

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INFLATION RATE AND PURCHASING POWER OF PESO

## MARCH 2020

**185.9** ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
AND TOBACCO

**164.4** CLOTHING  
AND FOOTWEAR

**138.1** FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND  
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE

**130.8** RESTAURANT AND  
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

**130.2** HEALTH

**127.6** RECREATION  
AND CULTURE

**122.8** FOOD AND NON-  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**119.0** HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY,  
GAS AND OTHER FUELS

**101.6** TRANSPORT

**101.5** COMMUNICATION

**95.7** EDUCATION



**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.

**123.6**

**CPI in March 2020**

For an average household in the province to afford same values of goods and services purchased or availed in March 2012 @ PhP100, needs an additional PhP23.6 in March 2020



**0.7%**

**Inflation Rate in March 2020**

If you paid PhP15.00 for a can of sardines in March 2019 and if on the average, prices went up by 0.7% after a year's time, you will need PhP15.11 to buy same brand of a can of sardines in March 2020.



**0.81**

**PPP in March 2020**

A peso in March 2012 is only worth 81 centavos in March 2020.



**TECHNICAL NOTES**

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (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.

**INFLATION RATE** is the annual rate of change or the year change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money.

**PURCHASING POWER OF PESO (PPP)** shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period.

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