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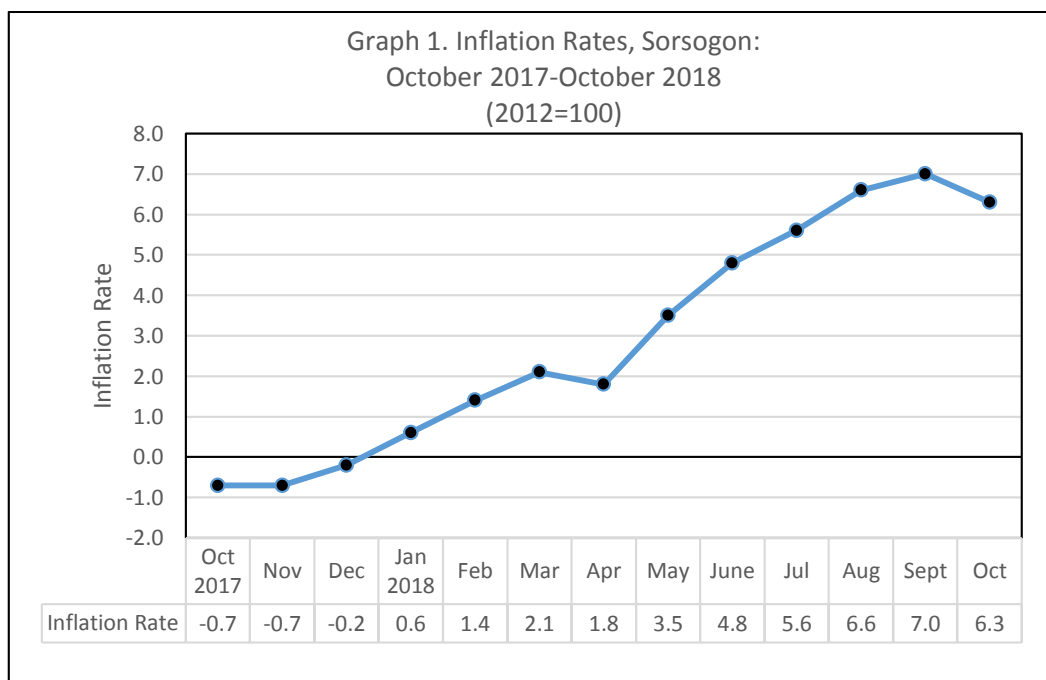
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: October 2018 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon using 2012 as base year for the reference month October 2018 posted at 6.3 percent. This is lower by 0.7 percentage points than IR posted in September 2018 which was 7.0 percent. The IR a year ago was 0.9 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



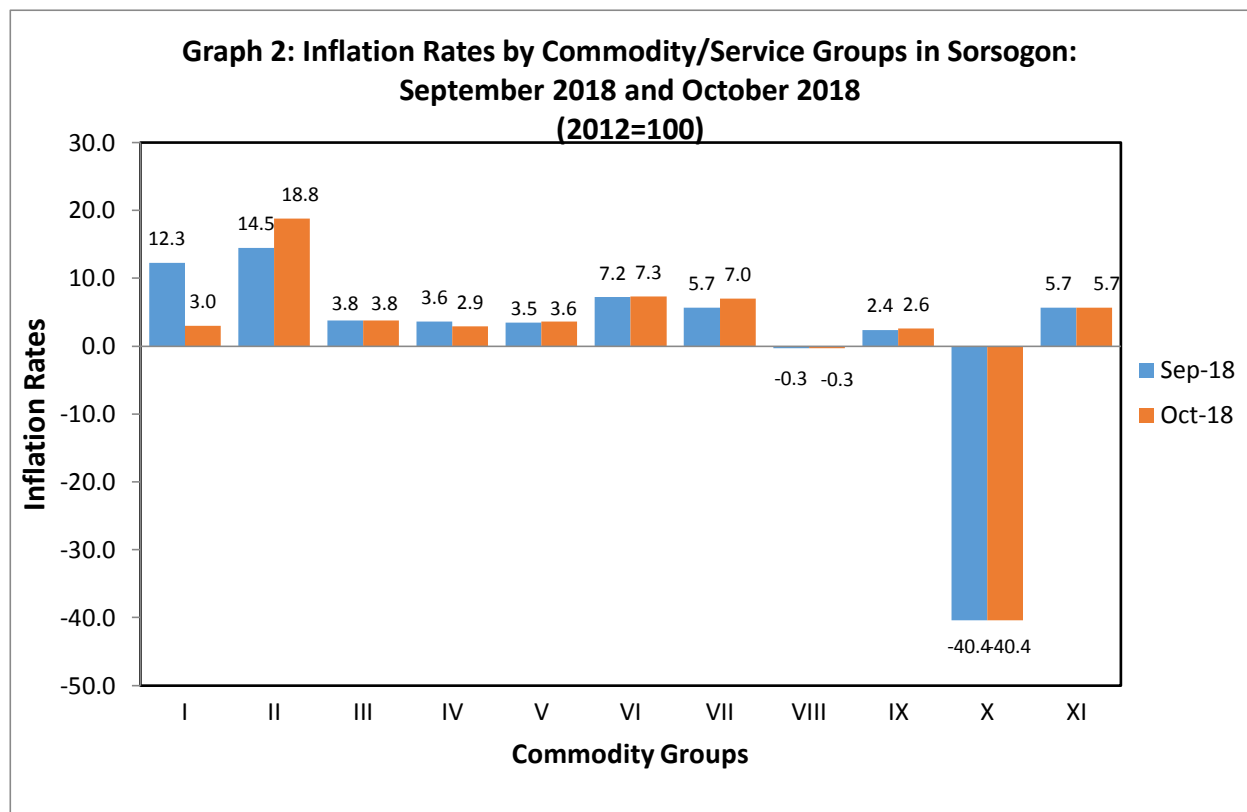
The current IR movement could be attributed to Food items with a decrease of 2.4 percentage points from last month's IR. Non-alcoholic beverages and Alcoholic beverages, however, posted an increase of 5.5 and 4.3 percentage points respectively. Moreover, Non-food items also posted slight decrease from 3.0 percent to 3.0 percent.

Among commodity group I, significant change were registered on Vegetables with 16.3 percentage point decrease along with Fish and Fruits with 5.3 and 1.6 percentage points decrease consecutively. Rice and Food products N.E.C were also noted to have decreased by 1.0 percentage points. Other items not mentioned registered slight



decrease of less than one percentage points except for meat and sugar, jam, honey and confectionery with 0.4 and 5.5 percentage points increase accordingly.

Along Non-Food items, slight decrease were noted on group IV specifically electricity, gas and other fuels with 2.5 percentage points decrease. Increments were, however, noted on group V, VI, VII, and IX with 0.1, 0.1, 1.3 and 0.2 percentage points respectively. Other groups were stable with last month's IR. (Refer to Graph 2)



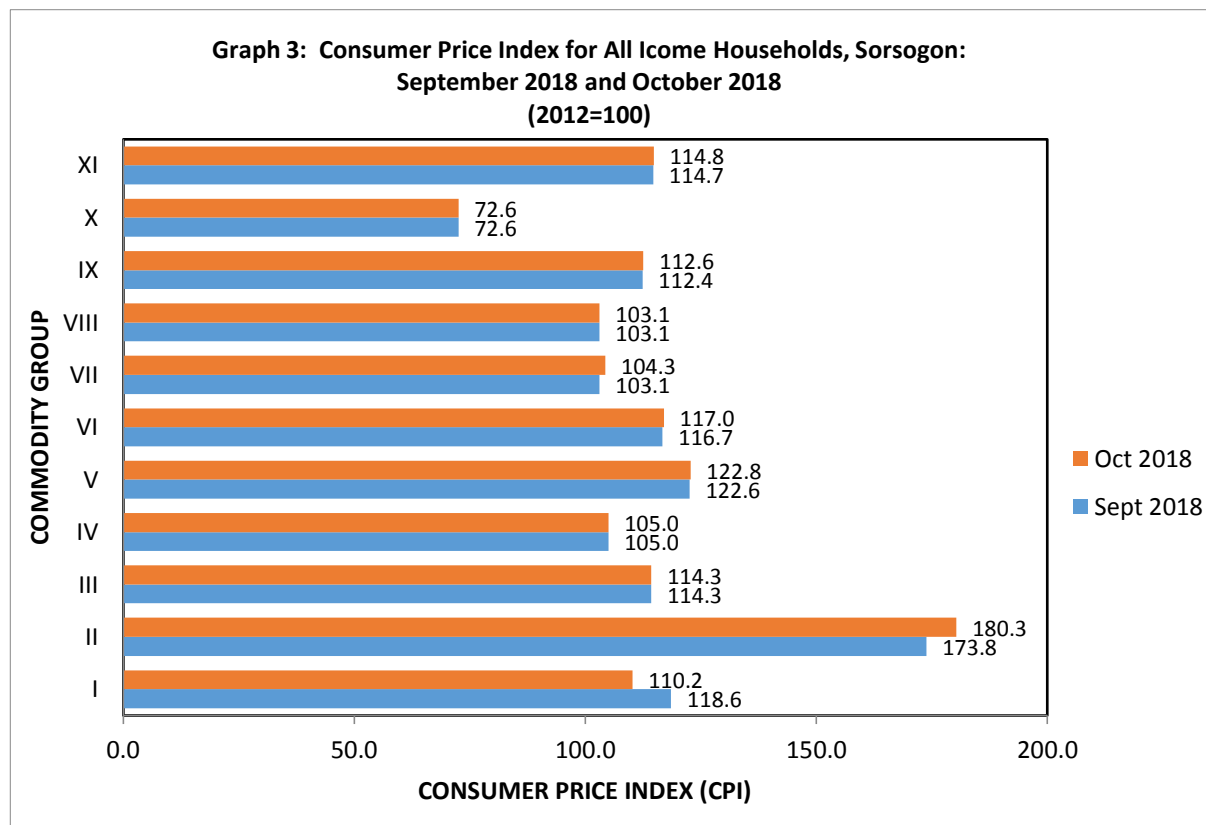
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

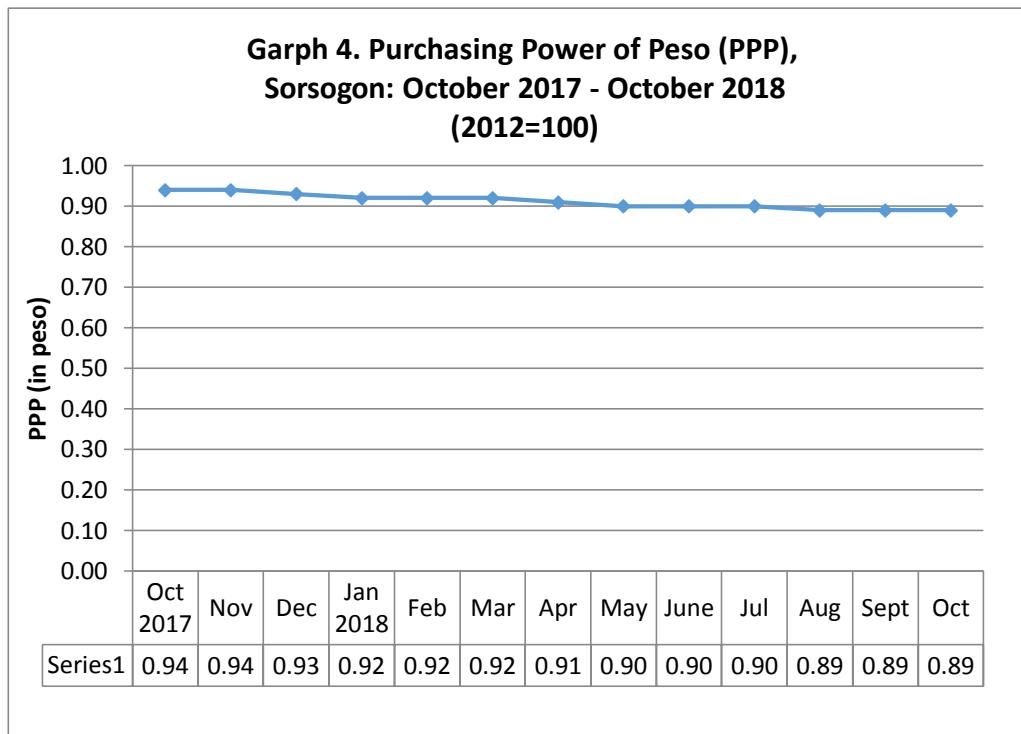
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 112.7 in October 2018. This was the same index level as last month's CPI. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 12.7 percent with the 2012 base year.

All commodity groups increased except for commodity group I with a decrease of 7.1%. Increments were high on group II with 3.7% and group VII with 1.2%. Other groups registered less than one percent increase except for groups III, IV, VIII and X with a stable price for this month. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month is stable 0.89 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 89 centavos in October 2018 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.91 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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