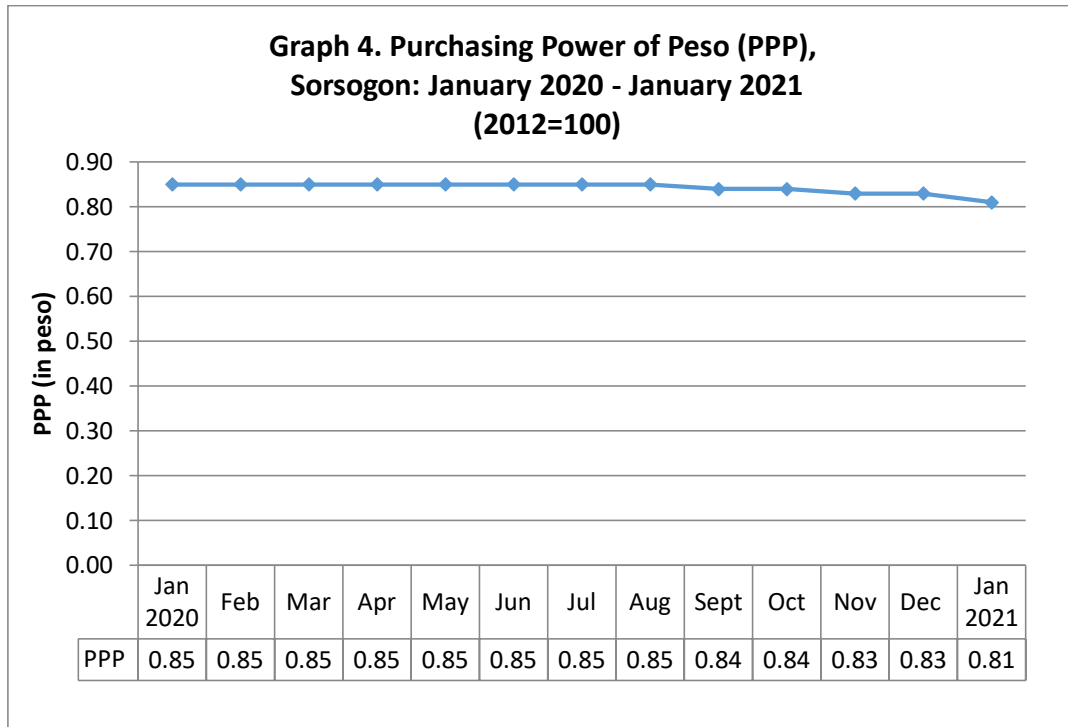
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 122.7 in January 2021. This was higher by 1.2 percent compared to the CPI in December 2020 which was 121.2 level. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 22.7 percent with 2012 base year.

Among CGs, the month-on-month inflation were significant on CG V and XI with 4.4 and 2.0 percent increase. Meanwhile, the heavily weighted CG I and II posted also significantly by 1.6 and 1.7 percent accordingly. CG VII, III, IV, and IX posted slight increase of less than one percent. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon deflated at 0.81 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 81 centavos in January 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:
 December 2020 and January 2021
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Dec-19	Dec-20	Jan-20	Jan-21	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Dec-20 Inflation rate	Jan-21 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	116.0	121.2	117.8	122.7	1.24	4.5	4.2
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	114.7	120.0	116.6	121.9	1.58	4.6	4.5
* Food	113.6	119.1	115.6	121.1	1.68	4.8	4.8
Bread and Cereals	110.2	113.3	110.6	113.2	-0.09	2.8	2.4
Rice	107.3	109.7	107.8	109.5	-0.18	2.2	1.6
Corn	156.1	187.4	177.0	187.4	0.00	20.1	5.9
Meat	117.5	122.6	119.3	130.6	6.53	4.3	9.5
Fish	97.6	105.3	104.1	107.4	1.99	7.9	3.2
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	117.2	120.5	118.0	121.3	0.66	2.8	2.8
Oils and Fats	120.3	120.9	120.3	121.3	0.33	0.5	0.8
Fruit	119.4	137.8	122.1	139.4	1.16	15.4	14.2
Vegetables	170.0	183.1	173.7	193.6	5.73	7.7	11.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	87.0	84.9	86.8	85.5	0.71	-2.4	-1.5
Food Products N.E.C.	127.3	130.7	127.3	130.8	0.08	2.7	2.7
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	128.7	131.9	129.1	132.0	0.08	2.5	2.2
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	296.7	322.8	298.0	328.2	1.67	8.8	10.1
Alcoholic Beverages	129.4	144.6	129.4	145.0	0.28	11.7	12.1
Tobacco	391.7	424.1	393.7	432.3	1.93	8.3	9.8
NON-FOOD	113.2	118.0	114.9	119.2	1.02	4.2	3.7
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	120.4	122.8	120.5	123.4	0.49	2.0	2.4
Clothing	116.8	119.1	117.0	120.0	0.76	2.0	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	112.2	114.1	114.6	115.0	0.79	1.7	0.3
Actual Rentals for Housing	115.2	119.1	118.1	119.1	0.00	3.4	0.8
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	118.4	120.1	118.6	121.1	0.83	1.4	2.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	128.7	131.4	131.8	131.4	0.00	2.1	-0.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	102.3	98.8	103.5	102.3	3.54	-3.4	-1.2
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	127.3	128.4	127.4	134.1	4.44	0.9	5.3
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	115.2	114.9	115.3	117.2	2.00	-0.3	1.6
Household Textiles	123.7	125.1	124.6	126.5	1.12	1.1	1.5
Household Appliances	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	0.00	0.0	0.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	108.7	109.3	109.0	110.0	0.64	0.6	0.9
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	113.9	114.7	114.2	115.3	0.52	0.7	1.0



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Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	131.1	132.3	131.2	139.4	5.37	0.9	6.3
VI. HEALTH	122.4	128.7	126.8	128.7	0.00	5.1	1.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	115.6	117.9	115.6	118.0	0.08	2.0	2.1
Out-patient Services	133.6	136.9	133.6	136.9	0.00	2.5	2.5
Hospital Services	131.3	148.4	148.4	148.4	0.00	13.0	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	103.4	139.4	102.7	140.4	0.72	34.8	36.7
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	98.3	91.5	99.7	95.2	4.04	-6.9	-4.5
Transport Services	107.1	175.8	105.1	175.8	0.00	64.1	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	115.5	115.7	115.7	0.17	-0.2	0.0
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	113.7	114.5	113.8	114.5	0.00	0.7	0.6
Recreational and Cultural Services	185.9	158.4	185.9	159.8	0.88	-14.8	-14.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	124.8	126.6	125.0	127.0	0.32	1.4	1.6
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	119.5	121.5	120.6	123.9	1.98	1.7	2.7
Catering Services	118.3	119.7	119.4	122.6	2.42	1.2	2.7
Personal Care	116.5	119.4	116.8	119.6	0.17	2.5	2.4
Personal Effects N.E.C.	116.0	116.3	116.0	119.3	2.58	0.3	2.8
Inflation Rate	3.4	4.5	4.8	4.2			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.86	0.83	0.85	0.81			