

Guimaras celebrates 34th CRM



Information Caravan during the opening of the 34th Civil Registration Month Celebration in Guimaras visiting the five municipalities.

The month-long celebration of the 34th Civil Registration Month (CRM) in Guimaras province officially opened on February 2, 2024, with an information drive/caravan around the province from the town of Buenavista to San Lorenzo, Sibunag, Nueva Valencia, and ended up in Jordan for the Opening Program.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Guimaras, in partnership with the Municipal Civil Registrars (MCRs), took the lead in the info drive/caravan

around Guimaras province while playing the CRVS Jingle to stir awareness of the general public on the importance of Civil Registration.

Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare declared the official opening of the month-long celebration in Guimaras province.

The opening was highlighted with a disseminated forum on Guimaras'

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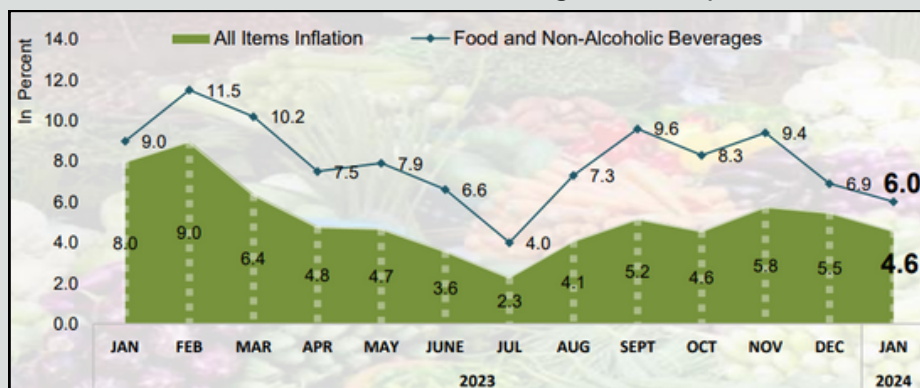
Vital Statistics, presented by PSO Losare; Provincial Quiz Bee for MCROs staff; and awarding of top performing MCROs. >>>2

Guimaras inflation slows in Jan 2024

The headline inflation of Guimaras province slowed to 4.6 percent in January 2024 against 5.5 percent a month ago and 8.0 percent in January 2023, based on the latest price statistics released by the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA).

"The downtrend in January inflation was due to the slower price change on Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at 6.0%; >>>2

Inflation Rates in Guimaras (All Income Households), (2018=100), All Items vs. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages: January (2023-2024)



Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, PSA

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Michael C. Esprago of Jordan LCRO receives 1st place award in the 34th CRM Quiz Bee Contest on February 02, 2024.

Losare presented the Comparative Vital Statistics of Guimaras for 2023 vs. 2022, which shows that registered vital events in 2023 dropped by -9.89%, wherein births registered dropped by -9.89%, marriages and deaths also decreased by -14.89% and -6.52%, respectively.

For the 34th CRM Provincial Quiz Bee, Michael C. Esprago of Jordan LCRO bested his fellow contestants: Sherel F. Labaro of Buenavista LCRO, Josie G. Galimba of Sibunag LCRO, Elisa M. Elefan of San Lorenzo LCRO and Joan Faith G. Galon of Nueva Valencia LCRO.

Labaro got second place while Galimba ranked third, and the other two contestants, Galon of Nueva Valencia and Elefan of San Lorenzo, got the consolation prizes.

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The slower inflation in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages was due to the sluggish price change of food items from 7.3 percent in December 2023 to 6.3 percent in January 2024. Restaurant and Accommodation Services, with 10.0 percent inflation, were pulled down by the dwindling prices of Food and Beverage Serving Services from 15.2 to 10.2 percent. Moreover, the 0.9 inflation of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels was driven by decelerating retail prices of Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels from 4.8 to 3.3 percent.

"In terms of contributions to January headline inflation, Food, and Non-Alcoholic Beverages still topped the rank with a cut of 65.5 percent, followed by Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco with 14.9 percent inflation and Restaurant

The top 3 winners were given certificates of recognition with corresponding cash prizes of Php3,000, Php2,000, and Php1,000, respectively, while the other two participants received certificates of participation and consolation prizes of Php500 each.

The best-performing Local Civil Registry Office (LCROs) and Municipal Civil Registrars (MCRs) were acknowledged and awarded a plaque of award: Nueva Valencia LCRO was awarded the Best LCRO, followed by Jordan LCRO and Buenavista LCRO.

"The LCRO of Sibunag was awarded for their exemplary commitment to timeliness and accuracy in the monthly Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS) reports, while the LCRO of Jordan and Nueva Valencia garnered an award for their 100% coverage on Barangay Civil Registry System (BCRS) implementation and encoding of the survey result," Losare said.

"LCRO Nueva Valencia was also awarded for registering the highest number of PhilSys Birth

and Accommodation Services with 13.5 percent inflation posting a significant portion of 11.4 and 10.8 percent, respectively," Losare said.

Likewise, four of 13 commodity groups posted uptrend inflation from December 2023 to January 2024 (Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Clothing and Footwear; Health; and Recreation, Sport, and Culture), while three commodities showed a steady movement on their price index (Information and Communication; Education Services; and Financial Services).

"Inflation Rate is the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) derived by computing the indices relative to the same period in the previous year or month, and

Registration Assistance Project (PBRAP) beneficiaries in the Province of Guimaras, while LCRO Buenavista garnered the award for having the most number of activities conducted related to civil registration," Losare added.

Other lined up activities for the 34th CRM celebration were Mobile Registration, Gift Giving, Mass Weddings, BCRS Implementation, participation in the Regional CRM Quiz Bee.

Likewise there were Binalabay contest, CRVS Jingle interpretative dance contest, Poster making contest conducted duuring Closing Ceremony on 29th of February.

The activities lined up are in consonance with Presidential Proclamation No. 682, signed by the late President Corazon C. Aquino on January 28, 1991, declaring February of every year as Civil Registration Month.

"This year's celebration carries the theme "CRVS: the Future of Seamless Services," Losare said. /PSA Guimaras

currently, Guimaras Province posted a 131.0 CPI, this indicates that a typical Guimaras household needs 1,310 pesos in January 2024 to purchase a basket of goods and services worth 1000 pesos in 2018, this is 0.6 and 5.8 percent higher than the 130.4 CPI in December 2023 and 125.2 CPI in January 2022, respectively," Losare clarified.

"The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in Guimaras at 0.76 in January 2024 indicates that the one peso in 2018 is now worth 0.76 centavos, representing a 0.01 percentage points depreciation from the PPP value of 0.77centavo recorded in December 2023 and a drop of 0.04 percentage points from 0.80PPP in January 2023," Losare added. /PSA Guimaras

PSA Guimaras gears up for 2024 CBMS



Convening of the Guimaras Provincial Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Coordinating Board (PCCB) in preparation for the upcoming 2024 CBMS Implementation.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Guimaras Provincial Statistical Office, in partnership with the Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units (P/MLGUs) of Guimaras, successfully convened all its Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Convening Boards (CCBs), gearing up for the upcoming 2024 CBMS implementation.

The CBMS refers to an organized technology-based system of collecting, processing, and validating necessary disaggregated data that may be used for planning, program implementation, and impact monitoring at the local level while empowering communities to participate in the process.

It involves the generation of statistical and geospatial data at the local level, which serves as a basis for targeting households for government programs geared towards poverty alleviation and economic development.

The Provincial CBMS Coordinating Board (PCCB) officially convened on 22 February 2024 where it tallied a notable 100% participation rate.

“We are glad to record a hundred percent turnout from all PCCB members, which shows positive and overwhelming support and anticipation from the provincial

government agencies and private entities regarding the richness and comprehensiveness of the CBMS data”, Provincial Statistics Officer (PSO) Nelida B. Losare stated.

Statistical Specialist II (SSII) Ellen Grace F. Galaura discussed the objectives of the 2024 CBMS, its scope and coverage, the legal bases, data privacy and confidentiality of information, and the roles and responsibilities of the PCCB members.

Meanwhile, Senior Statistical Specialist (SrSS) Salvacion D. Lemos facilitated the discussion on the possible assistance of the board and the timetable of activities for the 2024 CBMS implementation.

“The CBMS aims to generate updated and disaggregated data necessary in targeting beneficiaries, conduct more comprehensive poverty analysis and needs prioritization, design appropriate policies and interventions, provide a mechanism for impact monitoring over time, establish a CBMS database at the national and local level, and generate statistics at higher levels that will complement and supplement the local level data,” SrSS Lemos explained.

“The 2024 CBMS operations will be a comprehensive enumeration of all households and geotagging of all

service facilities and government projects in the locality, and will cover capacity strengthening activities for LGUs for their proper management and utilization of the CBMS data”, SSII Galaura added.

During the PCCB convening, the members discussed the inter-municipality boundary disputes, and the body agreed to elevate the issue to the Honorable Governor for a possible resolution.

Meanwhile, the Municipal CBMS Coordinating Boards from all five (5) municipalities in the province successfully convened prior to the PCCB convening.

“The first MCCB convening was held in MLGU Buenavista on January 08. It was followed by MLGU Jordan which conducted its first convening on January 12”, PSO Losare said.

“The other three municipalities – San Lorenzo, Nueva Valencia, and Sibunag held the MCCB convening on January 16-18, respectively. All five (5) municipalities tallied an average of 78% participation rate, setting high anticipation and support from the local government and private entities of the province”, Losare added.

The convening of the MCCBs was conducted to ensure that all logistics and other requirements were in place prior to and during the CBMS operations.

The CBMS focal persons of PSA Guimaras, SrSS Lemos and SSII Galaura, presented all necessary materials and discussions related to the 2024 CBMS implementation.

Moreover, the MCCB members and representatives from various offices and agencies in the municipality expressed their support and offered assistance for the successful implementation of the 2024 CBMS./ PSA Guimaras.

PhilSys Guimaras reaches out to 5K registrants in 2023



PhilSys Co-location during Provincial Childrens' Day Celebration at Provincial Gym, Jordan, Guimaras on November 29, 2023.

A total of 5,996 Guimarasnons in the Philippine Identification (National ID) in 2023, facilitated by the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Guimaras Provincial Statistical Office

The cumulative registered individuals in Guimaras was at 149,405 since July 2021, accounting for 79.53% base on 2020 Census on Population and Household (CPH).

"We have a total of 103,541 registrants in 2021, 39,868 in 2022 and 5,996 in 2023," Nelida B. Losare said.

Among the 5,996 total registered in

PhilSys in 2023, 1,722 were registered in Buenavista, 1, 171 in Nueva Valencia, 2, 056 in Jordan, 641 in San Lorenzo and 356 in Sibunag.

Step 2 registration is done through different strategies such as mobile registration house to house, co-location strategy, school mobile registration, and PhilSys on Wheels.

The implementation Step 2 registration began in 2021 through RA 11055 or the PhilSys Act which aims to establish a single national identification system for all citizens and resident aliens of the Republic of the Philippines.

"This helps registrants with peeled-off front-facing photos to request for replacement of their PhilID free of charge. The process is that the registrant will come by the nearest PhilSys Registration Center in the area showing his/her defective PhilID and fill out a request form for replacement. The registrant will surrender his/her defective PhilID for processing. While the PhilID is on-process registrants were issued ePhilID", Losare said.

"PSA PhilSys Guimaras also started accepting requests for Transaction Number (TRN) retrieval in September 2023 for registered individuals who lost their transaction slips. First name, middle name, last name, and birthday are the needed information to process the request which will take 2 to 5 days", Losare added.

flosare also expressed that the implemented strategies or saturation moved of PhilSys Guimaras was indeed helpful in reaching all unregistered individuals and be included in the government central identification platform for all Filipino citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Losare appreciated the efforts of PhilSys Guimaras in finding ways to reach the target number of registrants before the 1st semester ends./PSA Guimaras.

The Editor's Note



The second month of 2024 brought us another exciting and challenging days of the weeks. Despite the overlapping activities, we still continued to deliver relevant and reliable statistics to our clients and stakeholders.

In this issue, we featured some of the activities that were successfully conducted and participated in during the month. Surely, you'll get updated with the latest price statistics, PhilSys Operation, and other statistical operations implemented by the office.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter, "Ulat Estadistika". May this issue had inspired, motivated, and most of all boosted awareness on the various statistical products and services of PSA-Guimaras.

Thank you.

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