



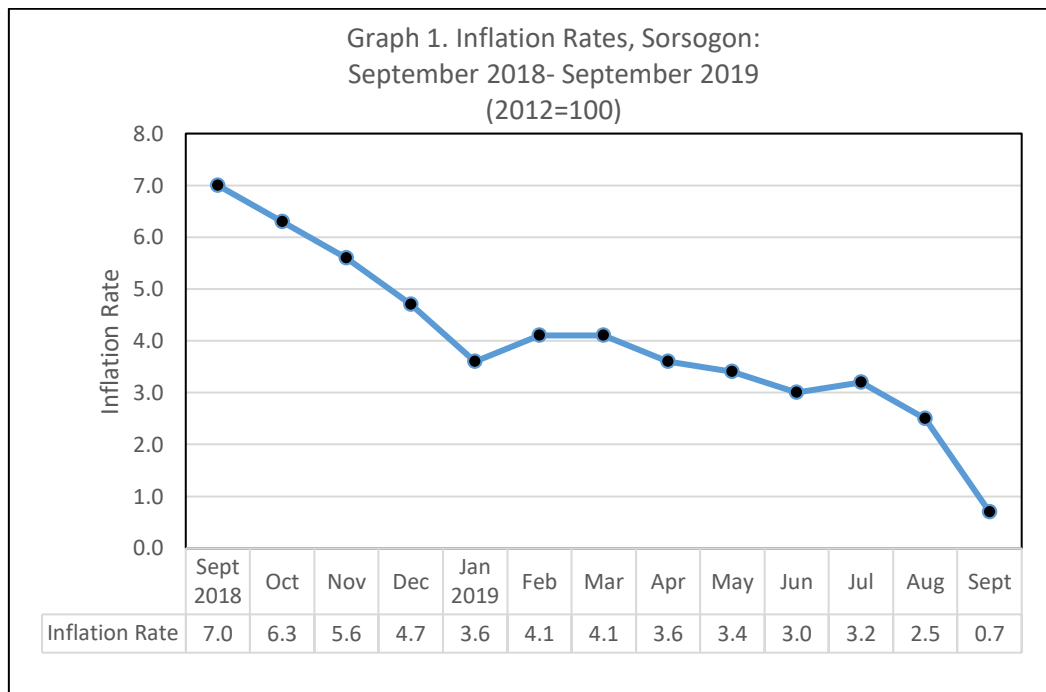
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: September 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 0.7 percent in September 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 1.8 percentage points lower than the IR last month which was 2.5 percent. The IR a year ago was 6.6 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



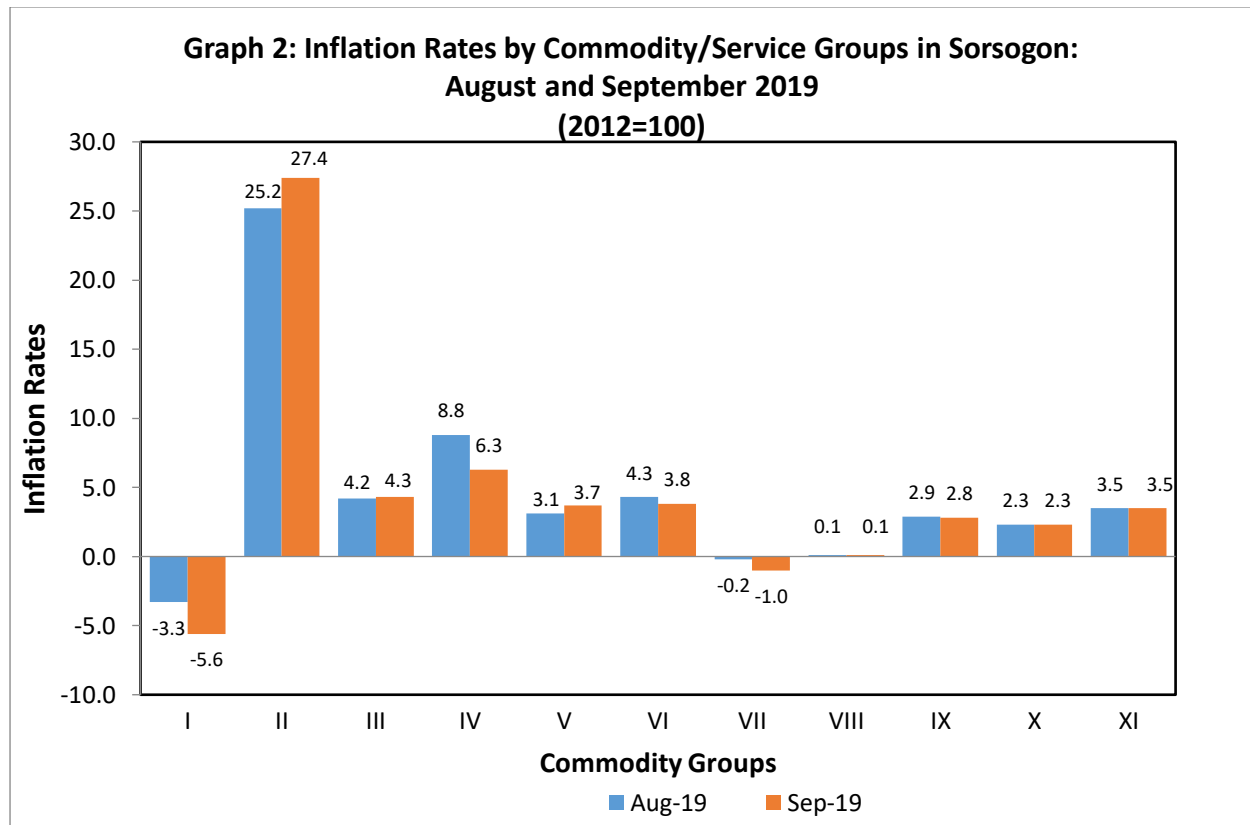
The current IR movement could be attributed to the decrease in prices of both Food and Non-Food items. Food and Non-alcoholic beverages posted 2.3 percentage point decrease while Alcoholic beverages and tobacco posted a positive 2.2 percentage points. Moreover, Non-food registered also a decrease of 1.4 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, most of the sub items registered significant decrease except for meat which registered an increase of 1.8 percentage points. Significant decreases were posted on Fish, Vegetables, Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and



Confectionery and bread and cereals with 8.1, 3.1, 2.9 and 2.2 percentage points decrease consecutively.

Meanwhile, along Non-Food items, only commodity groups III and V posted slight increase of 0.1 and 0.6 percentage points while the rest of the commodity groups decreased by less than one percentage points. Commodity group IV registered a significant decrease of 2.5 percentage points. (Refer to Graph 2)

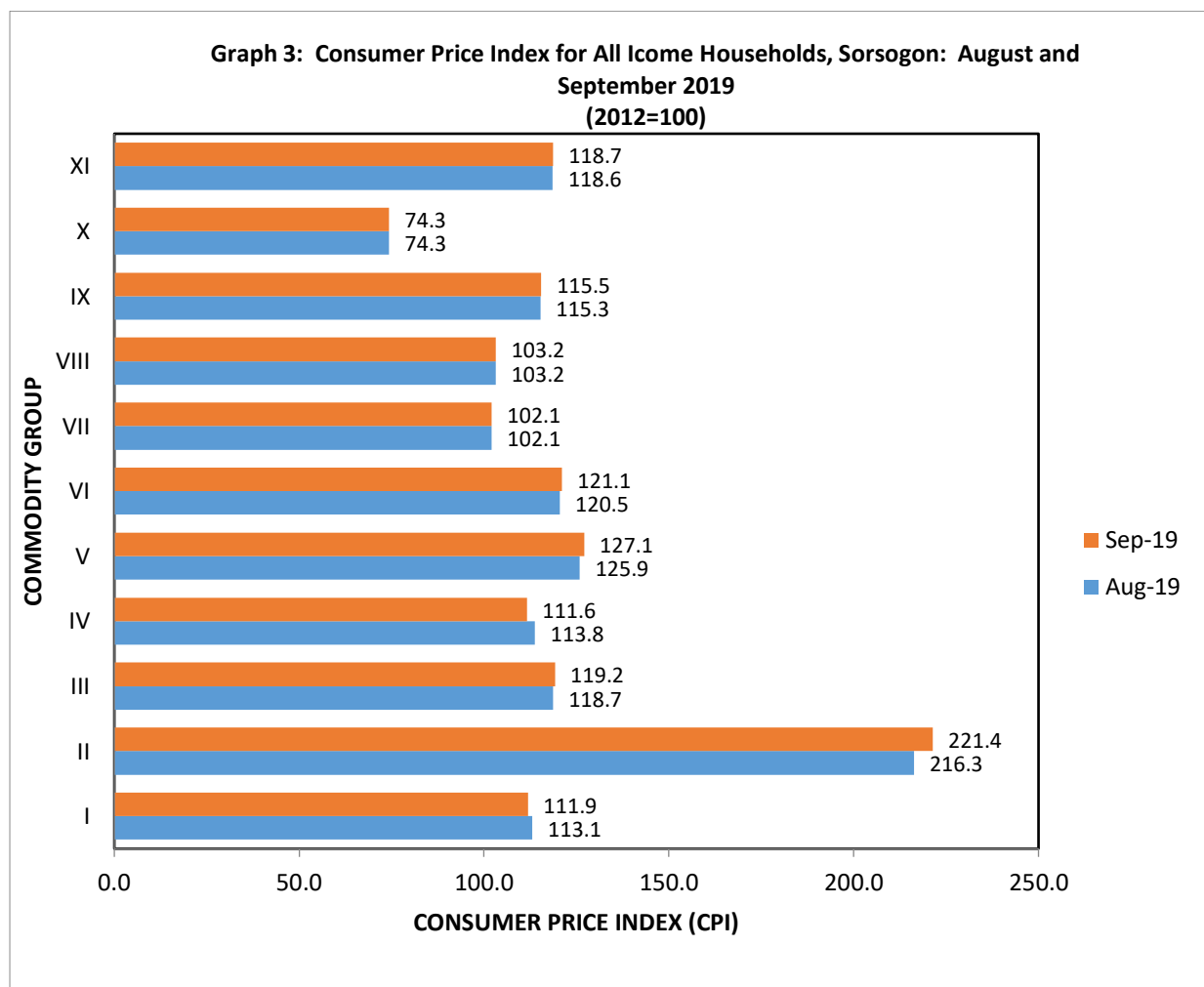


- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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

PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

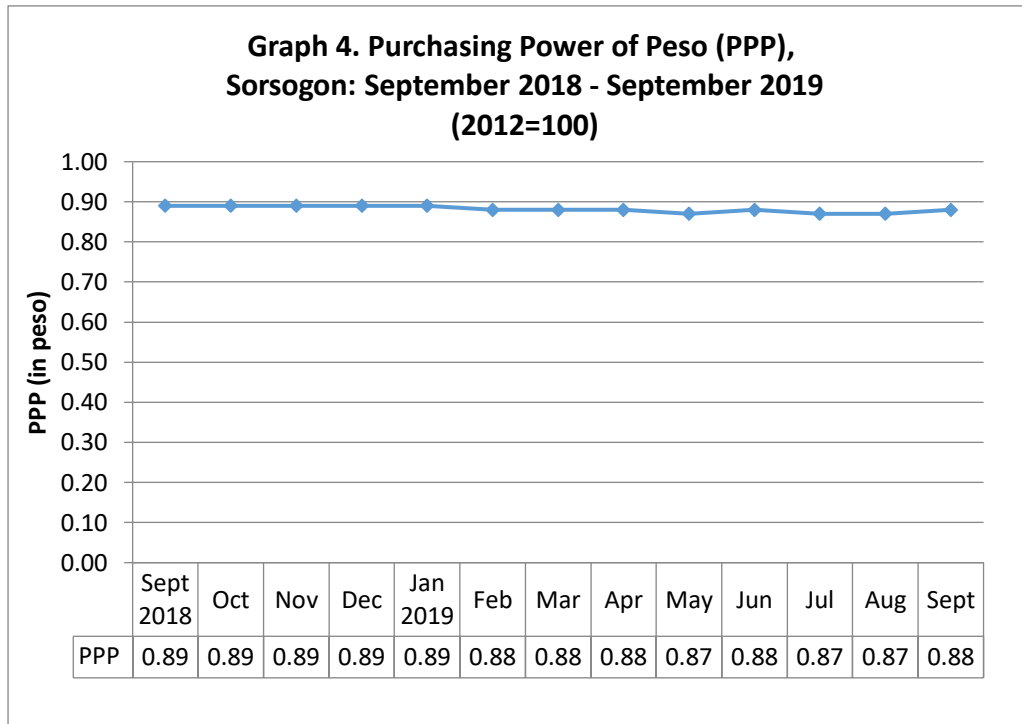
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 113.5 in September 2019. This was slightly lower by one percent than the index level posted in August 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 13.5% with the 2012 base year.

Both Food and Non-alcoholic beverages and Non-food groups posted negative change. Commodity group I registered 1.1 percent decrease while commodity group II registered 2.4 percent increase. Among Non-food, decrement was posted on commodity group IV with 1.9%. Slight increments, on the other hand, were posted on commodity groups III, V, VI, IX and XI. The rest of the commodity groups remained stable. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month increased by one centavo resulting to 0.88 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 88 centavos in September 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:
 August 2019 and September 2019
 (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	Aug-18	Aug-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Aug-19 Inflation rate	Sep-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	111.8	114.6	112.7	113.5	-0.96	2.5	0.7
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	117.0	113.1	118.6	111.9	-1.06	-3.3	-5.6
* Food	117.2	111.9	118.9	110.6	-1.16	-4.5	-7.0
Bread and Cereals	120.3	111.4	122.6	110.8	-0.54	-7.4	-9.6
Rice	121.5	109.1	124.2	108.2	-0.82	-10.2	-12.9
Corn	118.0	156.1	124.9	156.1	0.00	32.3	25.0
Meat	116.6	116.1	115.4	117.0	0.78	-0.4	1.4
Fish	97.2	93.7	97.7	86.3	-7.90	-3.6	-11.7
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	114.0	116.4	114.1	116.7	0.26	2.1	2.3
Oils and Fats	117.5	119.3	117.3	119.6	0.25	1.5	2.0
Fruit	118.3	116.6	120.2	117.8	1.03	-1.4	-2.0
Vegetables	168.8	153.9	177.3	156.1	1.43	-8.8	-12.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	85.4	86.8	88.9	87.8	1.15	1.6	-1.2
Food Products N.E.C.	119.0	123.4	119.3	123.8	0.32	3.7	3.8
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	115.0	128.2	115.0	128.5	0.23	11.5	11.7
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	172.8	216.3	173.8	221.4	2.36	25.2	27.4
Alcoholic Beverages	123.4	126.9	123.5	128.4	1.18	2.8	4.0
Tobacco	200.8	267.1	202.3	274.2	2.66	33.0	35.5
NON-FOOD	107.1	113.6	107.5	112.5	-0.97	6.1	4.7
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.9	118.7	114.3	119.2	0.42	4.2	4.3
Clothing	110.2	114.7	110.2	115.1	0.35	4.1	4.4
Footwear	123.0	128.8	124.7	129.3	0.39	4.7	3.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	104.6	113.8	105.0	111.6	-1.93	8.8	6.3
Actual Rentals for Housing	107.6	114.4	107.6	114.5	0.09	6.3	6.4
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	116.7	117.0	116.7	117.4	0.34	0.3	0.6
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	122.1	127.4	122.1	127.4	0.00	4.3	4.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	94.5	110.5	95.8	102.2	-7.51	16.9	6.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	122.1	125.9	122.6	127.1	0.95	3.1	3.7
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	106.8	113.5	108.8	114.0	0.44	6.3	4.8
Household Textiles	118.5	123.3	118.6	123.4	0.08	4.1	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	105.9	112.6	106.2	113.7	0.98	6.3	7.1
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	125.5	129.4	126.1	130.9	1.16	3.1	3.8



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VI. HEALTH	115.5	120.5	116.7	121.1	0.50	4.3	3.8
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	112.4	114.5	112.9	115.4	0.79	1.9	2.2
Out-patient Services	122.6	125.6	122.6	125.6	0.00	2.4	2.4
Hospital Services	118.4	131.3	122.0	131.3	0.00	10.9	7.6
VII. TRANSPORT	102.3	102.1	103.1	102.1	0.00	-0.2	-1.0
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	100.5	98.7	103.5	98.8	0.10	-1.8	-4.5
Transport Services	104.0	104.5	104.0	104.5	0.00	0.5	0.5
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.1	103.2	103.1	103.2	0.00	0.1	0.1
Postal Services	102.2	105.4	102.2	105.4	0.00	3.1	3.1
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	112.1	115.3	112.4	115.5	0.17	2.9	2.8
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.5	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	111.6	113.2	0.00	1.4	1.4
Recreational and Cultural Services	177.6	185.4	177.6	185.7	0.16	4.4	4.6
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	114.1	123.6	114.1	124.5	0.73	8.3	9.1
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	114.6	118.6	114.7	118.7	0.08	3.5	3.5
Catering Services	114.1	117.4	114.1	117.4	0.00	2.9	2.9
Personal Care	110.4	115.9	110.4	116.4	0.43	5.0	5.4
Personal Effects N.E.C.	110.3	115.9	111.7	116.0	0.09	5.1	3.8
Inflation Rate	6.6	2.5	7.0	0.7			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.89	0.87	0.89	0.88			