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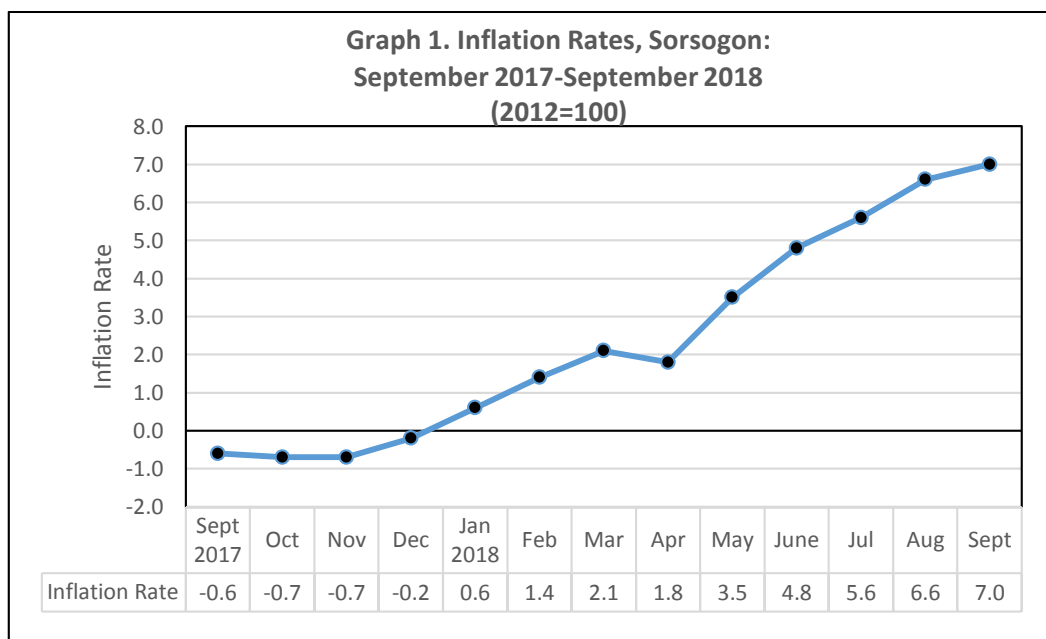
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: September 2018 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

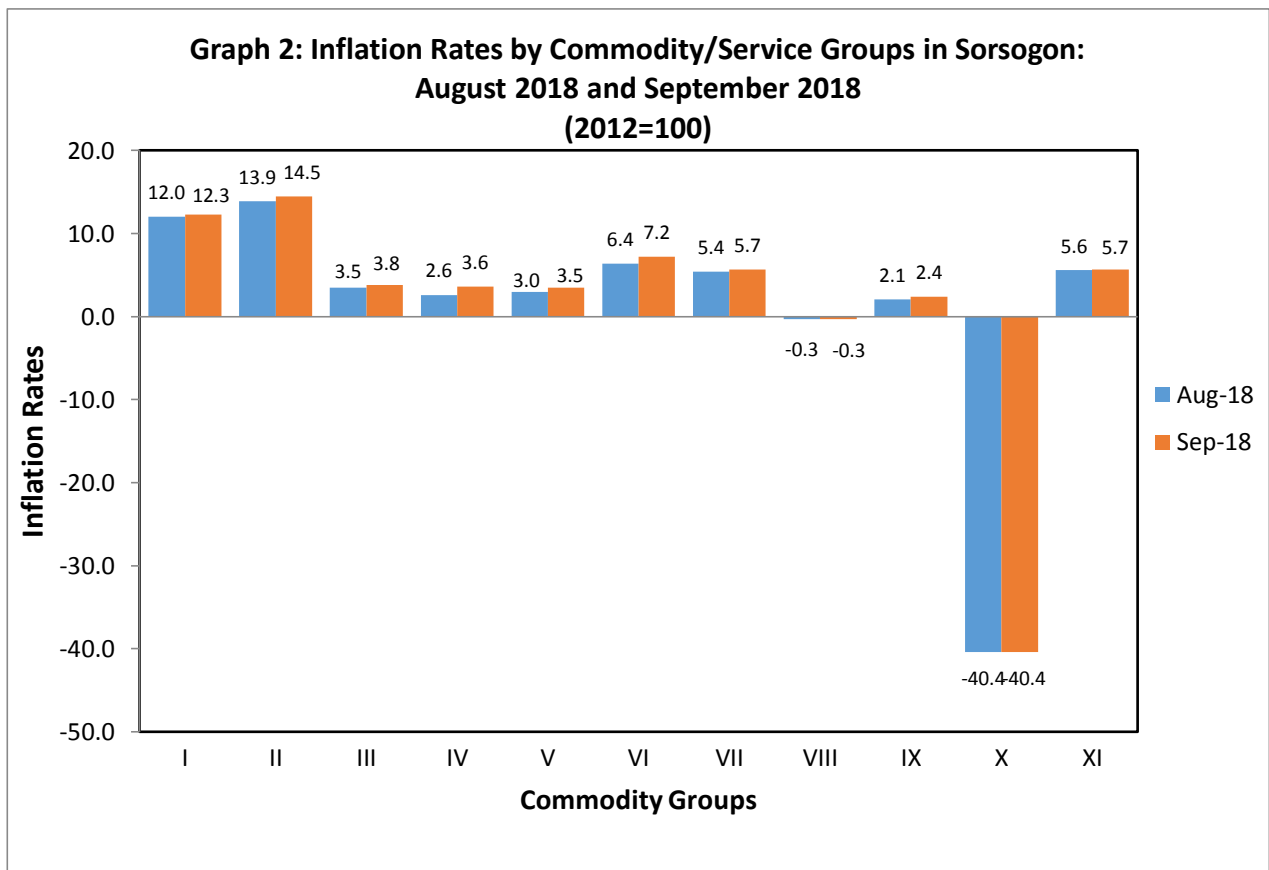
The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon using 2012 as base year for the reference month September 2018 posted at 7.0 percent. This is higher by 0.4 percentage points than IR posted in August 2018 which was 6.6 percent. The IR a year ago was -0.6 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



The current IR movement could be attributed to both food and non-food items with less than one percentage points increase. Food items posted 0.3 percentage points while Non-Food items posted 0.6 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, significant change were registered on Meat with 1.3 percentage point decrease while Vegetables, Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery posted an increase of 3.1 and 4.3 percentage points respectively. Non-alcoholic beverages, meanwhile remained at 4.5 percent inflation for this month.

Non-Food items posted an increase of 0.7 percentage points, that is, from 2.6 to 3.3 percent. All of the commodity groups increased by at most one percentage points except for commodity groups VIII and X which remained at -0.3 and -40.4 percent inflation. Commodity group IV registered the highest increase of one percentage points which includes Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 3.7 percentage points marked up. (Refer to Graph 2)



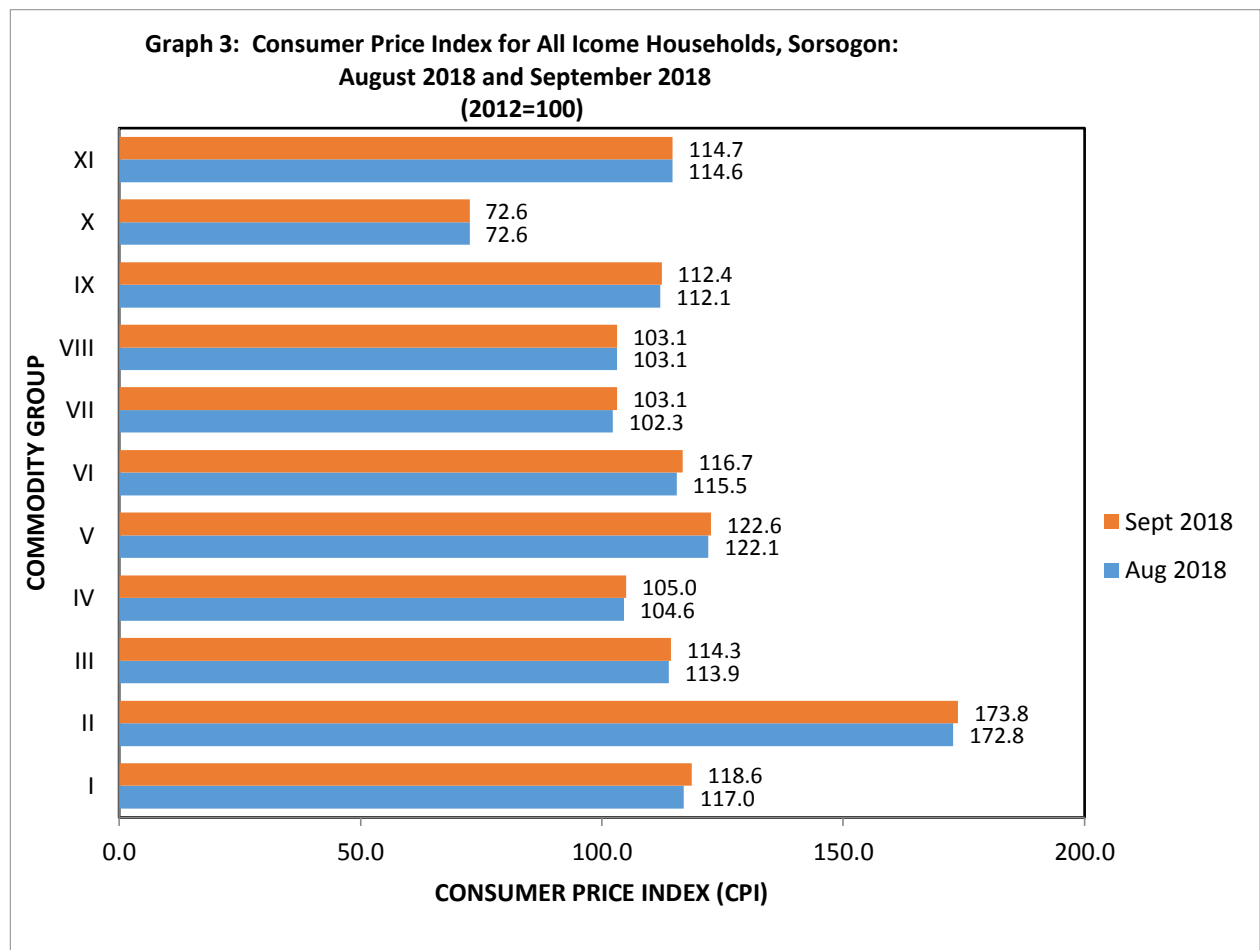
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

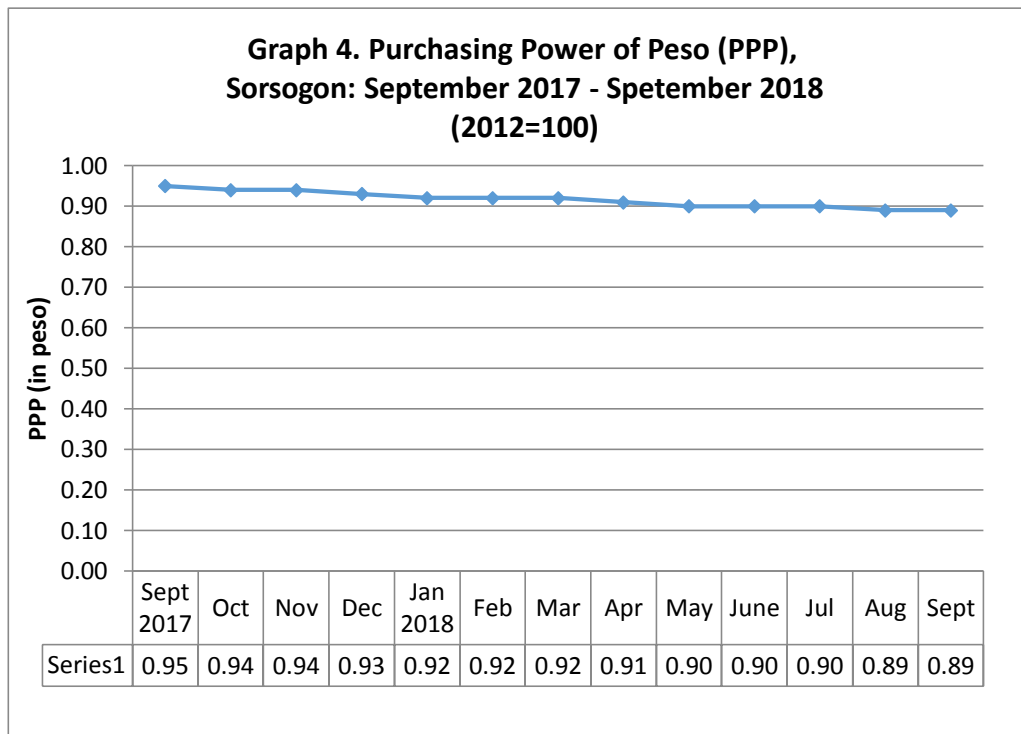
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 112.7 in September 2018. This was 1.37 percent higher than last month's CPI of 111.8. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 12.7 percent with the 2012 base year.

All commodity groups posted increase except for commodity groups VIII and X which remained at 103.1 and 72.6 index level respectively. Commodity group I and VI were recorded the highest increase with 1.4 and 1.0 percent consecutively. Other commodity groups registered less than one percent increase. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month is 0.89 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 89 centavos in September 2018 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.95 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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