

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index in Western Visayas for April 2023 (2018=100)

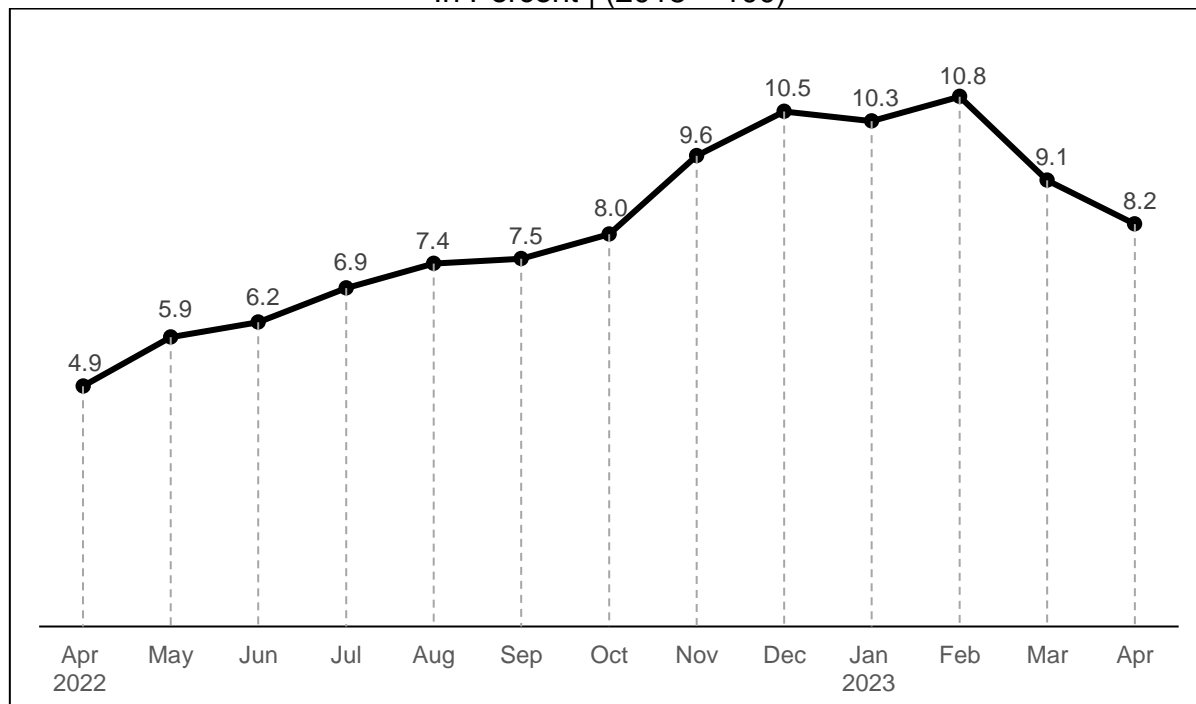
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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items  
Philippines and Western Visayas: April 2022, March 2023, April 2023**  
In Percent | (2018 = 100)

Area	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023
Philippines	4.9	7.6	6.6
Western Visayas	4.9	9.1	8.2

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

**Figure 1. Inflation Rates for All Items, Western Visayas:  
April 2022 to April 2023**  
In Percent | (2018 = 100)



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

## I. Western Visayas

### 1. Headline Inflation

Headline inflation or overall inflation in Western Visayas slowed down further to 8.2 percent in April 2023, from 9.1 percent in March 2023. In April 2022, the inflation was lower at 4.9 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

#### 1.1 Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Headline Inflation

The deceleration of the overall inflation in Western Visayas in April 2023 was mainly due to the lower inflation in the index of Food and non-alcoholic beverages at 9.0 percent, from 10.3 percent in March 2023. This was followed by Transport with 5.7 percent, from 7.9 percent in the previous month. Third top driver to the downtrend is the index of Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels with 8.6 percent inflation rate, from 9.5 percent in March 2023. Also, lower inflation rates were noted in the following commodity groups:

- Restaurants and accommodation services, 12.7 percent;
- Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 7.2 percent; and
- Information and communication, 2.4 percent.

On the other hand, higher inflation rates were observed in the following indices:

- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 12.9 percent;
- Clothing and footwear, 4.3 percent;
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 9.3 percent; and
- Health, 2.6 percent.

Meanwhile, inflation for Recreation, sport and culture (5.1%), Education services (0.4%), and Financial services (0.0%) remained at their previous month's inflation rates (Table B).

**Table B. Weight of Commodity Group, Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group, WESTERN VISAYAS: March 2023 and April 2023**  
In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>↓ 8.2</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	42.5704	10.3	↓ 9.0	59.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.5780	12.7	↑ 12.9	
Clothing and Footwear	3.7669	4.1	↑ 4.3	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.7613	9.5	↓ 8.6	18.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.5225	9.1	↑ 9.3	
Health	3.5718	2.5	↑ 2.6	
Transport	8.7089	7.9	↓ 5.7	20.7
Information and Communication	2.9082	2.5	↓ 2.4	0.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.0591	5.1	= 5.1	
Education Services	1.7236	0.4	= 0.4	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.1832	12.8	↓ 12.7	0.7
Financial Services	0.0256	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6205	7.3	↓ 7.2	0.5

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

### *1.2 Main Contributors to the Headline Inflation*

In terms of contribution to the Western Visayas headline inflation rate of 8.2 percent in April 2023, the top three commodity groups were the following:

- a. Food and non-alcoholic beverages with 47.3 percent share or 3.9 percentage points;
- b. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 19.9 percent share or 1.6 percentage points; and
- c. Restaurants and accommodation services with 9.7 percent share or 0.8 percentage points.

## **II. Food Inflation**

Food inflation in Western Visayas during April 2023 lowered to 9.2 percent, from 10.6 percent in March 2023. Food inflation in April 2022 was noted at 5.6 percent. (Table C)

### *2.1 Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of Food Inflation*

The deceleration of food inflation was mainly brought by lower year-on-year growth in the index of Fish and other seafood at 10.3 percent from 14.7 percent in March 2023. This was followed by Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 12.8 from 18.7 percent in March 2023. Third is Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, with 6.4 percent from 6.8 percent inflation in the previous month.

Lower inflation rates during the month were also noted in the indices of the following food items:

- a. Oils and fats, 21.4 percent;
- b. Fruits and nuts, 8.9 percent;
- c. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 38.4 percent;
- d. Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified, 9.1 percent

Conversely, higher inflation rates were noted in the following food groups in April 2023:

- a. Cereals and cereal products, 5.1 percent; and
- b. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 11.0 percent.

### *2.2 Main Contributors to the Food Inflation*

With regard to contribution to the April 2023 headline inflation in Western Visayas, Food shared 44.7 percent or 3.7 percentage points. Among the food groups, top contributors to food inflation were:

- a. Fish and other seafood with 20.8 percent share or 1.9 percentage points;
- b. Sugar, confectionery and desserts with 13.1 percent share or 1.2 percentage points; and
- c. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with 12.1 percent share or 1.1 percentage points.

**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates of the Food Commodity Group,  
WESTERN VISAYAS: April 2022, March 2023, April 2023**  
In Percent | (2018 = 100)

	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023
Commodity Group			
<b>0.1.1 Food</b>	5.6	10.6	↓ 9.2
0.1.1.1 Cereals and cereal products	3.2	4.6	↑ 5.1
0.1.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	10.2	6.8	↓ 6.4
0.1.1.3 Fish and other seafood	4.5	14.7	↓ 10.3
0.1.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs	1.3	10.7	↑ 11.0
0.1.1.5 Oils and fats	6.7	21.7	↓ 21.4
0.1.1.6 Fruits and nuts	7.1	9.4	↓ 8.9
0.1.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	12.1	18.7	↓ 12.8
0.1.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts	8.6	39.5	↓ 38.4
0.1.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified	3.3	9.7	↓ 9.1

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

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for All Items, Western Visayas  
January 2018 to April 2023**  
In Percent | (2018 = 100)

Month	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	3.6	4.0	3.6	2.8	4.6	10.3
February	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.3	10.8
March	4.5	3.2	2.9	4.4	4.6	9.1
April	5.2	2.7	2.9	3.9	4.9	8.2
May	5.6	2.7	2.3	4.1	5.9	
June	5.9	2.8	2.2	4.0	6.2	
July	6.4	2.6	2.4	3.7	6.9	
August	7.9	1.4	2.0	3.8	7.4	
September	8.0	0.8	2.4	3.5	7.5	
October	8.0	0.5	2.4	4.1	8.0	
November	6.5	1.3	3.3	3.8	9.6	
December	5.4	2.3	3.4	3.5	10.5	
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>

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

## II. Provinces

All the six provinces in Western Visayas recorded downward trend in inflation rates in April 2023 from March 2023. Among the provinces, Negros Occidental had the highest monthly inflation rate of 8.8 percent, while Guimaras had the lowest at 4.8 percent.

Among the highly urbanized cities in the region, Iloilo City inflation was noted at 11.3 percent from 11.6 percent in March 2023. Bacolod City recorded 8.7 percent inflation, same with the previous month's inflation. (Table E)

**Table E. Weight by Area, Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for All Items by Province and Highly Urbanized City, Western Visayas: April 2022, March 2023, April 2023**

In Percent | (2018 = 100)

Region/Province/City	Weight	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023
<b>Western Visayas</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>↓ 8.2</b>
Aklan	8.6810	3.2	6.9	↓ 6.8
Antique	5.9910	6.3	7.8	↓ 6.2
Capiz	10.3177	4.9	7.4	↓ 6.4
Guimaras	2.3133	5.5	6.4	↓ 4.8
Iloilo	25.9507	1.9	8.2	↓ 8.0
Iloilo City	8.0021	4.6	11.6	↓ 11.3
Negros Occidental	28.3530	7.7	10.8	↓ 8.8
Bacolod City	10.3912	4.6	8.7	= 8.7

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

**Table F. Weight of Commodity Group, Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group, AKLAN: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>↓ 6.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	41.1829	12.6	↓ 11.9	61.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7229	8.3	↑ 13.7	
Clothing and Footwear	3.6964	1.7	↓ 1.1	4.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	19.1889	1.7	↑ 2.4	
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.6770	11.3	↓ 11.2	0.8
Health	4.2924	2.2	↑ 2.4	
Transport	9.3282	5.9	↓ 4.3	31.9
Information and Communication	2.7104	0.4	= 0.4	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.3732	1.8	↑ 2.0	
Education Services	1.1771	2.3	= 2.3	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.0015	1.0	= 1.0	
Financial Services	0.0214	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6278	2.0	↓ 1.9	1.0

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table G. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
ANTIQUE: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>↓ 6.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	49.5430	9.7	↓ 7.3	72.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.6549	7.3	↑ 8.4	
Clothing and Footwear	4.0034	8.4	↓ 8.3	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	13.9420	5.5	↓ 4.6	7.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7738	3.1	↓ 2.6	1.1
Health	4.6102	2.2	↓ 2.0	0.6
Transport	7.0597	8.2	↓ 4.6	15.4
Information and Communication	2.5475	0.8	= 0.8	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.6083	4.3	↓ 4.0	0.3
Education Services	1.3272	0.0	= 0.0	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	4.7551	11.8	↓ 10.9	2.6
Financial Services	0.0180	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.1570	5.8	↑ 5.9	

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table H. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
CAPIZ: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>↓ 6.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	45.2601	11.7	↓ 10.6	49.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.9751	16.7	↓ 15.3	4.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.5989	2.2	↑ 2.6	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	16.6515	4.0	↓ 2.4	26.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.4597	3.2	↑ 3.3	
Health	2.7112	4.1	↑ 4.3	
Transport	8.4199	-0.1	↓ -2.6	20.7
Information and Communication	2.2870	0.0	= 0.0	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.8609	2.7	= 2.7	
Education Services	0.8221	3.6	= 3.6	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.5407	5.3	= 5.3	
Financial Services	0.0100	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.4030	4.2	↑ 4.4	

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table I. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
GUIMARAS: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>↓ 4.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	50.1708	10.2	↓ 7.5	82.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.4874	7.4	↓ 7.0	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	4.0595	0.8	↓ 0.7	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	15.8912	1.1	= 1.1	
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.3846	7.5	↓ 7.3	0.4
Health	2.9136	0.6	↓ 0.2	0.7
Transport	6.9354	-5.0	↓ -7.4	10.2
Information and Communication	1.9577	0.7	↓ 0.5	0.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.5498	14.0	↓ 10.2	1.3
Education Services	1.3896	-0.3	= -0.3	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	4.9399	13.9	↓ 13.0	2.7
Financial Services	0.0245	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.2960	9.5	↓ 9.3	0.5

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table J. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
ILOILO: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>↓ 8.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.2687	9.4	↑ 9.8	
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6100	9.5	↑ 10.6	
Clothing and Footwear	3.7951	3.6	↑ 4.5	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.8623	9.4	↓ 8.2	46.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.4921	8.2	↑ 8.5	
Health	4.2240	1.1	↑ 1.7	
Transport	9.7364	9.2	↓ 6.7	50.2
Information and Communication	2.5036	3.3	↑ 3.6	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.0777	5.0	↑ 5.4	
Education Services	1.8992	-1.1	= -1.1	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	3.5892	9.3	= 9.3	
Financial Services	0.0171	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.9248	6.7	↓ 6.4	3.0

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table K. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
ILOILO CITY: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>↓ 11.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.7972	9.6	↑ 10.4	
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.0793	8.3	↓ 6.4	6.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.8676	2.1	↓ 2.0	0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	25.2849	20.3	↓ 18.9	55.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.4670	14.6	= 14.6	
Health	3.2698	0.7	↑ 1.0	
Transport	8.5183	17.5	↓ 14.8	35.7
Information and Communication	3.7149	-0.2	= -0.2	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.7952	6.2	= 6.2	
Education Services	2.7926	1.1	= 1.1	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.2263	6.9	= 6.9	
Financial Services	0.0151	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.1719	5.4	↓ 5.0	2.6

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

**Table L. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>↓ 8.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	44.7544	10.7	↓ 7.2	76.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8837	17.0	↓ 15.9	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	3.6221	6.4	↓ 6.3	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	17.0965	11.8	↓ 10.3	12.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.3006	12.5	↑ 13.3	
Health	2.9549	2.0	= 2.0	
Transport	8.1647	7.6	↓ 5.6	8.0
Information and Communication	3.0791	5.1	↓ 4.6	0.8
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.1132	7.0	↓ 6.7	0.2
Education Services	1.3374	1.2	= 1.2	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.4019	20.5	= 20.5	
Financial Services	0.0436	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.2478	10.1	= 10.1	

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

\*\*Weight per commodity group were obtained from the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)




**Table M. Weight of Commodity Group,  
Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group,  
BACOLOD CITY: March 2023 and April 2023**

In Percent (2018 = 100)

Commodity Group	**Weight: % to area	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Share to Inflation =Trend (%)
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>= 8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33.6298	8.5	↑ 9.3	
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.8623	14.4	= 14.4	
Clothing and Footwear	4.0384	2.9	= 2.9	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	23.1829	8.8	↓ 8.6	
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.0658	6.8	↓ 6.7	
Health	3.6595	7.8	↓ 7.7	
Transport	8.8895	10.6	↓ 9.0	
Information and Communication	4.0323	0.1	= 0.1	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.8000	4.2	= 4.2	
Education Services	3.1698	0.6	= 0.6	
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.4373	14.6	= 14.6	
Financial Services	0.0292	0.0	= 0.0	
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.2032	11.3	= 11.3	

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

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