

## December 2016 Inflation Rate in Davao Region up by 3.5 percent

Annual inflation rate or the year-on-year change in the consumer price index in Davao Region was estimated at 3.5 percent in December 2016. This means that the prices of goods and services in the region in December 2016 were 3.5 percent higher on the average when compared to its prices for the same month in 2015. Inflation in December 2016 has not changed from the preceding month, that is, November 2016.

On the said month, all commodity groups posted increases in prices. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco posted the highest increase at 7.3 percent followed by Clothing and Footwear (6.4%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels (4.4%); Health (4.3%); Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (4.2%); Transport (3.8%); Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (3.1%); Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages (2.9%); Education (2.6%); Recreation and Culture (2.5%); and Communication (1.0%).

**Table 1. CPI and Inflation Rate by Commodity Group, Region XI  
(2006=100)**

Commodity Group	December		Inflation Rate	November		Inflation Rate
	2016	2015		2016	2015	
All Items	155.8	150.6	3.5	155.0	149.8	3.5
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	171.4	166.6	2.9	170.9	165.6	3.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	179.9	167.6	7.3	179.0	167.3	7.0
Clothing and Footwear	145.4	136.7	6.4	145.0	136.1	6.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	139.9	134.0	4.4	138.3	132.8	4.1
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	137.9	132.3	4.2	137.9	132.0	4.5
Health	156.6	150.2	4.3	156.2	149.9	4.2
Transport	139.7	134.6	3.8	136.4	134.8	1.2
Communication	93.9	93.0	1.0	93.9	93.0	1.0
Recreation and Culture	125.5	122.1	2.5	124.9	122.0	2.4
Education	175.0	170.6	2.6	175.0	170.6	2.6
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	135.9	131.8	3.1	135.9	131.8	3.1

Source: PSA

Among the provinces in December 2016, Compostela Valley recorded the highest inflation rate in Region XI at 4.0 percent followed by Davao Oriental (3.4%), then Davao del Norte and Davao del Sur with 3.3 percent, respectively.

**Table 2. Inflation Rate and Peso Purchasing Power, Region XI:  
December 2015 and December 2016**

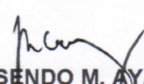
Area	Inflation Rate (%)		Peso Purchasing Power	
	December		December	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Region XI	2.2	3.5	0.66	0.64
Davao del Norte	3.2	3.3	0.64	0.62
Davao del Sur	1.7	3.3	0.69	0.67
Davao Oriental	2.8	3.4	0.65	0.63
Compostela Valley	0.9	4.0	0.66	0.64

Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) of the region was estimated at 64 centavos in December 2016, about 2 centavos lower from the previous year's PPP of 66 centavos. The province of Davao del Sur had the highest PPP at 67 centavos while Davao del Norte had the lowest at 62 centavos.

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