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## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100) April 2023

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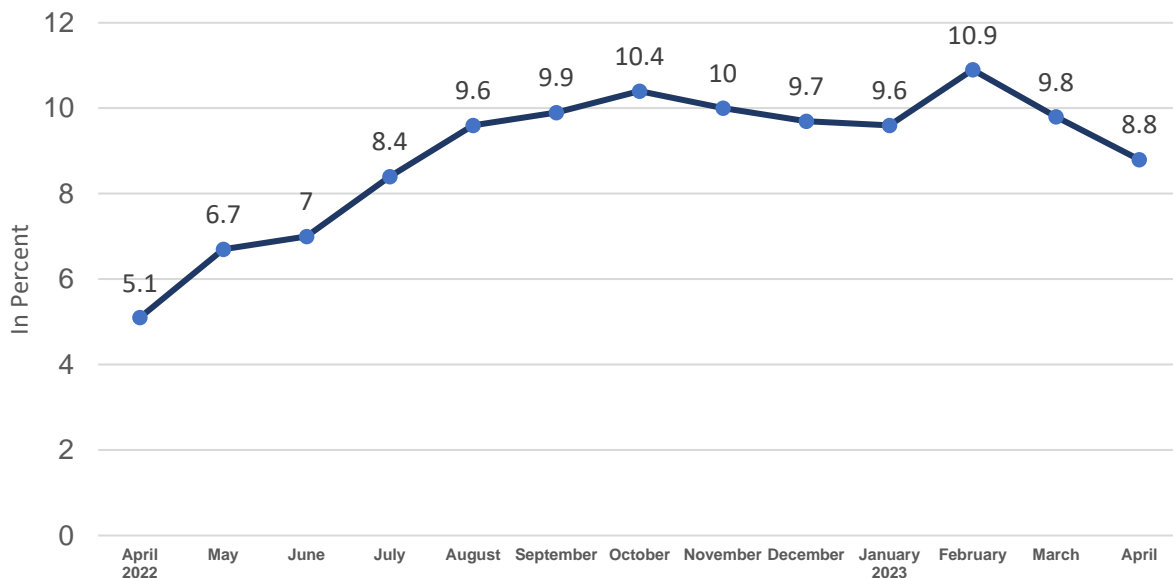
**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items  
In Percent (2018=100)**

Area	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	Year-to-date*
Philippines	4.9	7.6	6.6	7.9
Davao Region	5.3	9.0	7.5	9.0
Davao City	5.1	9.8	8.8	9.8

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

\* Year-on-year change of average CPI for 2023 April 2023 vs. 2022

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in Davao City, All Items  
(2018=100)**



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

## **CITY OF DAVAO**

In March 2023, the headline inflation rate in the City of Davao decreased to 8.8 percent, 1.0 percentage point lower than the previous month's rate of 9.8 percent. The average inflation rate from January to April 2023 was 9.8 percent. (Table A and Figure 1).

Among the thirteen commodity groups, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages had the largest share to inflation with inflation rate of 6.7 percent in April 2023, down from 9.0 percent in March 2023. It was followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at 10.2 percent, down from 10.7 percent in the previous month. The third commodity with the highest share was Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance at 8.9 percent, down from 9.5 percent in the previous month. Likewise, relative to their annual rates in March 2023, lower year-on-year inflation rates were also observed in the following commodity groups:

- a. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 10.5 percent;  
and
- b. Health, 6.1 percent.

On the contrary, higher increments were observed in the indices of (a) Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at 24.5 percent; (b) Clothing and Footwear at 9.7 percent; (c) Information and Communication at 1.7 percent; and (d) Recreation, Sport and Culture at 6.1 percent. The inflation rate of the rest of the thirteen (13) commodity groups, on the other hand, remained equal.

Meanwhile, in April 2023, majority of the food groups exhibited lower inflation rates which resulted to slower food inflation in general. From 8.6 percent in the previous month, food inflation decreased to 6.0 percent in April 2023. The decrease was mainly due to lower (a) Fish and other Seafood index at -9.0 percent from -3.7 in the previous month; (b) Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses at 14.1 percent from 24.0 percent in the previous month; and (c) Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals at 8.5 percent, down from 10.4 percent in March 2023. Furthermore, lower rates were also observed in the following food groups:

- a. Rice, 0.6 percent;
- b. Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Past Products and Other Cereals, 12.0 percent;
- c. Milk, other Dairy Products and Eggs, 10.7 percent;
- d. Sugary, Confectionery and Desserts, 34.4 percent; and
- e. Ready-Made Food and other Food Products N.E.C, 11.7 percent.

The rest of the food groups, despite the decreasing food inflation in the city, have exhibited higher increments, specifically in the index of Corn at 65.4 percent; Oils and Fats at 28.0 percent; and Fruits and Nuts at 15.5 percent.

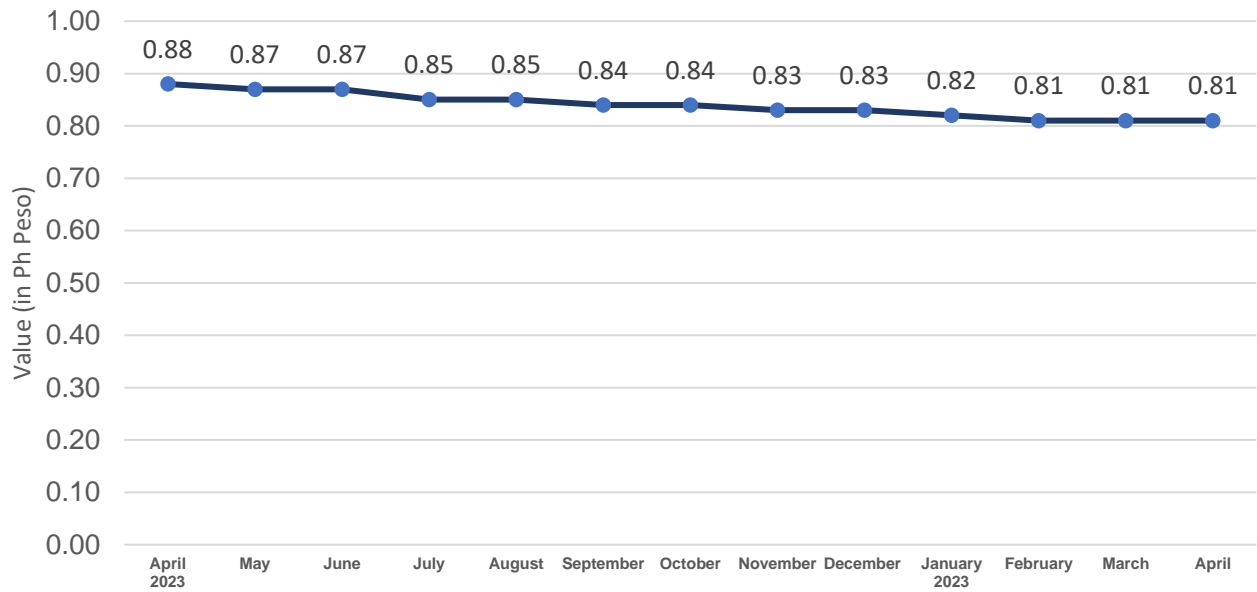
**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Davao City, All Items in Percent  
January 2020 – March 2023  
(2018=100)**

Month	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	2.6	1.1	5.0	9.6
February	2.9	1.9	4.6	10.9
March	2.1	2.9	5.1	9.8
April	1.6	3.6	5.1	8.8
May	1.6	3.7	6.7	
June	1.5	3.7	7.0	
July	1.1	4.2	8.4	
August	0.4	4.2	9.6	
September	0.9	3.6	9.9	
October	1.8	2.8	10.4	
November	1.1	4.3	10.0	
December	0.9	4.2	9.7	
<b>Average</b>	1.5	3.3	7.6	<b>9.8</b>

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In addition, the April 2023 Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Davao City remained equal at 0.81. PPP in April 2022 was at 0.8. (Figure 2)

**Figure 2. Purchasing Power of Peso in Davao City  
(2018=100)**



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**Technical Notes:**

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** - The 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 (IR)** - The inflation rate is the annual rate of change, or the year-on-year change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money.

**Headline Inflation** - measures changes in the cost of living based on movements in the prices of a specified basket of major commodities. It refers to the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP)** - The purchasing power of the peso shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

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