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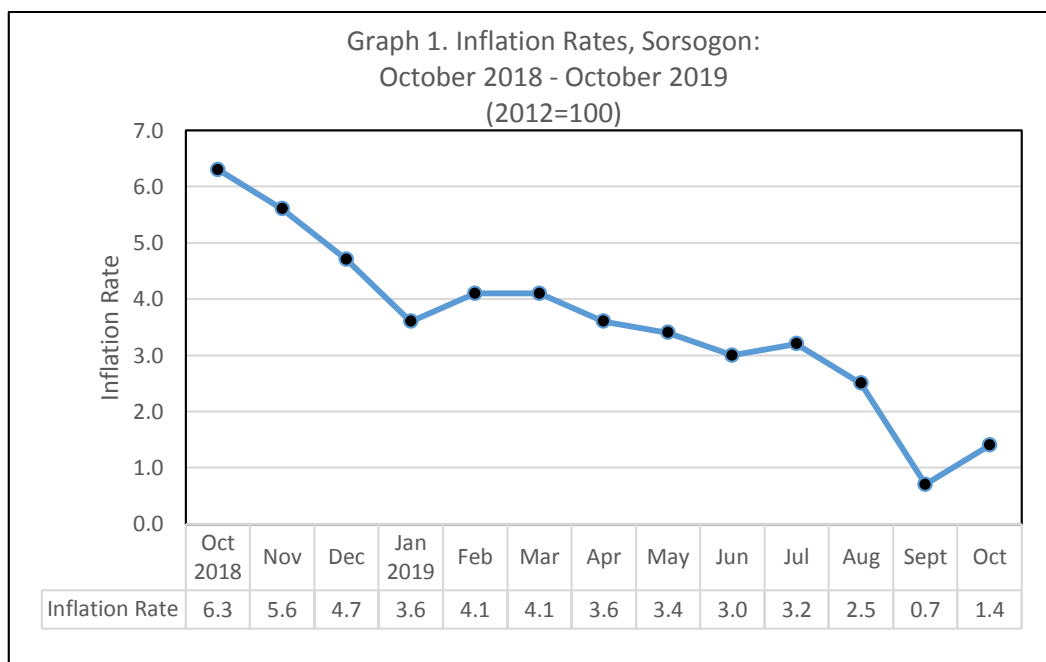
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: October 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 1.4 percent in October 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.7 percentage points higher than the IR last month which was 0.7 percent. The IR a year ago was 6.3 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



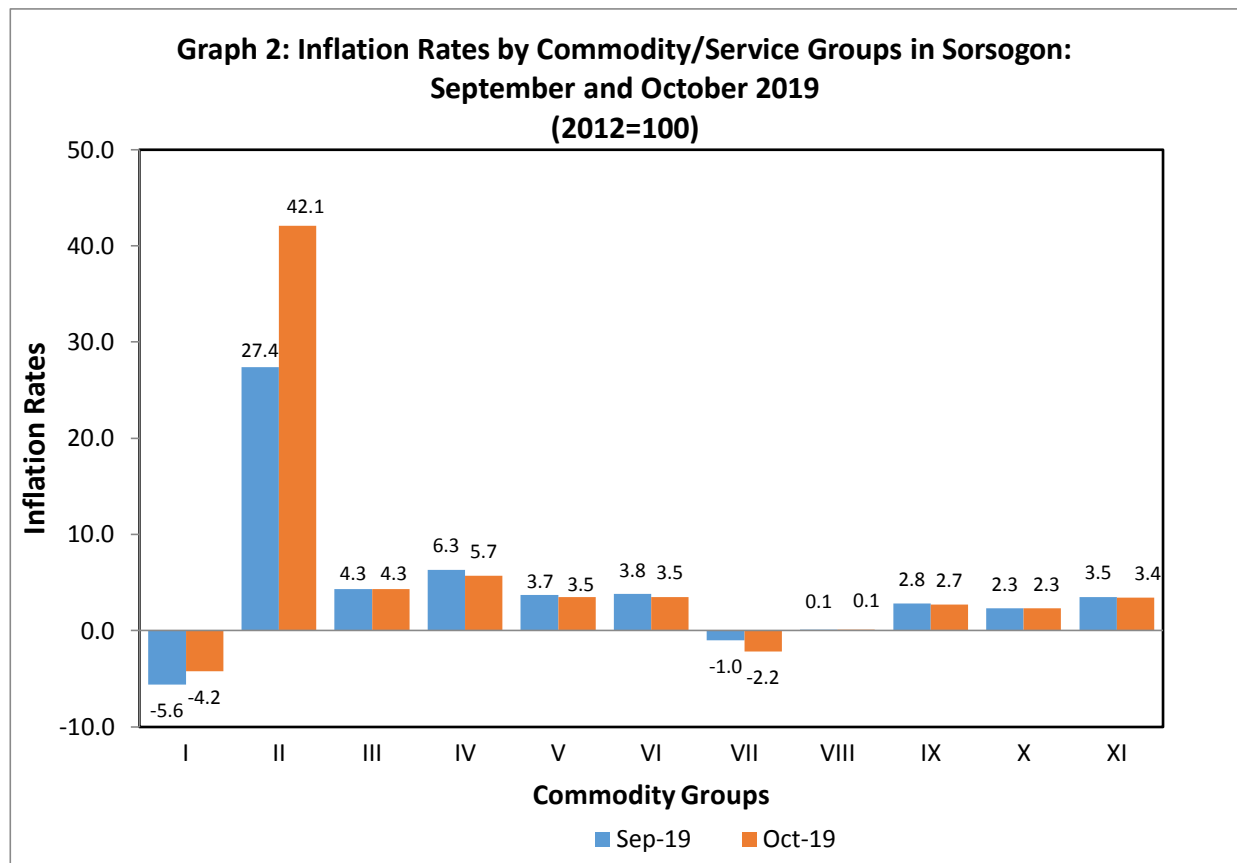
The current IR movement could be attributed to the opposite movement of Food, Beverages and Tobacco and Non-Food items. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages posted 1.4 percentage points increase at the same time Alcoholic beverages and tobacco also increased by 14.7 percentage points. On the contrary, Non-food registered a slight decrease of 0.5 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, significant increase were posted on Fish and Vegetables, with 11.3 and 8.2 percentage points consecutively. Non-alcoholic beverages and Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery, meanwhile, registered decrease of 5.5 and 4.0 percentage points respectively.



Group II or Alcoholic beverages and Tobacco recorded almost fifteen (14.7) percentage points increase. Specifically, Tobacco increased by 19.5 percentage points.

Non-Food items, on the other hand, decreased due to most of its sub groups had also decreased. Significant decrease was posted on commodity group VII with 1.2 percentage points. Other commodity groups posted less than one percentage points (Refer to Graph 2)



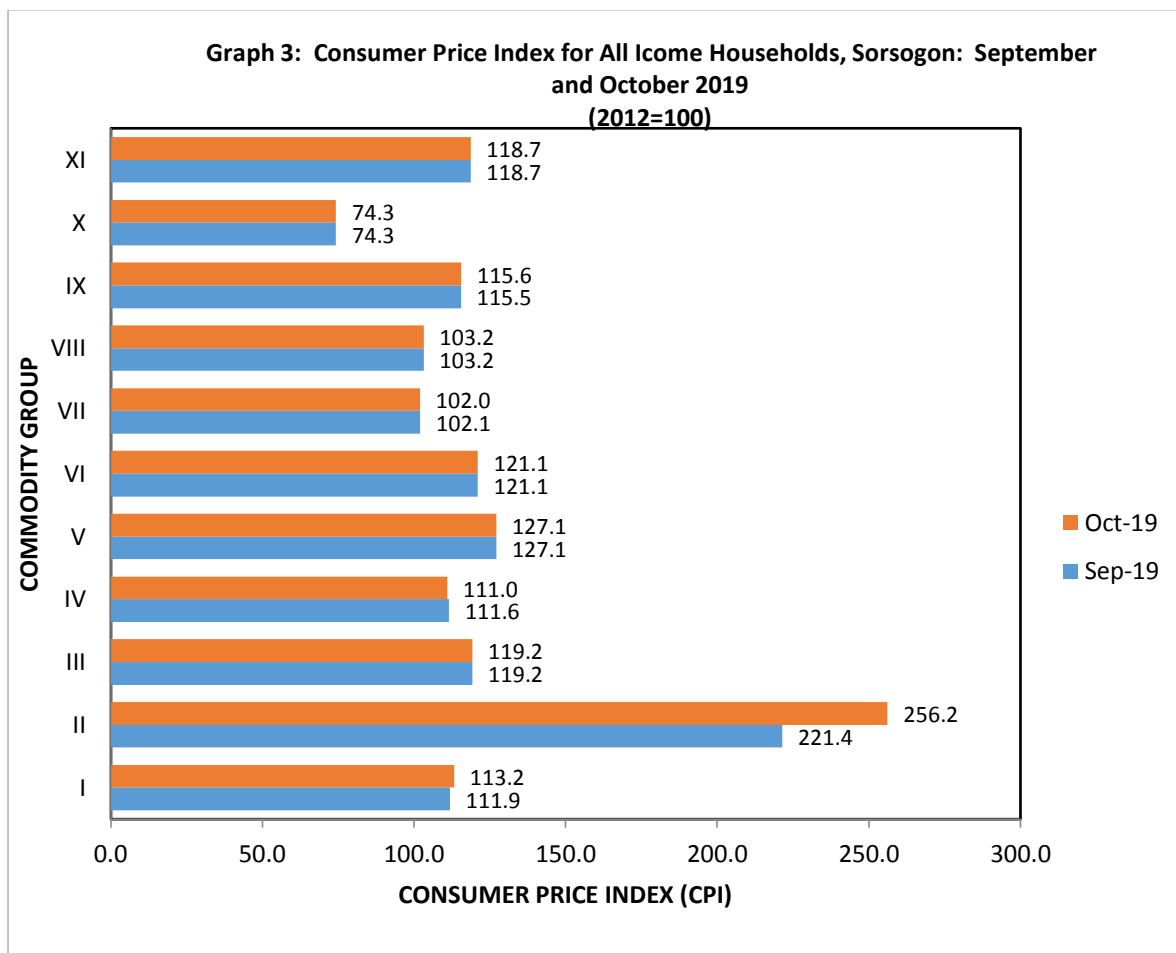
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

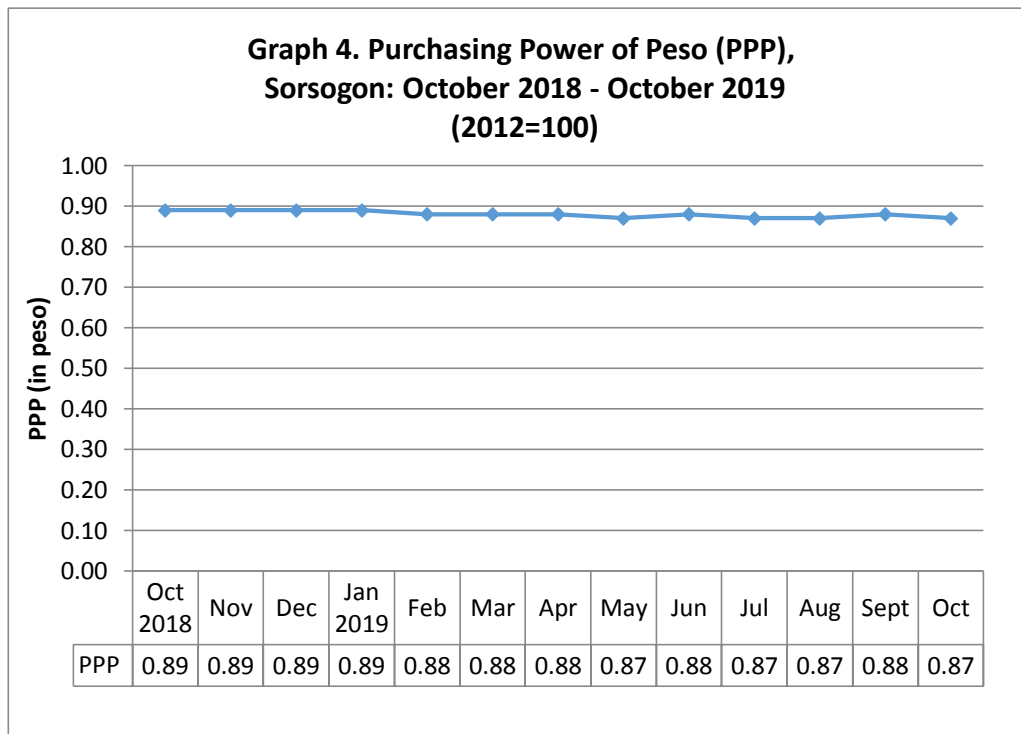
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 114.3 in October 2019. This was slightly lower by almost one percent (0.7%) than the index level posted in September 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 14.3% with the 2012 base year.

Food, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco contributed the increase due to the increase on commodity group I with 1.2% and II with 15.7%. Tobacco products for this month had increased by twenty percent. While Non-food items slightly decreased by 0.4 percent with commodity group IV as the major contributor having 0.5% decrease. Among items on commodity group IV, electricity, gas and other fuels had the biggest contribution with 2.4% decrease. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month decreased by one centavo resulting to 0.87 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 87 centavos in October 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.89 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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**Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 September 2019 and October 2019
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Sep-18	Sep-19	Oct-18	Oct-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Sep-19 Inflation rate	Oct-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	112.7	113.5	112.7	114.3	0.70	0.7	1.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	118.6	111.9	118.2	113.2	1.16	-5.6	-4.2
* Food	118.9	110.6	118.0	112.0	1.27	-7.0	-5.1
Bread and Cereals	122.6	110.8	123.4	111.0	0.18	-9.6	-10.0
Rice	124.2	108.2	125.1	108.4	0.18	-12.9	-13.3
Corn	124.9	156.1	135.3	156.1	0.00	25.0	15.4
Meat	115.4	117.0	115.9	114.8	-1.88	1.4	-0.9
Fish	97.7	86.3	95.4	92.1	6.72	-11.7	-3.5
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	114.1	116.7	114.3	116.8	0.09	2.3	2.2
Oils and Fats	117.3	119.6	117.3	119.6	0.00	2.0	2.0
Fruit	120.2	117.8	121.2	120.1	1.95	-2.0	-0.9
Vegetables	177.3	156.1	162.4	161.3	3.33	-12.0	-0.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	88.9	87.8	93.3	88.4	0.68	-1.2	-5.3
Food Products N.E.C.	119.3	123.8	118.3	124.6	0.65	3.8	5.3
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	115.0	128.5	121.0	128.5	0.00	11.7	6.2
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	173.8	221.4	180.3	256.2	15.72	27.4	42.1
Alcoholic Beverages	123.5	128.4	124.5	128.6	0.16	4.0	3.3
Tobacco	202.3	274.2	212.0	328.7	19.88	35.5	55.0
NON-FOOD	107.5	112.5	107.6	112.1	-0.36	4.7	4.2
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114.3	119.2	114.3	119.2	0.00	4.3	4.3
Clothing	110.2	115.1	110.2	115.2	0.09	4.4	4.5
Footwear	124.7	129.3	124.7	129.3	0.00	3.7	3.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	105.0	111.6	105.0	111.0	-0.54	6.3	5.7
Actual Rentals for Housing	107.6	114.5	107.6	114.5	0.00	6.4	6.4
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	116.7	117.4	117.1	117.5	0.09	0.6	0.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	122.1	127.4	122.1	127.4	0.00	4.3	4.3
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V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	122.6	127.1	122.8	127.1	0.00	3.7	3.5
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.8	114.0	108.8	114.0	0.00	4.8	4.8
Household Textiles	118.6	123.4	118.6	123.4	0.00	4.0	4.0
Household Appliances	105.9	108.1	105.9	108.1	0.00	2.1	2.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	104.1	108.6	104.1	108.6	0.00	4.3	4.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	106.2	113.7	106.2	113.6	-0.09	7.1	7.0
Maintenance	126.1	130.9	126.3	130.9	0.00	3.8	3.6



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VI. HEALTH	116.7	121.1	117.0	121.1	0.00	3.8	3.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	112.9	115.4	113.3	115.5	0.09	2.2	1.9
Out-patient Services	122.6	125.6	122.6	125.6	0.00	2.4	2.4
Hospital Services	122.0	131.3	122.0	131.3	0.00	7.6	7.6
VII. TRANSPORT	103.1	102.1	104.3	102.0	-0.10	-1.0	-2.2
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	103.5	98.8	107.2	98.5	-0.30	-4.5	-8.1
Transport Services	104.0	104.5	104.3	104.5	0.00	0.5	0.2
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.1	103.2	103.1	103.2	0.00	0.1	0.1
Postal Services	102.2	105.4	103.8	105.4	0.00	3.1	1.5
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	103.9	104.1	103.9	104.1	0.00	0.2	0.2
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	112.4	115.5	112.6	115.6	0.09	2.8	2.7
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.0	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	111.6	113.2	111.8	113.2	0.00	1.4	1.3
Recreational and Cultural Services	177.6	185.7	177.6	185.7	0.00	4.6	4.6
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	114.1	124.5	114.9	124.6	0.08	9.1	8.4
X. EDUCATION	72.6	74.3	72.6	74.3	0.00	2.3	2.3
Pre-primary and Primary Education	124.2	130.0	124.2	130.0	0.00	4.7	4.7
Secondary Education	113.1	117.1	113.1	117.1	0.00	3.5	3.5
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	114.7	118.7	114.8	118.7	0.00	3.5	3.4
Catering Services	114.1	117.4	114.1	117.4	0.00	2.9	2.9
Personal Care	110.4	116.4	111.0	116.5	0.09	5.4	5.0
Personal Effects N.E.C.	111.7	116.0	111.7	116.0	0.00	3.8	3.8
Inflation Rate	7.0	0.7	6.3	1.4			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.87			