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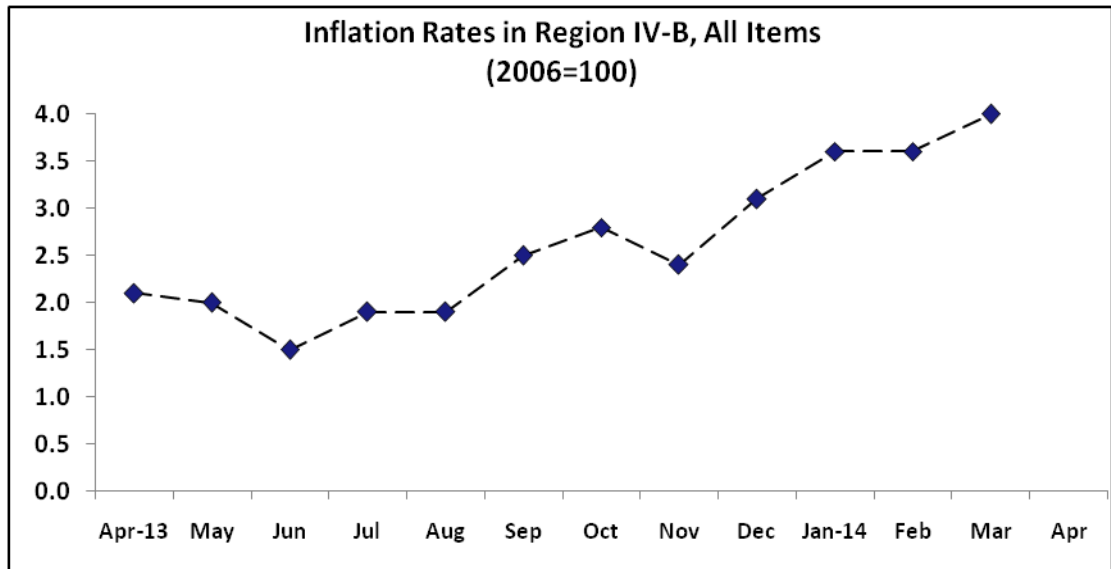
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**SUMMARY INFLATION REPORT**  
**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
**(2006=100)**

APRIL AND MARCH 2014

Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items			
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	A Year Ago
Philippines	4.1	3.9	2.6
Region IV-B	4.4	4.0	2.1

- The year-on-year changes in headline inflation at the national level were posted at 4.1 percent in April from 3.9 percent in March primarily due to higher annual increment posted in the heavily-weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages index. Increases were also registered in the indices of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and transport. Inflation a year ago was 2.6 percent.
  - Annual year-on-year inflation in Region IV-B likewise advances to 4.4 percent in April from 4.0 percent in March. Higher annual growths were seen in the indices of five food and non-alcoholic beverages and transport. Those for the rest of the commodity groups were either slower or retained their last month's rates. Inflation a year ago in the region was 2.1 percent.



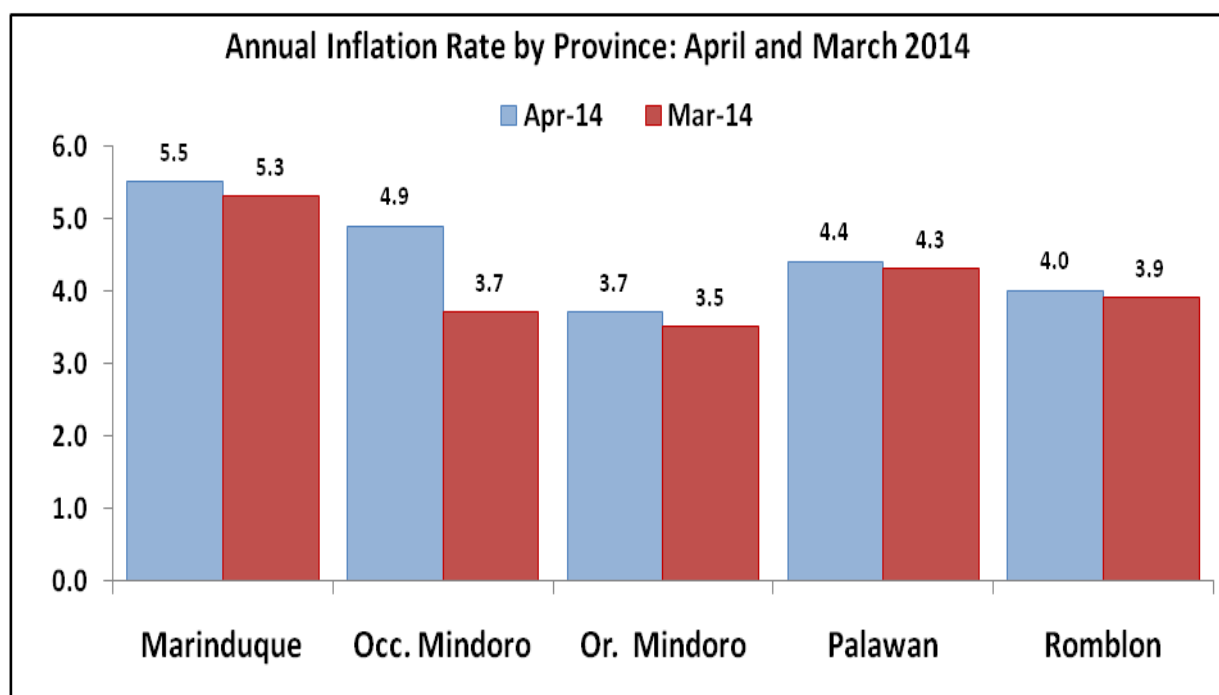
Month-on-Month Inflation Rates, All Items		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014
Philippines	0.4	-0.1
Region IV-B	0.4	-0.1

- Consumer prices at the national level rose 0.4 percent in April and a decline of 0.1 percent in March. This was primarily brought about by the upward price adjustments in the heavily-weighted food items particularly rice, meat, fruits, spices, milk and cheese. Also contributing to the uptrend were higher charges in electricity rates and increased prices of some meals eaten outside the home, selected items for personal care and effects, clothing and footwear items.
  - Same rates were observed in Region’s IV-B as month-on-month inflation rose 0.4 percent in April and a decline of 0.1 percent in March. This was primary brought about by the upward price adjustments in selected food items such as corn, fish, oils and fats and sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery.

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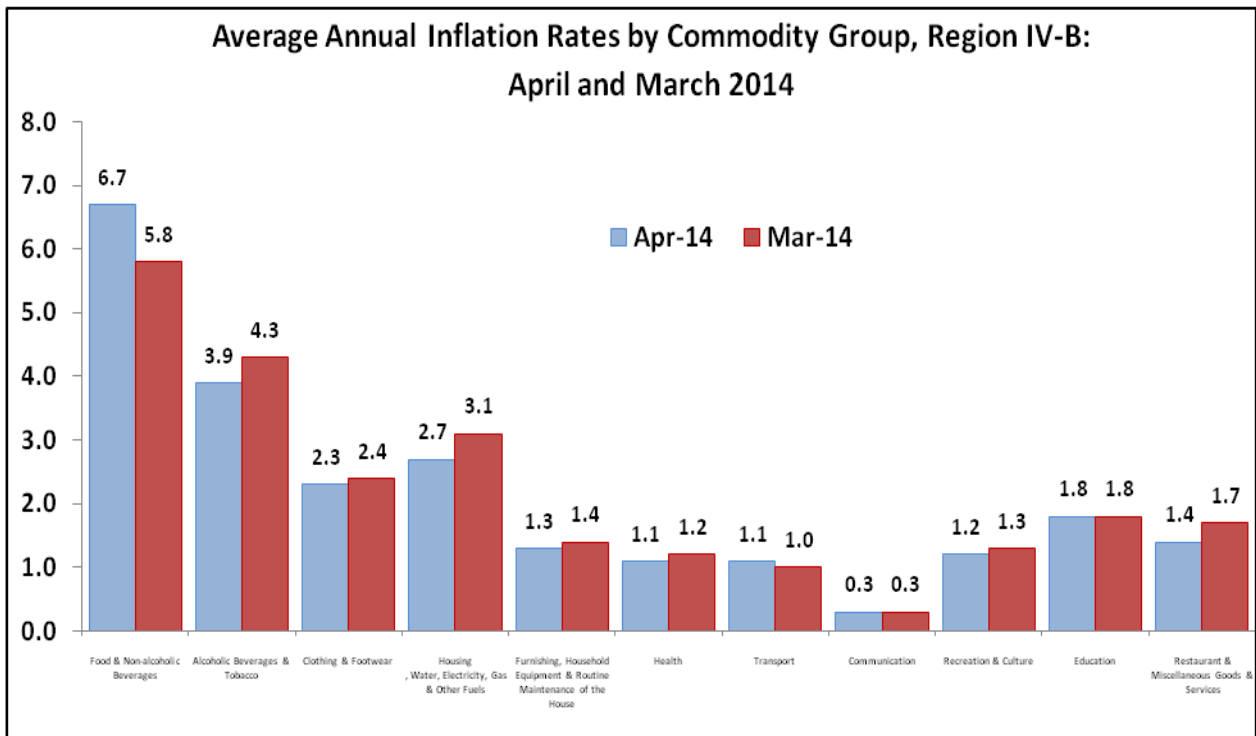
***By Province, Year-on-Year***

- Year-on-year mark-up in Region IV-B went up 4.4 percent in April from 4.0 percent in March as all provinces posted annual upticks with the highest annual rate of 5.5 percent still noted in Marinduque. Meanwhile, the lowest annual inflation of 3.7 percent remained in Oriental Mindoro.



***By Commodity Group, Year-on-Year***

- The region’s annual inflation in food and non-alcoholic beverages index continued to go up as it was pegged at 6.7 percent in April from 5.8 percent in March; and transport, 1.1 percent from 1.0 percent. The rest of the commodity groups had slower annual gains, while communication index retained its past month’s rate of 0.3 percent.



- The annual growth in the food alone index in Region IV-B jumped to 6.8 percent in April from 5.9 percent in March.
- Except in milk, cheese and eggs, fruits, and vegetables indices, all the food groups had higher annual growths. The annual increase in the milk, cheese and eggs index further slowed down to 3.0 percent from 3.3 percent; fruits index, 7.7 percent from 9.0 percent; and vegetables index, 8.9 percent from 9.1 percent.

#### ***By Province, Month-on-Month***

- Four (4) provinces had higher monthly price add-ons with Occidental Mindoro recording the highest rate at 0.9 percent. Meanwhile, Palawan and Romblon both had the lowest monthly rate in April at 0.1 percent.

#### ***By Commodity Group, Month-on-Month***

- The upward price movement in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages index at 0.6 percent from a decline of 0.1 percent in March primarily pushed the region's consumer prices by 0.4 percent. Moreover, higher uptick was noted in housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels index at 0.1 percent from zero growth. The other commodity groups either slowed down or retained their last month's rate with zero growth posted in the indices for alcoholic, beverages and tobacco, communication, recreation and culture, education and restaurants and miscellaneous goods and services.

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Source: [Philippine Statistics Authority](#)  
Manila, Philippines

**Table 1 Monthly Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in the Philippines, by Commodity Group, Region IV-B and Provinces:  
April and March 2014 and 2013  
(2006 = 100)**

Area	COMMODITY GROUP															
	All Items				Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages				Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco				Clothing & Footwear			
	April		March		April		March		April		March		April		March	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Philippines	138.3	132.8	137.7	132.5	150.6	141.8	149.8	141.6	174.7	167.9	174.4	166.2	132.1	127.9	131.8	127.1
Region IV-B	140.9	135.0	140.4	135.0	153.3	143.7	152.4	144.1	158.5	152.5	158.5	151.9	133.2	130.2	133.0	129.9
Marinduque	143.1	135.6	142.0	134.9	159.0	145.3	156.7	143.4	164.8	159.0	164.8	161.1	134.4	128.7	134.2	128.4
Occidental Mindoro	141.2	134.6	139.9	134.9	153.7	143.5	151.9	144.1	202.5	197.7	202.5	197.4	124.9	123.9	124.9	123.6
Oriental Mindoro	133.2	128.4	132.9	128.4	144.8	137.2	144.0	137.3	157.1	149.0	157.1	146.8	130.3	126.6	130.2	126.5
Palawan	145.4	139.3	145.3	139.3	155.2	144.7	154.9	145.9	139.5	133.3	139.3	133.3	133.6	132.1	133.2	131.8
Romblon	146.3	140.7	146.2	140.7	164.6	156.9	164.4	157.5	139.7	138.4	139.7	137.9	157.2	149.4	157.0	148.5

**Table 1 -- Continued**

Area	COMMODITY GROUP															
	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels				Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House				Health				Transport			
	April		March		April		March		April		March		April		March	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Philippines	131.2	127.4	130.2	126.8	127.8	124.8	127.7	124.2	135.6	131.6	135.3	131.0	127.8	126.1	127.8	126.5
Region IV-B	134.7	131.2	134.5	130.4	128.8	127.1	128.7	126.9	127.9	126.5	127.8	126.3	125.1	123.8	125.2	124.0
Marinduque	126.7	126.4	126.7	126.7	127.3	124.4	126.8	124.3	124.4	124.2	124.2	124.0	119.2	118.1	119.3	118.4
Occidental Mindoro	132.0	125.0	129.7	125.1	120.1	119.3	120.0	119.2	128.8	127.8	128.8	127.7	126.0	124.7	126.1	125.0
Oriental Mindoro	117.5	115.9	117.9	115.9	137.8	136.0	137.7	135.9	131.2	128.7	131.0	128.3	122.0	120.7	122.2	120.8
Palawan	154.5	151.3	154.8	148.8	126.3	124.6	126.3	124.4	124.6	123.7	124.5	123.6	131.4	129.8	131.4	129.9
Romblon	136.6	130.0	136.3	129.4	124.9	123.0	124.8	122.4	126.9	126.6	126.9	126.4	114.9	114.8	115.0	115.0

**Table 1 -- Concluded**

Area	COMMODITY GROUP															
	Communication				Recreation and Culture				Education				Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
	April		March		April		March		April		March		April		March	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Philippines	92.7	92.7	92.7	92.7	113.7	111.0	113.6	110.9	145.2	138.7	145.2	138.7	128.2	125.7	127.8	125.3
Region IV-B	90.0	89.7	90.0	89.7	107.3	106.0	107.3	105.9	132.5	130.1	132.5	130.1	126.0	124.2	126.0	123.9
Marinduque	83.0	83.0	83.0	83.0	102.6	101.2	102.6	101.3	145.0	143.6	145.0	143.6	142.5	137.6	142.4	137.4
Occidental Mindoro	90.7	90.0	90.7	90.0	102.7	102.0	102.7	102.0	143.0	139.5	143.0	139.5	126.2	125.7	126.1	125.7
Oriental Mindoro	93.9	93.4	93.9	93.4	114.7	112.6	114.7	112.6	121.0	116.8	121.0	116.8	123.1	121.3	123.1	121.2
Palawan	88.2	88.1	88.2	88.1	104.5	103.7	104.5	103.6	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	121.8	120.3	121.8	119.9
Romblon	91.3	91.3	91.3	91.3	106.3	104.4	106.3	104.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	128.2	126.4	128.2	125.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

**Table 2. Month-on-Month Changes of the CPI in Percent, Philippines, Region IV-B and Provinces: April 2013 - April 2014  
(2006=100)**

Area	2014					2013								
	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	
Philippines	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.5r	0.2	0.2	
Region IV-B	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	
Marinduque	0.8	-0.8	0.6	1.3	-0.1	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.5	
Occidental Mindoro	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	-0.2	
Oriental Mindoro	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	0.6	-0.3	0.8	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.0	
Palawan	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.0	
Romblon	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.0	

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

**Table 3. Year-on-Year Changes of the CPI in Percent, Philippines, Region IV-B and its Provinces: April 2013 - April 2014 (2006=100)**

Area	2014				2013								
	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr
<b>Philippines</b>	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.1	2.5	2.7 r	2.6 r	2.6
<b>Region IV-B</b>	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.4	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.1
Marinduque	5.5	5.3	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.3	2.6	3.5	3.2	2.6	2.7
Occidental Mindoro	4.9	3.7	3.6	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.3	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.0
Oriental Mindoro	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.3
Palawan	4.4	4.3	2.9	2.8	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.9	2.7	1.7	1.3	2.5	2.3
Romblon	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.6	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.2	3.2	3.1

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**Table 4. Month-on-Month Changes of the CPI by Commodity Group, Philippines, Region IV-B and Provinces: April and March 2014 (2006=100)**

Area	All Items		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages		Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco		Clothing and Footwear		Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels		Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014
<b>Philippines</b>	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	-0.8	0.1	0.2
<b>Region IV-B</b>	0.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Marinduque	0.8	-0.8	1.5	-1.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.2
Occidental Mindoro	0.9	-0.4	1.2	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.8	-0.2	0.1	0.2
Oriental Mindoro	0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Palawan	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1
Romblon	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0

**Table 4 -- Concluded**

Area	Health		Transport		Communication		Recreation and Culture		Education		Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014
<b>Philippines</b>	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
<b>Region IV-B</b>	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Marinduque	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Occidental Mindoro	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Oriental Mindoro	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Palawan	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Romblon	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

**Table 5. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group, Philippines, Region IV-B and Provinces: April and March 2014  
(2006=100)**

Area	All Items		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages		Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco		Clothing and Footwear		Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels		Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of House	
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014
<b>Philippines</b>	4.1	3.9	6.2	5.8	4.1	4.9	3.3	3.7	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.8
<b>Region IV-B</b>	4.4	4.0	6.7	5.8	3.9	4.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.1	1.3	1.4
Marinduque	5.5	5.3	9.4	9.3	3.6	2.3	4.4	4.5	0.2	0.0	2.3	2.0
Occidental Mindoro	4.9	3.7	7.1	5.4	2.4	2.6	0.8	1.1	5.6	3.7	0.7	0.7
Oriental Mindoro	3.7	3.5	5.5	4.9	5.4	7.0	2.9	2.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.3
Palawan	4.4	4.3	7.3	6.2	4.7	4.5	1.1	1.1	2.1	4.0	1.4	1.5
Romblon	4.0	3.9	4.9	4.4	0.9	1.3	5.2	5.7	5.1	5.3	1.5	2.0

**Table 5 -- Concluded**

Area	Health		Transport		Communication		Recreation and Culture		Education		Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Mar 2014
<b>Philippines</b>	3.0	3.3	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.4	4.7	4.7	2.0	2.0
<b>Region IV-B</b>	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7
Marinduque	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	3.6	3.6
Occidental Mindoro	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	2.5	2.5	0.4	0.3
Oriental Mindoro	1.9	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.5	1.9	1.9	3.6	3.6	1.5	1.6
Palawan	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.6
Romblon	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

**Table 6. Month-on-Month Inflation Rates of Selected Food Items, Philippines, Region IV-B and Provinces: April and March 2014  
(2006=100)**

Area	Bread and Cereals				Rice				Corn				Meat			
	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	164.7	164.0	0.4	0.9	167.1	166.4	0.4	1.1	172.8	171.3	0.9	1.3	134.0	132.8	0.9	0.2
<b>Region IV-B</b>	163.4	161.8	1.0	1.0	165.9	164.1	1.1	1.2	176.8	174.2	1.5	0.1	140.0	139.0	0.7	0.8
Marinduque	162.3	160.2	1.3	1.0	163.1	160.6	1.6	1.2	161.1	164.1	-1.8	2.8	140.1	139.2	0.6	0.5
Occidental Mindoro	170.2	168.1	1.2	1.8	174.3	171.8	1.5	2.1	166.3	165.5	0.5	0.0	136.9	135.8	0.8	1.5
Oriental Mindoro	157.2	155.3	1.2	1.2	158.7	156.4	1.5	1.4	169.3	169.3	0.0	0.0	137.9	137.4	0.4	0.7
Palawan	165.3	163.9	0.9	0.8	169.5	167.9	1.0	0.9	198.6	191.1	3.9	0.0	142.8	141.1	1.2	0.7
Romblon	164.7	164.7	0.0	0.0	165.0	165.0	0.0	0.0	161.7	161.7	0.0	0.0	142.9	142.2	0.5	0.6

**Table 6 -- Continued**

Area	Fish				Milk, Cheese and Egg				Oils and Fats				Fruits			
	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	155.6	155.3	0.2	-0.4	137.3	136.8	0.4	0.4	175.7	174.8	0.5	0.7	156.3	154.8	1.0	0.2
<b>Region IV-B</b>	155.8	155.0	0.5	-2.0	144.4	144.0	0.3	0.6	185.9	185.2	0.4	1.0	157.3	157.3	0.0	-1.4
Marinduque	181.9	172.3	5.6	-7.8	159.8	159.4	0.3	1.0	192.1	191.4	0.4	1.0	143.8	146.8	-2.0	-0.1
Occidental Mindoro	144.2	142.3	1.3	-2.0	134.3	134.2	0.1	0.4	136.7	136.2	0.4	-0.6	153.7	147.3	4.3	-2.8
Oriental Mindoro	128.3	127.2	0.9	-5.2	139.8	139.1	0.5	-0.1	191.1	189.5	0.8	2.3	147.7	154.3	-4.3	0.1
Palawan	162.0	165.5	-2.1	2.2	146.1	145.7	0.3	1.2	186.3	186.0	0.2	0.9	170.4	167.9	1.5	-0.9
Romblon	197.5	196.9	0.3	-0.1	153.5	153.4	0.1	0.3	228.7	228.7	0.0	0.0	168.3	167.6	0.4	-3.9

Table 6 -- Concluded

Area	Vegetables				Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery				Food Products, N.E.C.			
	Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change		Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change		Apr-14	Mar-14	Percent Change	
			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	151.9	152.1	-0.1	-4.0	129.4	129.1	0.2	0.2	152.9	149.3	2.4	0.4
<b>Region IV-B</b>	153.8	155.3	-1.0	-5.2	124.4	122.6	1.5	0.2	131.8	131.1	0.5	0.7
Marinduque	165.0	168.9	-2.3	-4.2	115.9	115.8	0.1	0.8	126.8	125.8	0.8	-0.3
Occidental Mindoro	167.5	165.4	1.3	-12.3	120.1	119.1	0.8	0.2	132.8	131.9	0.7	-1.1
Oriental Mindoro	134.0	135.4	-1.0	-5.6	126.0	123.7	1.9	0.2	134.1	133.5	0.4	2.1
Palawan	154.8	157.9	-2.0	-1.0	124.5	121.7	2.3	0.1	133.2	132.3	0.7	0.5
Romblon	171.8	173.0	-0.7	-3.7	132.9	132.9	0.0	0.0	126.1	126.1	0.0	0.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

Table 7. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates of Selected Food Items, Philippines, Region IV-B and Provinces: April and March 2014 (2006=100)

Area	Bread and Cereals				Rice				Corn				Meat			
	Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change	
			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	164.7	150.2	9.7	9.4	167.1	149.0	12.1	11.8	172.8	164.7	4.9	4.5	134.0	129.6	3.4	2.9
<b>Region IV-B</b>	163.4	150.1	8.9	7.4	165.9	150.5	10.2	8.5	176.8	165.3	7.0	5.4	140.0	136.0	2.9	2.6
Marinduque	162.3	146.4	10.9	13.1	163.1	145.3	12.3	15.0	161.1	132.3	21.8	22.6	140.1	140.6	-0.4	0.9
Occidental Mindoro	170.2	155.6	9.4	8.2	174.3	157.0	11.0	9.6	166.3	167.2	-0.5	-1.0	136.9	131.9	3.8	2.9
Oriental Mindoro	157.2	145.1	8.3	6.0	158.7	144.8	9.6	6.8	169.3	143.6	17.9	17.9	137.9	131.9	4.5	4.5
Palawan	165.3	150.4	9.9	8.3	169.5	152.0	11.5	9.7	198.6	185.7	6.9	2.9	142.8	138.9	2.8	1.6
Romblon	164.7	156.0	5.6	3.8	165.0	155.1	6.4	4.1	161.7	158.9	1.8	1.8	142.9	140.1	2.0	1.6

Table 7 -- Continued

Area	Fish				Milk, Cheese and Egg				Oils and Fats				Fruits			
	Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change	
			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	155.6	148.2	5.0	3.9	137.3	133.9	2.5	2.4	175.7	169.9	3.4	2.2	156.3	147.8	5.8	5.8
<b>Region IV-B</b>	155.8	148.2	5.1	3.5	144.4	140.2	3.0	3.3	185.9	176.6	5.3	5.1	157.3	146.0	7.7	9.0
Marinduque	181.9	156.3	16.4	4.3	159.8	152.7	4.6	5.3	192.1	162.6	18.1	19.9	143.8	142.3	1.1	8.9
Occidental Mindoro	144.2	137.2	5.1	2.4	134.3	132.1	1.7	2.4	136.7	122.3	11.8	10.5	153.7	134.3	14.4	12.6
Oriental Mindoro	128.3	128.3	0.0	1.1	139.8	136.6	2.3	1.9	191.1	182.9	4.5	4.2	147.7	137.9	7.1	11.9
Palawan	162.0	154.8	4.7	4.7	146.1	141.0	3.6	3.3	186.3	179.5	3.8	3.6	170.4	157.8	8.0	6.0
Romblon	197.5	187.3	5.4	5.8	153.5	149.5	2.7	5.8	228.7	228.6	0.0	0.1	168.3	161.3	4.3	5.3

Table 7 -- Concluded

Area	Vegetables				Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery				Food Products, N.E.C.			
	Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change		Apr-14	Apr-13	Percent Change	
			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14			Apr-14	Mar-14
<b>Philippines</b>	151.9	140.4	8.2	8.7	129.4	124.9	3.6	3.1	152.9	143.6	6.5	4.7
<b>Region IV-B</b>	153.8	141.2	8.9	9.1	124.4	117.6	5.8	3.5	131.8	126.4	4.3	3.6
Marinduque	165.0	145.7	13.2	24.6	115.9	110.0	5.4	5.5	126.8	119.4	6.2	5.8
Occidental Mindoro	167.5	156.6	7.0	-0.1	120.1	116.2	3.4	1.8	132.8	129.6	2.5	1.9
Oriental Mindoro	134.0	128.8	4.0	6.6	126.0	119.5	5.4	2.4	134.1	126.3	6.2	5.0
Palawan	154.8	133.7	15.8	14.5	124.5	119.4	4.3	2.2	133.2	129.9	2.5	1.8
Romblon	171.8	163.9	4.8	6.1	132.9	115.7	14.9	10.9	126.1	122.2	3.2	3.8

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Economic Indices and Indicators Division - Industry and Trade Statistics Department

## TECHNICAL NOTES

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is an indicator of the change in the average prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year. Prices are compared to a base year and weighted by the appropriate consumption pattern. When the basket of the reference year no longer represents what is commonly purchased by the households, the CPI becomes irrelevant and tends to give wrong market signals. Hence, it is necessary to update the CPI using a base year that reflects the typical market basket of the time.

Rebasing an index is necessary to ensure that this barometer of economic phenomena is truly reflective of current situation. Consumer taste, fashion and technology change over time causing the fixed market basket of goods and services to become outmoded. To capture such changes for a more meaningful price comparison, revision or updating of the fixed market basket, the sample outlets, the weights and the base year has to be done periodically. The CPI is an indicator that derives its usefulness in its representation of how much a typical market basket behaves over a specific time period.

### Computation of the CPI

The formula used in computing the CPI is the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives, a variant of the Laspeyres formula with fixed base year period weights. In computing the CPI, the formula is

$$\text{CPI} = \frac{\text{sum} [(P_n/P_o)W]}{\text{sum} (W)} \times 100$$

**Inflation rate** is defined as the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the CPI. That is,

$$\text{Inflation Rate} = \frac{\text{CPI}_2 - \text{CPI}_1}{\text{CPI}_1} \times 100$$

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