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## Summary Inflation Report of the City of Puerto Princesa Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

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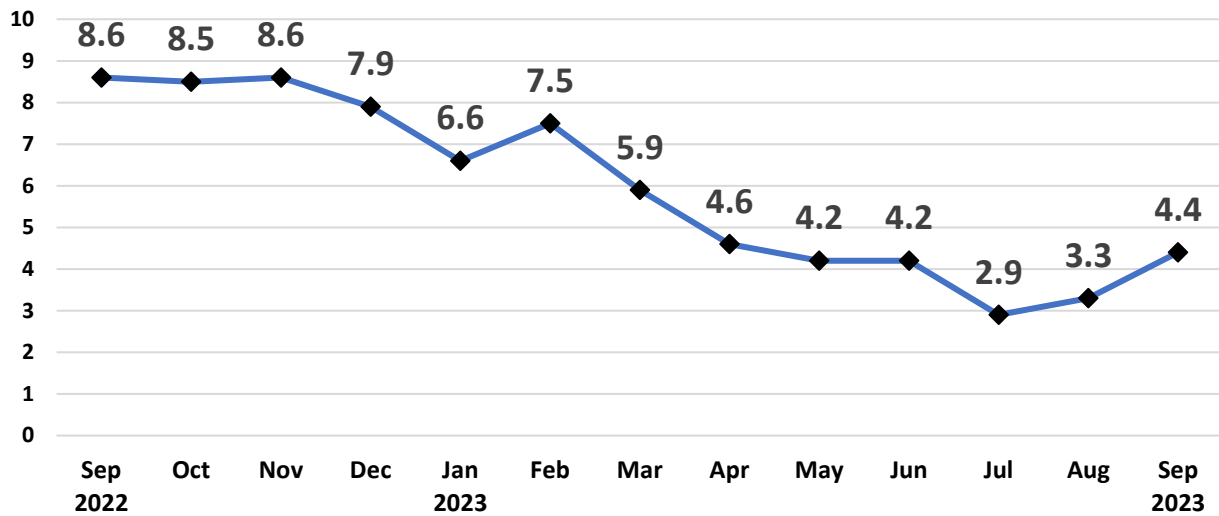
**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates: Philippines,  
MIMAROPA, and the City of Puerto Princesa  
All Items, In Percent  
(2018=100)**

Area	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Year-to-date*
<b>Philippines</b>				
Headline	6.9	5.3	6.1	6.6
<b>MIMAROPA</b>				
Headline	7.6	6.1	6.8	7.5
<b>City of Puerto Princesa</b>				
Headline	8.6	3.3	4.4	4.8

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index  
Philippine Statistics Authority

\* Year-on-year change of average CPI for January to September 2023 vs. 2022

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in the City of Puerto Princesa, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)**



*Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index  
Philippine Statistics Authority*

## City of Puerto Princesa

The **headline inflation** in the City of Puerto Princesa for September 2023 rose to **4.4** percent from **3.3** percent in August 2023. In September 2022, the headline inflation was higher, at **8.6** percent. The average inflation rate for the first nine months of the year stood at **4.8** percent, (Table A and Figure 1).

The main drivers to the faster growth rate of the city are the higher inflation for the indices of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at **3.8** percent, from **0.9** in the previous month. This was followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at **3.6** percent, from **2.4** percent in August 2023.

Furthermore, higher indices were also observed in the following commodities:

- a. Information and Communication, **-0.1** percent from **-1.0** percent;
- b. Health, **3.5** percent from **2.7** percent; and
- c. Transport, 2.1 percent from **1.9** percent.

In contrast, commodities that decelerated for the month of September are the following:

- a. Restaurants and Accommodation Services, **9.6** percent from **11.2** percent;
- b. Clothing and Footwear, **5.0** percent from **5.7** percent;
- c. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Good and Services, **6.2** percent from **6.3** percent;
- d. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, **11.9** percent from **13.0** percent; and
- e. Recreation Sport and Culture, **7.9** percent from **8.7** percent.

Meanwhile, commodities which remained at their previous annual rates are:

- a. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, **6.7** percent;
- b. Education Services, **0.4** percent; and
- c. Financial Services, **0.0** percent.

**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in the City of Puerto Princesa, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Sep '22	Aug '23	Sep '23
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	12.7	2.4	3.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	11.5	13.0	11.9
Clothing and Footwear	11.0	5.7	5.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	2.5	0.9	3.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	5.9	6.7	6.7
Health	3.1	2.7	3.5
Transport	14.5	1.9	2.1
Information and Communication	1.8	(1.0)	(0.1)
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	7.5	8.7	7.9
Education Services	0.0	0.4	0.4
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.6	11.2	9.6
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.8	6.3	6.2

**Food inflation** in September 2023 moved at a faster pace of **3.3** percent from **1.8** percent in the previous month. In September 2022, the food index was higher at **13.3** percent inflation rate, (Table C).

The main drivers for the uptrend in food inflation were Rice at **1.5** percent, from **-3.6** percent in August 2023. This was followed by Fish and Other Seafood at **1.1** percent from **-0.1** percent. The third main driver is Fruits and Nuts at **7.5** percent from **3.2** percent in the previous month. Furthermore, higher indices were also observed in the following commodities:

- a. Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts, **11.3** percent from **9.8** percent;
- b. Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs, **7.2** percent from **6.8** percent;
- c. Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals, **-1.3** percent from **-1.4** percent;
- d. Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c., **3.6** percent from **3.4** percent; and
- e. Corn, **11.7** percent from **3.6** percent.

Meanwhile, lower annual growth rates were observed in the following commodities:

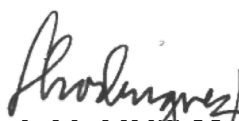
- a. Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses, **14.2** percent, from **15.7** percent;
- b. Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, And Other Cereals, **3.7** percent from **5.3** percent; and
- c. Oils and Fats, **-6.4** percent from **-3.5** percent.

**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in the City of Puerto Princesa, By Food Group, In Percent (2018=100)**

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Sep '22	Aug '23	Sep '23
Food	<b>13.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Cereals and cereal products	<b>6.8</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Cereals	<b>4.7</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Rice	<b>4.9</b>	<b>(3.6)</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Corn	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	<b>13.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	<b>23.9</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>
Fish and other seafood	<b>20.0</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Oils and Fats	<b>17.6</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>(6.4)</b>
Fruits and Nuts	<b>13.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	<b>9.2</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	<b>31.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	<b>8.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in the City of Puerto Princesa,  
All Items, In Percent  
January 2020 – September 2023  
(2018=100)**

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	1.0	3.8	4.1	6.6
February	0.9	3.6	4.1	7.5
March	0.4	4.2	5.2	5.9
April	0.4	4.3	5.7	4.6
May	1.9	2.6	7.3	4.2
June	2.8	1.7	7.7	4.2
July	3.0	1.3	9.3	2.9
August	3.0	1.3	9.2	3.3
September	3.2	0.8	8.6	4.4
October	3.0	1.2	8.5	
November	3.8	1.7	8.6	
December	4.1	1.8	7.9	
Average	2.3	2.4	7.2	

  
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