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Davao Region's Inflation boosted to 2.7% in February 2021

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Davao Region's year-on-year regional inflation has increased further to 2.7 percent in February 2021. This is the highest inflation reported since June 2019. The current inflation was relatively higher as compared to the previous month at 1.9 percent, and of the same month of the previous year at 2.4 percent. On the other hand, the purchasing power of the peso (PPP) which measures the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period decreased to 79 centavos (see Table 1).

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

AREA	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	PPP February 2021
REGION XI	2.7	1.9	2.4	0.79
Davao de Oro	1.8	1.0	2.6	0.79
Davao del Norte	3.1	2.8	2.6	0.78
Davao del Sur	2.1	1.6	2.5	0.80
Davao Oriental	6.5	3.0	1.0	0.75

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The increasing trend in the region's inflation was primarily caused by the higher annual increment in the index of Transport from 2.3 percent to 4.5 percent (see Table 2). Other commodity groups that contributed to the upward trend of inflation in February were the following:

- Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, at 2.8 percent from 1.5 percent;
- Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, at 2.7 percent from 2.2 percent; and
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels, at 2.6 percent from 2.4 percent.



On the other hand, the communication index posted slower annual growth rate at 0.4 percent from 0.9 percent. Meanwhile, the inflation of Education, and Recreation and Culture remained at 0.1 percent and -0.7 percent, respectively since November 2020.

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

COMMODITY GROUP	FEBRUARY		Inflation Rate	JANUARY		Inflation Rate
	2021	2020		2021	2020	
All Items	126.6	123.3	2.7	125.4	123.1	1.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	126.8	123.4	2.8	125.0	123.2	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	201.4	188.0	7.1	199.6	186.0	7.3
Clothing and Footwear	130.9	129.3	1.2	130.6	128.6	1.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	126.7	123.5	2.6	126.0	123.1	2.4
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	127.4	124.1	2.7	127.2	124.0	2.6
Health	129.5	126.5	2.4	128.8	125.9	2.3
Transport	110.3	105.6	4.5	109.3	106.8	2.3
Communication	103.9	103.5	0.4	103.8	102.9	0.9
Recreation and Culture	122.0	122.8	-0.7	121.7	122.6	-0.7
Education	122.3	122.2	0.1	122.3	122.2	0.1
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	130.9	127.4	2.7	130.1	127.3	2.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

For selected food items, inflation for Meat accelerated further to 18.7 percent from 11.5 percent in January 2021. Similarly, faster annual increases were reported in the indices of Vegetables, Corn, and Food Products, N.E.C. at 9.8 percent, 1.9 percent, and 2.4 percent, respectively. On the contrary, annual increments slowed down for Fruits index at -0.8 percent (see Table 3).

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

SELECTED ITEMS	FEBRUARY		Inflation Rate	JANUARY		Inflation Rate
	2021	2020		2021	2021	
Bread and Cereals	106.0	107.2	-1.1	106.6	108.0	-1.3
Rice	101.8	104.1	-2.2	102.7	104.8	-2.0
Corn	100.1	98.2	1.9	99.5	100.8	-1.3
Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products	124.5	123.4	0.9	124.5	123.3	1.0
Meat	150.2	126.5	18.7	140.8	126.3	11.5
Fish	139.6	145.4	-4.0	139.4	143.7	-3.0
Milk, Cheese and Egg	130.7	126.9	3.0	129.5	126.4	2.5
Oils and Fats	127.2	124.1	2.5	125.6	124.1	1.2
Fruits	141.3	142.4	-0.8	144.9	139.4	3.9
Vegetables	142.9	130.1	9.8	134.6	128.5	4.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	121.1	119.9	1.0	120.7	119.6	0.9
Food Products, N.E.C.	142.3	138.9	2.4	141.6	140.3	0.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The headline inflation in the country peaked at 4.7 percent in February 2020. Among the 17 administrative regions, Cagayan Valley remained with the highest inflation at 7.9 percent, while Central Visayas had the lowest inflation at 1.0 percent (see Table 4).

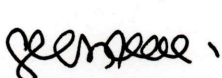
**Table 4. Year-on-Year Regional Inflation Rates (All Items)
February and January 2021 (2012=100)**

AREA/REGION	Inflation		AREA/REGION	Inflation	
	Current	Previous		Current	Previous
Philippines	4.7	4.2	VI - Western Visayas	5.1	3.9r
NCR - National Capital Region	4.1	4.3	VII - Central Visayas	1.0	0.6
CAR	4.1	4.0	VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.8	1.7r
I - Ilocos Region	4.6	3.7	IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2.0	0.2r
II - Cagayan Valley	7.9	8.0	X - Northern Mindanao	3.7	2.5r
III - Central Luzon	5.5	5.4	XI - Davao Region	2.7	1.9
IV-A - CALABARZON	5.8	5.6	XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	4.9	4.3r
MIMAROPA Region	5.2	5.0	XIII - Caraga	4.7	3.1
V - Bicol Region	7.5	7.4	BARMM – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.7	3.0

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