

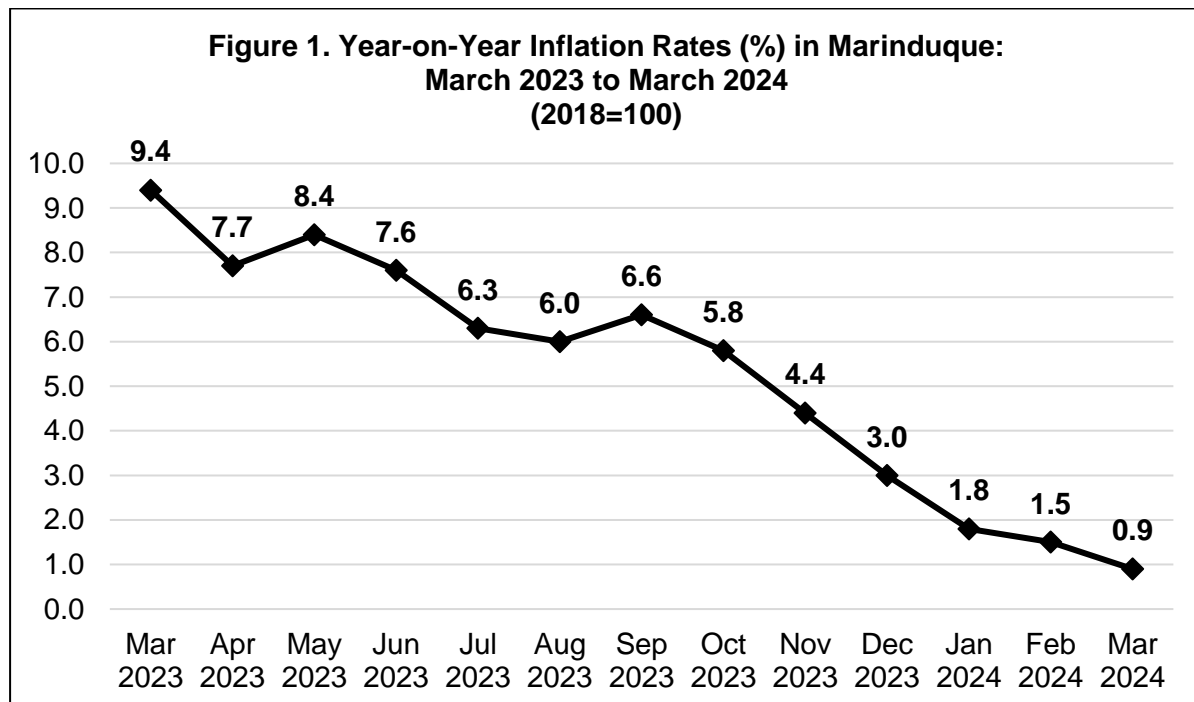
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MARCH 2024 INFLATION REPORT OF MARINDUQUE (BASE YEAR: 2018)

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Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) in the Philippines, MIMAROPA Region, and Marinduque (2018=100)

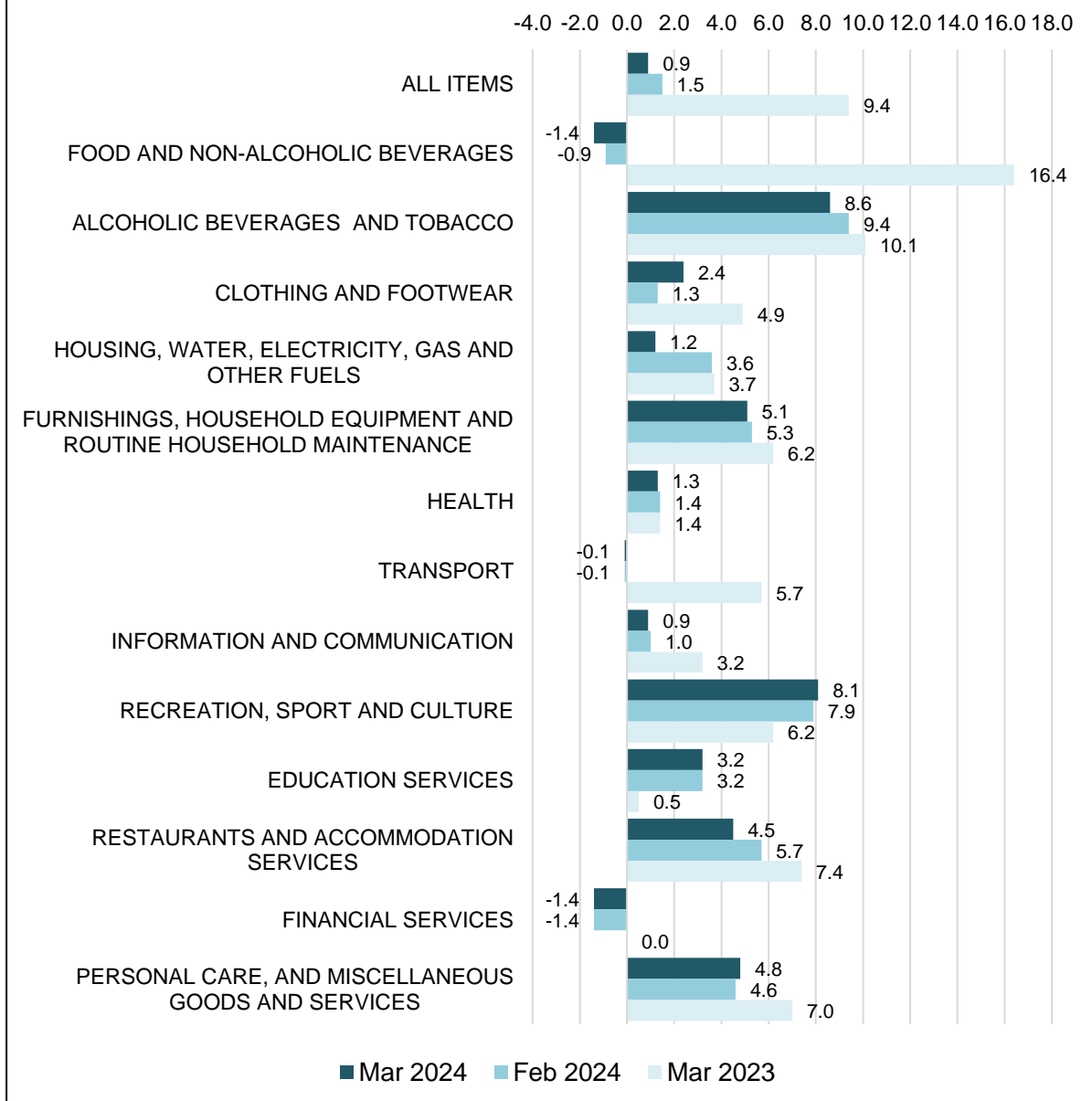
Area	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023
Philippines	3.7	3.4	7.6
MIMAROPA Region	3.9	3.4	8.8
Marinduque	0.9	1.5	9.4



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), *Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

The headline inflation rate at the provincial level further decreased to 0.9 percent in March 2024, or a change of -0.6 percentage points from the inflation rate in the previous month. In the same reference month of the previous year, it was posted at 9.4 percent. The downtrend of inflation in March 2024 was mainly driven by the combined deceleration in the indices for selected commodity groups such as housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 1.2 percent, food and non-alcoholic beverages at -1.4 percent, and restaurants and accommodation services at 4.5 percent.

Figure 2. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) in Marinduque, by Commodity Group (2018=100)



Source: PSA, Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Moreover, lower annual gains were also noted in the inflation rates of the following commodity groups, when compared with the annual figures from the previous month:

- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 8.6%;
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 5.1%;
- Health, 1.3%; and,
- Information and communication, 0.9%.

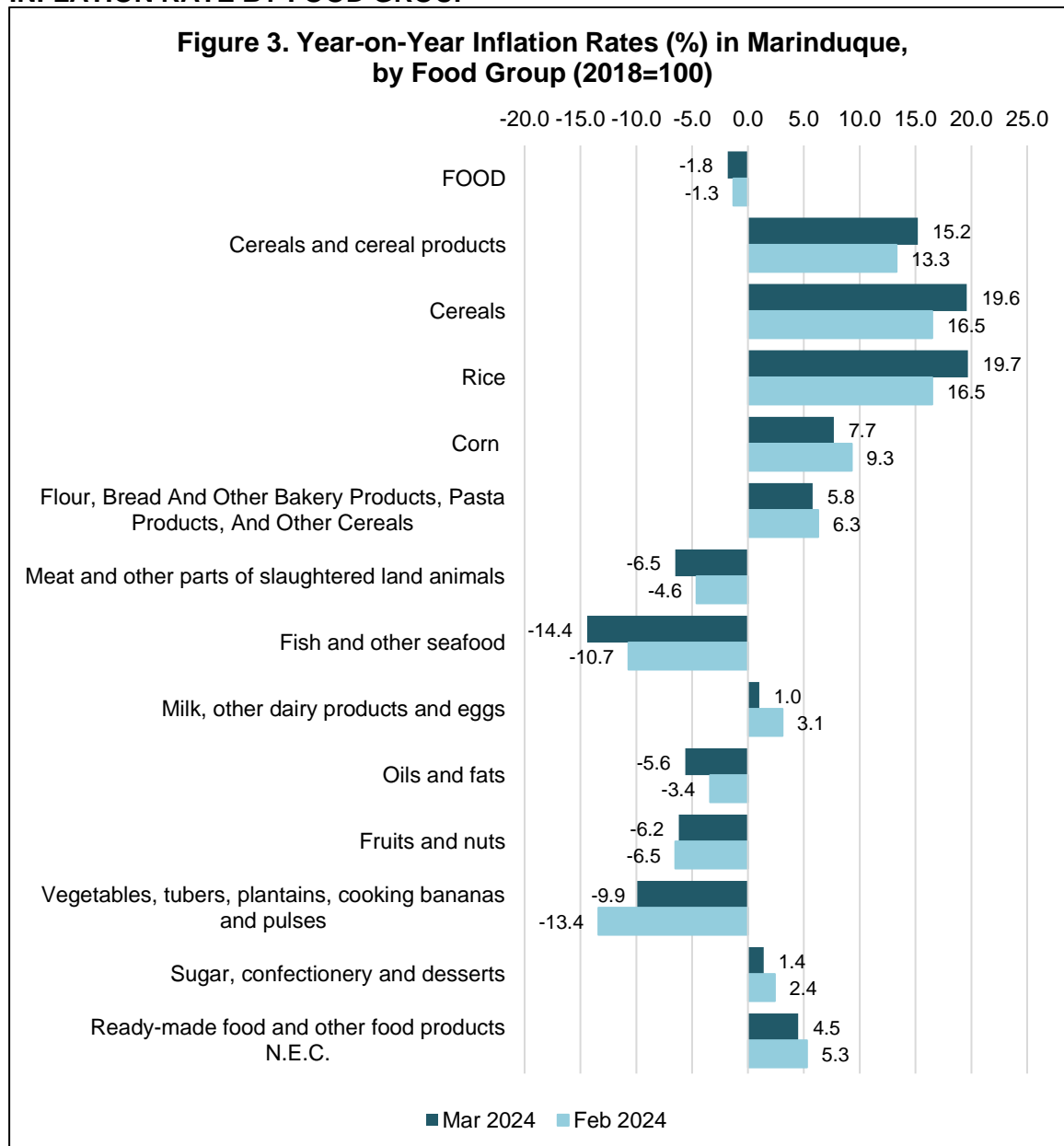
On the other hand, higher annual increments were observed in the inflation rates of the following commodity groups:

- Clothing and footwear, 2.4%;
- Recreation, sport and culture, 8.1%; and,
- Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 4.8%.

Meanwhile, the indices of the following commodity groups maintained compared with the annual figures from the previous month:

- Transport, -0.1%;
- Education services, 3.2%; and,
- Financial services, -1.4%.

INFLATION RATE BY FOOD GROUP



Source: PSA, Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The province's food index further decelerated to -1.8 percent in March 2024, from -1.3 percent in the previous month. This was equivalent to a change of 0.5 percentage points. In March 2023, the food inflation rate was higher at 17.1 percent. Moreover, the downtrend in food inflation was mainly due to the deceleration in the indices of fish and other seafood at -14.4 percent, meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at -6.5 percent, and milk, other dairy products and eggs at 1.0 percent.

Furthermore, the annual indices of the following food items also showed slower growth compared to the figures from the previous month, as follows:

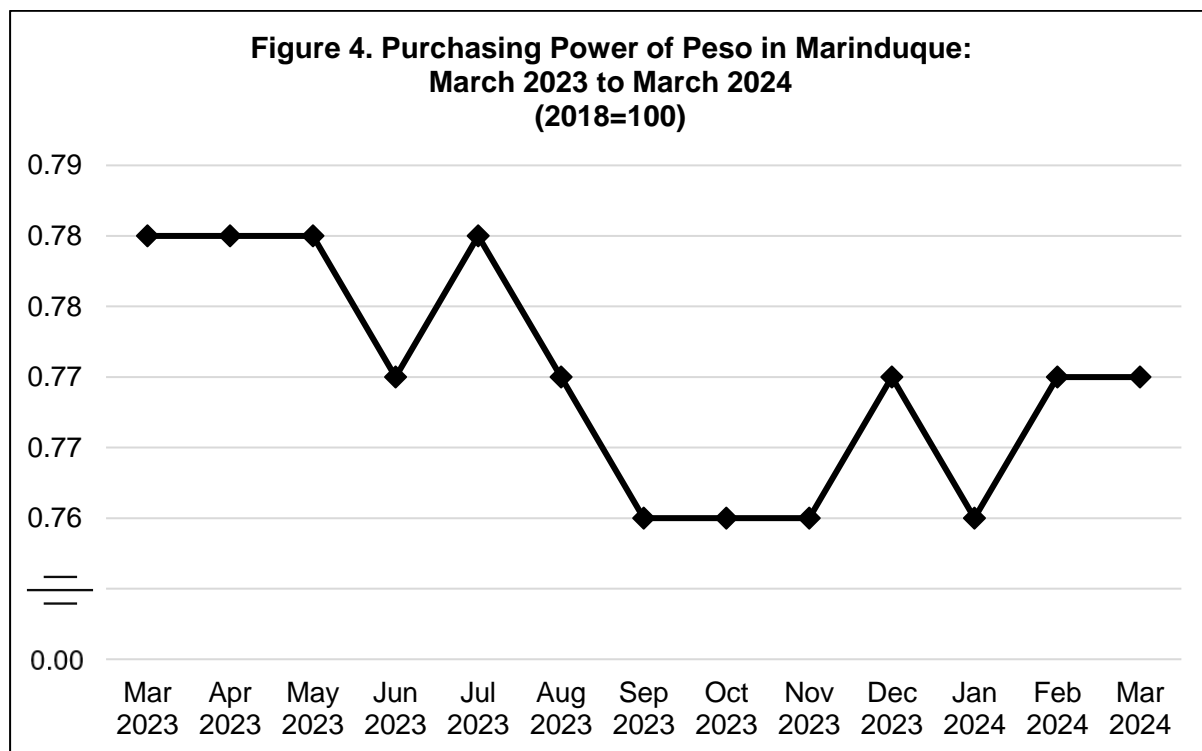
- Oils and fats, -5.6%;
- Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 1.4%;
- Ready-made food and other food products N.E.C., 4.5%;
- Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals, 5.8%; and
- Corn, 7.7%.

On the other hand, the annual indices of the following food items exhibited faster growth when compared with the annual figure from the previous month, as follows:

- Fruits and nuts, -6.2%;
- Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, -9.9%; and
- Rice, 19.7%.

PURCHASING POWER OF PESO

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Marinduque maintained at 0.77 in March 2024. The PPP was registered at 0.78 in March 2023. As a result, the amount of goods that can be presently purchased by consumers were fewer compared to when the PPP was higher.



Source: PSA, Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)

TECHNICAL NOTES

- Consumer Price Index 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.
- Market Basket is a sample of goods and services, which is meant to represent the totality of all the goods and services purchased by households relative to a base year.
 - To determine the commodities that will form the market basket for the 2018-based CPI, the Survey of Key Informants (SKI) was conducted in March 2021. The survey, which was conducted nationwide to store managers, sellers or proprietors, obtained information on the most commonly purchased of goods and availed of services by the households.
 - The commodities in the 2018-based CPI market basket are grouped/classified according to the 2020 Philippine Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (PCOICOP) which is based on the United Nations COICOP. Meanwhile, the commodities in the 2012-based CPI market basket used the 2009 PCOICOP version of classification of commodities.
- Base year is a reference period, usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series. The CPI is rebased from base year 2012 to base year 2018.
- Inflation Rate is the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Purchasing Power of Peso is a measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period. It is computed by getting the reciprocal of the CPI and multiplying the result by 100

Inflation Rate (reference month, reference year)

$$= [(CPI_{(\text{reference month, reference year})} - CPI_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}) / CPI_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}] \times 100\%$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{INFLATION RATE}_{(\text{March 2024})} &= [(CPI_{(\text{March 2024})} - CPI_{(\text{March 2023})}) / CPI_{(\text{March 2024})}] \times 100\% \\ &= [(130.0 - 128.9) / 128.9] \times 100\% \\ &= (1.1 / 128.9) \times 100\% \\ &\approx 0.9\% \end{aligned}$$



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Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes in Marinduque (2018=100)

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	128.9	130.6	130.0	-0.5	0.9
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	124.8	124.8	123.1	-1.4	-1.4
* Food	125.7	125.4	123.5	-1.5	-1.8
Cereals and Cereal Products	100.9	113.5	116.2	2.4	15.2
Cereals	92.2	106.5	110.2	3.5	19.6
Rice	92.0	106.4	110.1	3.5	19.7
Corn	123.6	132.9	133.0	0.1	7.7
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	126.7	134.1	134.1	0.0	5.8
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	141.6	133.8	132.4	-1.0	-6.5
Fish and Other Seafood	142.6	128.6	122.0	-5.1	-14.4
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	124.4	127.4	125.7	-1.3	1.0
Oils and Fats	127.3	120.3	120.2	-0.1	-5.6
Fruits and Nuts	138.0	131.5	129.5	-1.5	-6.2
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	132.2	128.1	119.1	-7.0	-9.9
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	144.5	148.9	146.5	-1.6	1.4
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	129.8	135.9	135.6	-0.2	4.5
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	112.9	117.2	117.3	0.1	3.9
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	171.5	185.1	186.2	0.6	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages	133.5	140.4	141.8	1.0	6.2
Tobacco	223.4	246.1	246.6	0.2	10.4
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	130.6	133.2	133.4	0.2	2.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	127.7	129.2	130.8	1.2	2.4
Clothing	121.0	120.1	121.8	1.4	0.7
Footwear	141.6	148.4	149.7	0.9	5.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	123.2	124.7	124.7	0.0	1.2
Actual Rentals for Housing	115.4	115.9	115.9	0.0	0.4
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	126.5	129.4	129.6	0.2	2.5
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	175.9	176.7	176.7	0.0	0.5
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	130.4	132.8	132.8	0.0	1.8
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	127.7	133.6	134.2	0.4	5.1
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	124.7	130.2	129.8	-0.3	4.1
Household Textiles	123.2	123.7	123.7	0.0	0.4
Household Appliances	116.2	121.1	121.4	0.2	4.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	112.8	118.2	117.7	-0.4	4.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	137.9	145.7	145.8	0.1	5.7
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	132.4	139.1	140.0	0.6	5.7
VI. HEALTH	127.6	129.2	129.3	0.1	1.3
Medicines and Health Products	118.3	121.9	122.1	0.2	3.2
Outpatient Care Services	152.3	149.9	149.9	0.0	-1.6
Inpatient Care Services	130.1	130.1	130.1	0.0	0.0
Other Health Services	137.4	140.6	140.6	0.0	2.3

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Table 2. Concluded

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
VII. TRANSPORT	152.7	152.8	152.5	-0.2	-0.1
Purchase of Vehicles	152.7	160.0	160.1	0.1	4.8
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	119.8	121.0	119.6	-1.2	-0.2
Passenger Transport Services	170.2	163.8	163.8	0.0	-3.8
Transport Services of Goods	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	110.0	111.1	111.0	-0.1	0.9
Information and Communication Equipment	114.8	117.1	117.0	-0.1	1.9
Information and Communication Services	106.2	106.2	106.2	0.0	0.0
IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	121.3	130.7	131.1	0.3	8.1
Recreational Durables	134.1	134.1	134.1	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Goods	105.1	125.3	128.8	2.8	22.5
Garden Products and Pets	127.9	127.7	127.8	0.1	-0.1
Recreational Services	94.1	94.1	94.1	0.0	0.0
Cultural Goods					
Cultural Services	100.0	99.8	99.8	0.0	-0.2
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	132.5	147.6	148.2	0.4	11.8
Package Holidays	101.9	105.2	105.2	0.0	3.2
X. EDUCATION SERVICES	107.1	108.3	108.3	0.0	1.1
Early Childhood and Primary Education	97.0	100.8	100.8	0.0	3.9
Secondary Education	101.6	105.9	105.9	0.0	4.2
Tertiary Education					
Education Not Defined by Level	101.9	105.2	105.2	0.0	3.2
XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	139.0	145.3	145.3	0.0	4.5
Food and Beverage Serving Services	140.1	146.4	146.4	0.0	4.5
Accommodation Services	97.1	99.4	99.4	0.0	2.4
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	151.9	149.8	149.8	0.0	-1.4
Financial Services	151.9	149.8	149.8	0.0	-1.4
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	124.1	129.3	130.0	0.5	4.8
Personal Care	125.0	130.3	131.1	0.6	4.9
Other Personal Effects	121.7	126.8	126.8	0.0	4.2
Other Services	94.6	97.5	97.5	0.0	3.1

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**Table 3. Purchasing Power of Peso in Marinduque:
March 2023 to March 2024
(2018=100)**

2023	
March	0.78
April	0.78
May	0.78
June	0.77
July	0.78
August	0.77
September	0.76
October	0.76
November	0.76
December	0.77
2024	
January	0.76
February	0.77
March	0.77

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