

## Davao region's inflation decelerates in October 2018

Davao Region's inflation decelerated to 7.8% in October 2018. It was recorded at 7.9% in the previous month and 4.8% in the same month of last year. Meanwhile, among provinces, Davao del Sur displayed the highest inflation at 8.4% and lowest in Davao Oriental at 6.5 percent (see Table 1). Also, purchasing power of peso in the region was reported at 82 centavos.

**Table 1. Year-on-Year Provincial Inflation Rates (All Items) and Peso Purchasing Power, Region XI (2012=100)**

AREA	October	September	October	PPP Oct 2018
	2018	2018	2017	
REGION XI	7.8	7.9	4.6	0.82
Davao del Sur	8.4	8.6	5.0	0.83
Davao del Norte	6.7	6.2	3.8	0.82
Compostela Valley	8.1	7.8	4.2	0.82
Davao Oriental	6.5	6.9	4.6	0.81

Source: PSA

The slow movement of region's annual growth was observed on the indices under Food and Non-alcoholic beverages which was at 8.3% from 9.1% in the previous month. Such that, slower growth rates were reported on selected food items like fruits (-7.5%), corn (-3.9%), breads and cereals (7.3%), and rice at 9.8 percent (see Table 3). Moreover, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and recreation and culture also decelerated to 15.5% and 5.1%, respectively, from 16.4% and 5.5% in September 2018 (see Table 2).

On the other hand, annual rates were higher in the indices of the following commodity groups:

- Transport, 10.2%;
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels, 9.1%;
- Health, 7.2%
- Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House, 6.0%;
- Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 5.9%; and
- Clothing and Footwear, 4.6%.

Communication and Education retained its previous month's rates at 2.3% and -1.4%, respectively.

**Table 2. CPI and Inflation Rate by Commodity Group, Region XI (2012 = 100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	OCTOBER		Inflation Rate	SEPTEMBER		Inflation Rate
	2018	2017		2018	2017	
All Items	121.7	112.9	7.8	121.2	112.3	7.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	123.6	114.1	8.3	123.6	113.3	9.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	162.9	141	15.5	162.7	139.8	16.4
Clothing and Footwear	123.8	118.4	4.6	123.5	118.4	4.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	122.7	112	9.1	120.6	111.5	8.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	118.5	111.8	6.0	118.1	111.7	5.7
Health	119.6	111.6	7.2	119.2	111.4	7.0
Transport	109.2	99.1	10.2	107.7	98.6	9.2
Communication	102.9	100.6	2.3	102.9	100.6	2.3
Recreation and Culture	118.7	112.9	5.1	118.7	112.5	5.5
Education	118.5	120.2	-1.4	118.5	120.2	-1.4
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	122.5	115.7	5.9	121.9	115.4	5.6

Source : PSA

**Table 3. CPI and Inflation Rate of Selected Food Items, Region XI (2012 = 100)**

SELECTED ITEMS	OCTOBER		Inflation Rate	SEPTEMBER		Inflation Rate
	2018	2017		2018	2017	
BREAD AND CEREALS	121.0	112.8	7.3	122.9	112.6	9.1
RICE	122.5	111.6	9.8	124.8	112.1	11.3
CORN	116.6	121.4	-3.9	121.2	116.7	3.9
OTHER CEREALS, FLOUR, CEREAL PREPARATION, BREAD, PASTA AND OTHER BAKERY PRODUCTS	117.2	113.1	3.6	116.7	112.7	3.5
MEAT	124.5	113.3	9.9	124.8	113.3	10.2
FISH	127.9	110.3	16.0	123.4	108.0	14.3
MILK, CHEESE AND EGG	122.9	118.3	3.9	122.0	118.1	3.3
OILS AND FATS	121.1	116.0	4.4	120.4	115.8	4.0
FRUITS	121.4	131.2	-7.5	130.4	127.2	2.5
VEGETABLES	125.7	121.7	3.3	121.7	118.9	2.4
SUGAR, JAM, HONEY, CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY	131.5	112.4	17.0	133.0	112.3	18.4
FOOD PRODUCTS, N.E.C.	124.7	119.2	4.6	124.8	118.2	5.6

Source : PSA

Among 17 regions, inflation was highest in Bicol Region at 9.9% and lowest in Central Luzon at 4.4 percent. Regions I to II, IV-B to VI, VIII to XII, and ARMM showed higher rates than the national inflation which was at 6.7 percent.

**Table 4. Year-on-Year Regional Inflation Rates (All Items)**  
**October 2018 (2012=100)**

AREA/REGION	Inflation Rate	AREA/REGION	Inflation Rate
Philippines	6.7	VI - Western Visayas	7.7
NCR - National Capital Region	6.1	VII - Central Visayas	6.6
CAR	5.2	VIII - Eastern Visayas	6.9
I - Ilocos Region	8.6	IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	7.6
II - Cagayan Valley	8.0	X - Northern Mindanao	7.6
III - Central Luzon	4.4	XI - Davao Region	7.8
IV-A - CALABARZON	6.1	XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	7.9
MIMAROPA	9.0	XIII - Caraga	6.2
V - Bicol Region	9.9	ARMM	8.3

Source : PSA

Currently in Mindanao, inflation slightly went up in Caraga and Northern Mindanao by 6.2% and 7.6%, respectively, from 6.1% and 6.9% in the previous month. Furthermore, slower growth rates were observed from the rest of Mindanao regions, however, ARMM remained with the highest inflation at 8.3 percent.

**Table 5. Year-on-Year Regional Inflation Rates (All Items)**  
**October and September 2018 (2012=100), Mindanao**

AREA/REGION	Inflation Rate	
	Current	Previous
Philippines	6.7	6.7
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	7.6	7.7
X - Northern Mindanao	7.6	6.9
XI - Davao Region	7.8	7.9
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	7.9	8.2
XIII - Caraga	6.2	6.1
ARMM - Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	8.3	9.0

Source : PSA

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