



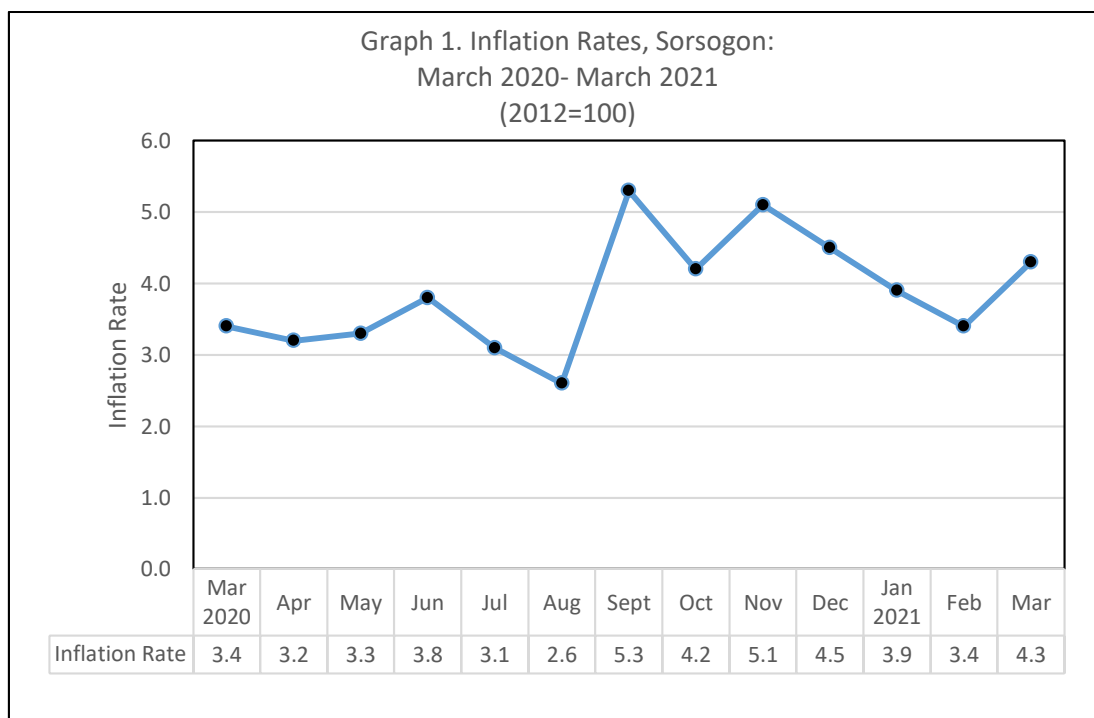
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: March 2021 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 4.3 percent in March 2021 with 2012 as base year. This is slightly higher by 0.9 percentage points than the IR last month which was 3.4 percent. The IR a year ago was 3.4 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



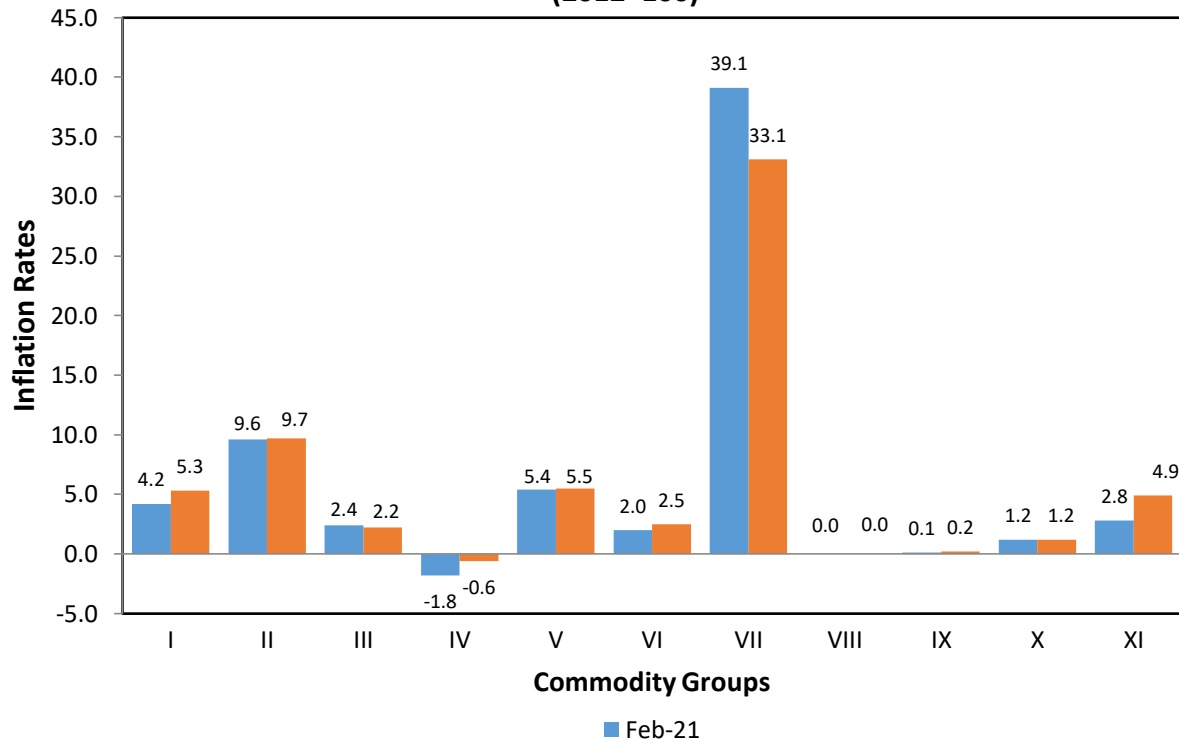
The current IR movement could be attributed to the increase of both Food and Non-Food Items. Food and Non Food items registered 1.2 and 0.6 percentage points increase respectively.

Among Food items under commodity group (CG) I, significant increase were posted on Fish, Meat and Bread and Cereals. These posted 5.7, 3.9 and 1.2 percentage points increase consecutively. Meanwhile, Vegetables and Fruits significantly decreased by 7.5 and 3.2 percentage points accordingly.



On Non-Food items, most of the CGs posted slight increase except for CG III and VII with 0.2 and 6.0 percent decrement respectively. Significant increase was registered on CG IV and XI with 1.2 and 2.1 percent. (Refer to Graph 2)

**Graph 2: Inflation Rates by Commodity/Service Groups in Sorsogon:
 February 2021 and March 2021
 (2012=100)**



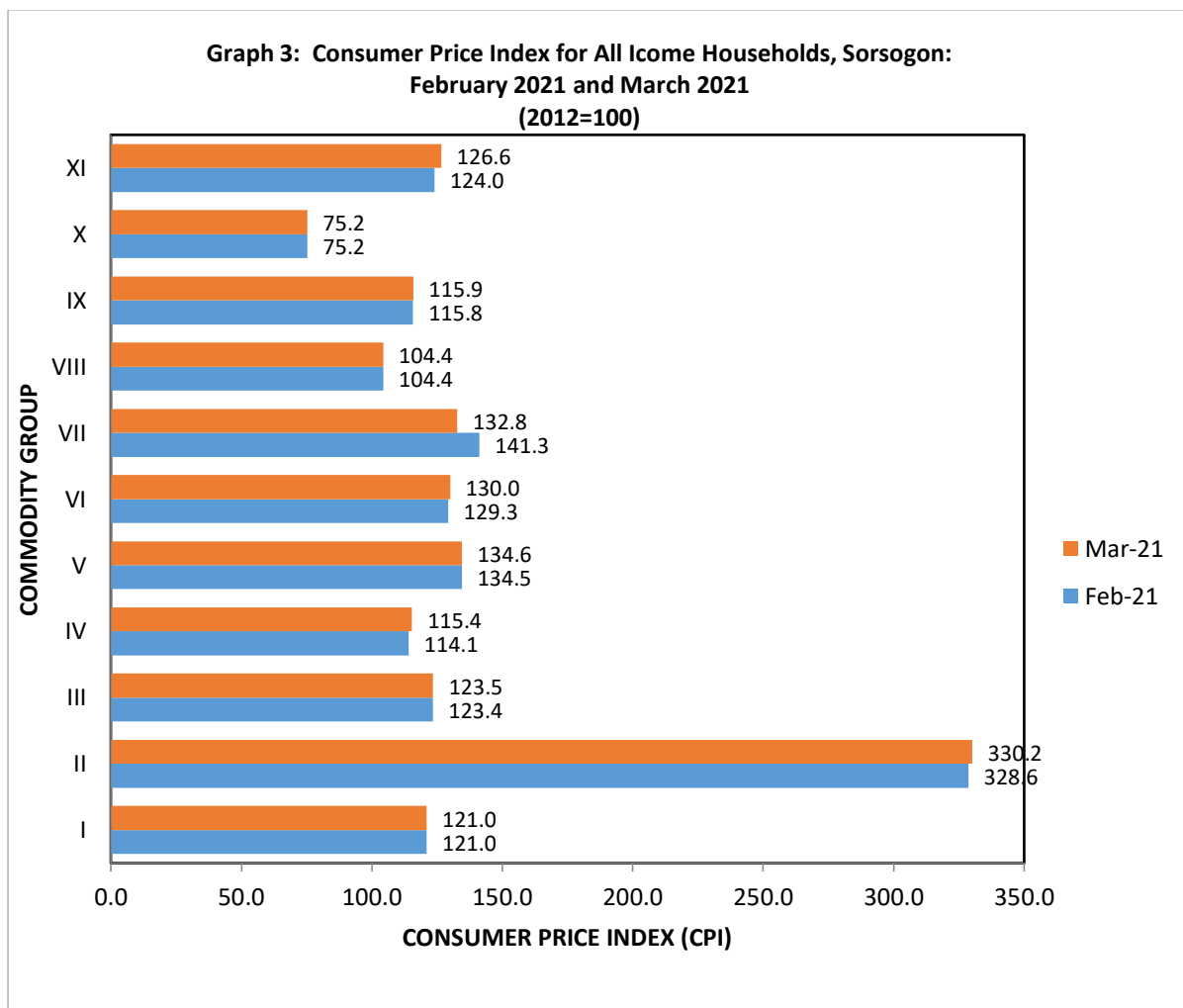
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

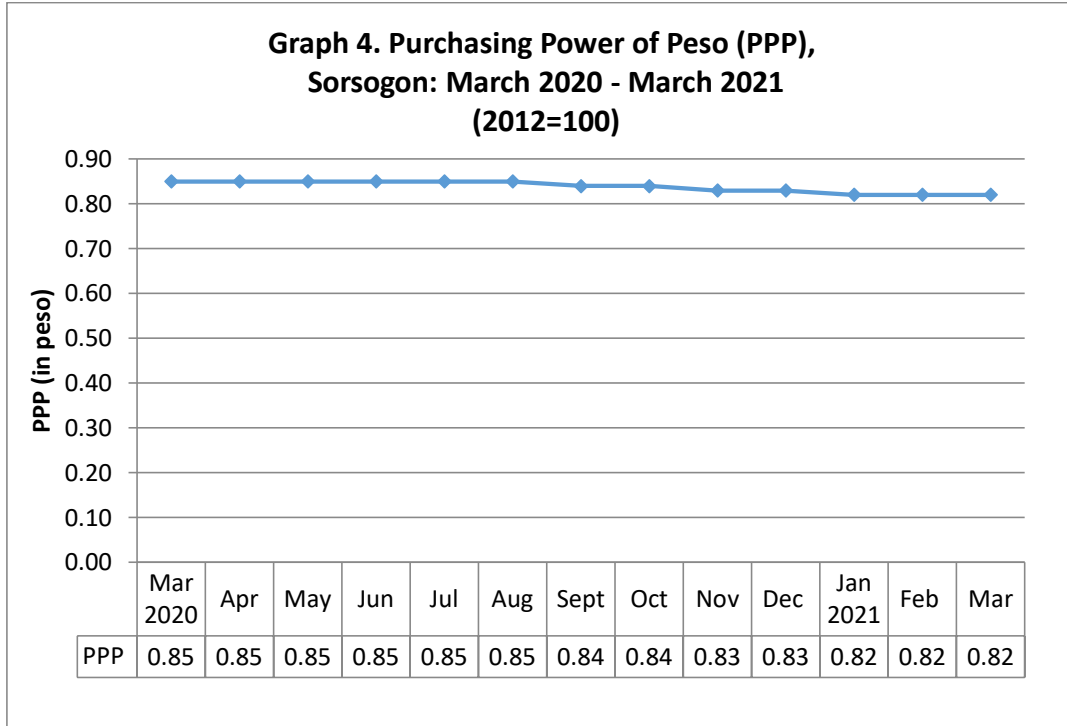
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 122.5 in March 2021. This was higher by 0.3 percent compared to the CPI in February 2021 which was 122.1 level. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 22.5 percent with 2012 base year.

Most of the CGs posted less than one percent change from last month's CPI level except for CG IV and VII and XI. Commodity group VII registered a decrease of 6.0 while CG IV and XI posted increase of 1.1 and 2.1 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 March 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:
 February 2021 and March 2021
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Feb-20	Feb-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Feb-21 Inflation rate	Mar-21 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	118.1	122.1	117.5	122.5	0.33	3.4	4.3
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	116.1	121.0	114.9	121.0	0.00	4.2	5.3
* Food	115.1	120.1	113.8	120.1	0.00	4.3	5.5
Bread and Cereals	111.4	111.0	111.3	112.6	1.44	-0.4	1.2
Rice	108.6	106.8	108.5	108.6	1.69	-1.7	0.1
Corn	187.4	187.4	183.9	191.6	2.24	0.0	4.2
Meat	120.2	130.5	118.7	133.5	2.30	8.6	12.5
Fish	100.4	110.1	95.1	109.7	-0.36	9.7	15.4
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	118.7	121.8	119.1	122.1	0.25	2.6	2.5
Oils and Fats	120.3	123.2	120.1	123.7	0.41	2.4	3.0
Fruit	124.6	141.7	129.9	143.6	1.34	13.7	10.5
Vegetables	166.0	180.6	160.1	162.1	-10.24	8.8	1.2
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	85.6	85.8	85.3	85.7	-0.12	0.2	0.5
Food Products N.E.C.	127.0	132.6	127.6	132.9	0.23	4.4	4.2
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	129.2	132.4	129.3	132.4	0.00	2.5	2.4
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	299.8	328.6	301.0	330.2	0.49	9.6	9.7
Alcoholic Beverages	134.4	146.1	137.9	147.1	0.68	8.7	6.7
Tobacco	393.7	432.3	393.7	434.2	0.44	9.8	10.3
NON-FOOD	115.8	118.8	115.6	119.3	0.42	2.6	3.2
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	120.5	123.4	120.8	123.5	0.08	2.4	2.2
Clothing	117.0	120.0	117.0	120.1	0.08	2.6	2.6
Footwear	129.3	132.0	130.2	132.0	0.00	2.1	1.4
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	116.2	114.1	116.1	115.4	1.14	-1.8	-0.6
Actual Rentals for Housing	119.1	119.1	119.1	119.1	0.00	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	118.8	121.3	118.9	122.2	0.74	2.1	2.8
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	106.8	98.9	106.7	103.8	4.95	-7.4	-2.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	127.6	134.5	127.6	134.6	0.07	5.4	5.5
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	115.3	115.5	115.3	115.6	0.09	0.2	0.3
Household Textiles	124.6	128.1	124.7	128.5	0.31	2.8	3.0
Household Appliances	108.2	108.5	108.2	108.7	0.18	0.3	0.5
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	115.4	114.2	115.4	0.00	1.1	1.1



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Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	131.4	139.7	131.4	139.8	0.07	6.3	6.4
VI. HEALTH	126.8	129.3	126.8	130.0	0.54	2.0	2.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	115.6	119.0	115.5	120.2	1.01	2.9	4.1
Out-patient Services	133.6	136.9	133.7	136.9	0.00	2.5	2.4
Hospital Services	148.4	148.4	148.4	148.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	101.6	141.3	99.8	132.8	-6.02	39.1	33.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	95.9	98.2	90.7	101.4	3.26	2.4	11.8
Transport Services	105.1	175.8	104.5	158.9	-9.61	67.3	52.1
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	115.8	115.7	115.9	0.09	0.1	0.2
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.2	109.2	109.2	0.00	0.1	0.0
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	114.6	113.9	114.6	0.00	0.7	0.6
Recreational and Cultural Services	185.9	159.8	185.9	159.8	0.00	-14.0	-14.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	125.0	127.6	124.6	127.9	0.24	2.1	2.6
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	120.6	124.0	120.7	126.6	2.10	2.8	4.9
Catering Services	119.4	122.6	119.4	126.4	3.10	2.7	5.9
Personal Care	116.9	120.2	117.3	120.6	0.33	2.8	2.8
Personal Effects N.E.C.	116.0	119.3	116.3	119.3	0.00	2.8	2.6
Inflation Rate	4.5	3.4	3.4	4.3			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.85	0.82	0.85	0.82			