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Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

March 2024

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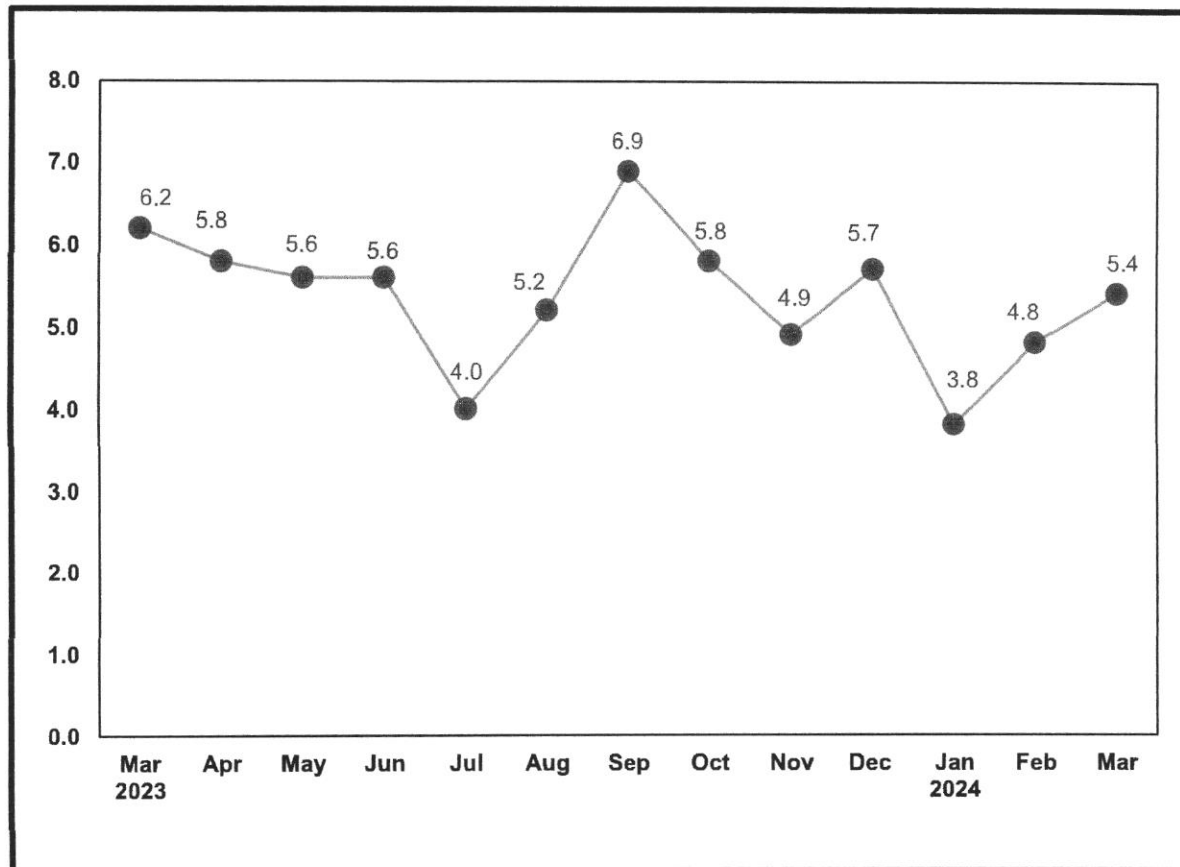
**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	March 2023	February 2024	March 2024	Year-to-date*
Philippines	7.6	3.4	3.7	3.3
Caraga	7.3	2.7	3.0	2.8
Surigao del Sur	6.2	4.8	5.4	4.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

*Year-on-year change of CPI for January to March 2024 vs. 2023

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in Surigao del Sur, All Items
In Percent
(2018=100)**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

Headline Inflation

The headline inflation or overall inflation in Surigao del Sur increased to 5.4 percent in March 2024, from 4.8 percent in February 2024. Inflation in March 2023 was higher at 6.2 percent. (Tables A and B)

For comparison, the provincial headline inflation in March 2024 is faster than the regional and national headline inflation at 3.0 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively.

**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Surigao del Sur, All Items
In Percent
January 2019 – March 2024
(2018=100)**

Month	Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	3.0	3.9	2.9	4.5	8.3	3.8
February	2.6	4.2	3.7	3.8	8.0	4.8
March	2.2	3.6	4.3	4.9	6.2	5.4
April	2.2	4.0	3.8	4.7	5.8	
May	2.4	3.6	4.0	5.0	5.6	
June	2.0	4.4	3.2	5.9	5.6	
July	2.6	3.8	3.0	7.2	4.0	
August	1.7	3.7	3.0	7.3	5.2	
September	0.0	3.9	2.2	8.2	6.9	
October	-0.2	4.2	2.1	8.0	5.8	
November	1.6	2.9	3.3	6.5	4.9	
December	3.6	2.8	3.7	7.0	5.7	
Average	2.0	3.8	3.3	6.1	6.0	4.7

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The uptrend of overall inflation in March 2024 was mainly brought by the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages, which recorded an inflation rate of 11.4 percent from 10.3 percent in the previous month. This was followed by transport, -0.3 percent from -1.0 percent in the previous month.

Compared with the previous month's inflation rate, higher annual increments were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the months:

- a) Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, -3.5 percent from -3.8 percent;
- b) Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 2.7 percent from 2.5 percent;
- c) Recreation, sport and culture, 5.3 percent from 4.1 percent; and
- d) Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 4.3 percent from 4.1 percent.

On the contrary, lower inflation rates were observed in the following commodity groups:

- a) Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 6.1 percent from 8.4 percent; and
- b) Health, 0.1 percent from 0.3 percent;

Meanwhile, the indices of clothing and footwear, information and communication, education services, restaurants and accommodation services, and financial services retained their previous month's annual rates. (Table C)

**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, by Commodity Group, Surigao del Sur:
March 2023, and February and March 2024
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Commodity Group	2023	2024	
	March	February	March
ALL ITEMS	6.2	4.8	5.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.0	10.3	11.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	10.0	8.4	6.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.4	3.7	3.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.3	-3.8	-3.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.5	2.5	2.7
Health	6.3	0.3	0.1
Transport	-0.3	-1.0	-0.3
Information and Communication	0.4	1.2	1.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	2.8	4.1	5.3
Education Services	1.2	0.7	0.7
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.7	8.0	8.0
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.7	4.1	4.3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

Food Inflation

At the provincial level, the food index increased to 12.1 percent in March 2024, from 11.0 percent in the previous month. In March 2023, food inflation was lower at 5.9 percent.

Likewise, the following food groups exhibited higher inflation rates during the month:

- a. Fish and other seafood, -2.1 percent from -5.7 percent;
- b. Oils and fats, 1.0 percent from 5.0 percent;
- c. Fruits and nuts, 8.0 percent from 7.7 percent;
- d. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, -4.0 percent from -11.0 percent;
- e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -11.2 percent from -11.4 percent; and
- f. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c, 7.7 percent from 6.4 percent.

On the contrary, lower inflation rates were observed in the following commodity groups:

- a. Cereals and cereal products, 34.8 percent from 36.1 percent;
- b. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, -2.1 percent from -1.1 percent; and
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 9.1 percent from 15.5 percent.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, Food Commodity Group, Surigao del Sur:
March 2023, and February and March 2024
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Food Commodity Group	March 2023	February 2024	March 2024
ALL ITEMS	6.2	4.8	5.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.0	10.3	11.4
*Food	5.9	11.0	12.1
Cereals and Cereal Products	2.4	36.1	34.8
Cereals	2.2	41.9	40.4
Rice	1.1	43.8	42.1
Corn	17.1	19.2	20.6
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	3.4	3.2	3.5
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	7.3	-1.1	-2.1
Fish and Other Seafood	2.1	-5.7	-2.1
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	7.7	15.5	9.1
Oils and Fats	15.2	0.5	1.0
Fruits and Nuts	7.7	7.7	8.0
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	14.1	-11.0	-4.0
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	39.2	-11.4	-11.2
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	8.4	6.4	7.7

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Consumer Price Index (CPI) – The CPI is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year.

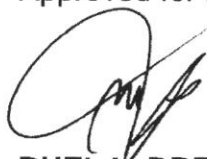
Components of the CPI

- a. Base Period – The reference data or base period is the benchmark or reference date or period at which the index is taken as equal to 100.
- b. Market Basket - A sample of the thousands of varieties of goods purchased for consumption and services availed by the households in the country selected to represent the composite price behavior of all goods and services purchased by consumers.
- c. Weighing System – The weighing pattern uses the expenditures on various consumer items purchased by households as a proportion to total expenditure.
- d. Formula – The formula used in computing the CPI is the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives, the Laspeyres formula with a fixed base year period (2018) weights.
- e. Geographic Coverage – CPI values are computed at the national, regional, and provincial levels, and for selected cities.

Inflation Rate (IR) – is the rate of change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of the declining purchasing power of peso.

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) – shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

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