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Inflation in Western Visayas for December 2021

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Inflation in Western Visayas decelerated to 4.2 percent in December 2021, from 4.7 percent in the previous month. In December 2020, inflation in Western Visayas stood at 3.7 percent. (Table 1)

Table 1. Inflation Rates for the CPI: Western Visayas

Region/Province	December 2020	November 2021	December 2021
Western Visayas	3.7	4.7	4.2

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Negros Occidental registered the highest inflation rate of 6.2 percent in December 2021, while Iloilo had the lowest inflation rate of 2.3 percent. On the other hand, only Iloilo has registered a higher inflation rate compared to the previous month among the provinces in Region 6. (Table 2)

Table 2. Inflation Rates for the CPI by Province:
Western Visayas (2012 = 100)

Region/Province	December 2020	November 2021	December 2021
Western Visayas	3.7	4.7	4.2
Aklan	3.9	3.7	2.8
Antique	3.4	4.5	4.2
Capiz	3.4	6.3	5.1
Guimaras	4.9	4.2	3.9
Iloilo	2.7	2.1	2.3
Negros Occidental	4.7	7.1	6.2

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of CPI



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Downtrend in the inflation in Western Visayas was influenced primarily by the monthly decrease on the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages commodity group index at 4.7 percent in December 2021 from 5.0 percent in November 2021.

Contributing also to the downtrend in the inflation in Western Visayas were the lower annual increments registered in the indices of the following commodity groups:

- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 10.8 percent;
- Clothing and footwear, 2.1 percent;
- Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House, 2.7 percent;
- Health, 2.3; and
- Transport, 7.2.

However, annual rates were higher during the month compared to the previous month in the indices of the following commodity groups:


- Communication, 0.4 percent; and
- Restaurant and miscellaneous goods and services, 2.2 percent.

Meanwhile, the commodity groups Recreation and Culture, and Education retained their previous month's annual growth rates. (Table 3)

Table 3. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Percent by Commodity Group, November and December 2021: Western Visayas (2012 = 100)

Item	Previous	Current
All Items	4.7	4.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.0	4.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	10.9	10.8
Clothing and Footwear	2.2	2.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	2.9	2.9
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.8	2.7
Health	2.5	2.3
Transport	12.2	7.2
Communication	0.3	0.4
Recreation and Culture	1.1	1.1
Education	3.9	3.9
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.9	2.2

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