

Davao Region's Inflation at 4.1 percent in January 2018

Davao Region started off this year with high inflation at 4.1 percent. Inflation in December 2017 was posted at 4.1 percent and in January 2017, 3.6 percent. The uptrend was primarily due to the higher annual increment of almost all of the commodities which include the following:

- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (7.8%)
- Clothing and Footwear (4.5%)
- Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (4.3%)
- Health (4.0%)
- Housing, Water, Electricity Gas, and other Fuels (3.8%)
- Transport (3.3%)
- Recreation and Culture (2.6%)

Meanwhile, slower annual growth were seen for Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages at 4.7 percent, while Education (2.7%), Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (1.5%), and Communication (0.3%) retained its rate.

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

Commodity Group	January		Inflation Rate	December		Inflation Rate
	2018	2017		2017	2016	
All Items	163.7	157.2	4.1	162.2	155.8	4.1
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	182.4	174.2	4.7	180.1	171.4	5.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	194.4	180.3	7.8	190.9	179.9	6.1
Clothing and Footwear	152.6	143.6	4.5	151.1	145.4	3.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	146.3	140.9	3.8	145.1	139.9	3.7
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	144.1	138.1	4.3	143.6	137.9	4.1
Health	163.9	157.6	4.0	162.1	156.6	3.5
Transport	142.6	138.1	3.3	143.4	139.7	2.6
Communication	94.2	93.9	0.3	94.2	93.9	0.3
Recreation and Culture	128.5	125.2	2.6	128.3	125.2	2.5
Education	179.8	175.0	2.7	179.8	175.0	2.7
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	138.1	136.0	1.5	137.9	135.9	1.5

Source: PSA

Among the provinces of Davao Region, the province of Compostela Valley had the highest inflation rate at 4.8 percent in January 2018. It was followed by Davao del Norte (4.4%), Davao Oriental (4.1%), and Davao del Sur at 3.4 percent.

Table 2. Inflation Rate and Peso Purchasing Power, Region XI:
January 2017 and January 2018

Area	Inflation Rate (%)		Peso Purchasing Power	
	January		January	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Region XI	3.6	4.1	0.64	0.61
Davao del Norte	4.2	4.4	0.62	0.59
Davao del Sur	2.8	3.4	0.66	0.64
Davao Oriental	3.9	4.1	0.62	0.59
Compostela Valley	3.7	4.8	0.64	0.61

Source: PSA

Moreover, the Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in January 2018 was at 61 centavos in the region, about 3 centavos lower from the previous year's PPP of 64 centavos. The province of Davao del Sur had the highest PPP at 64 centavos followed by Compostela Valley at 61 centavos, while Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental had the lowest at 59 centavos, respectively.

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