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## DECEMBER 2023 INFLATION REPORT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO (BASE YEAR: 2018)

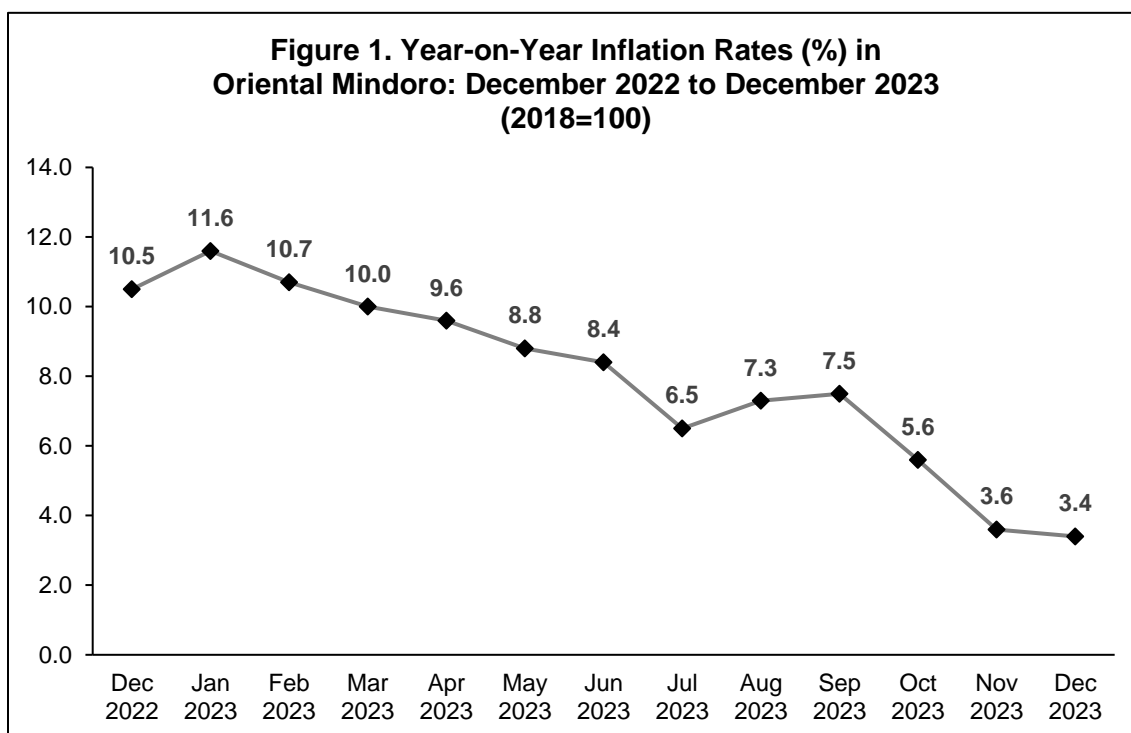
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**Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) in the Philippines, MIMAROPA Region, and Oriental Mindoro Province, All Items (2018=100)**

Area	December 2022	November 2023	December 2023
Philippines	8.1	4.1	3.9
MIMAROPA Region	8.9	4.8	4.4
Oriental Mindoro	10.5	3.6	3.4

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



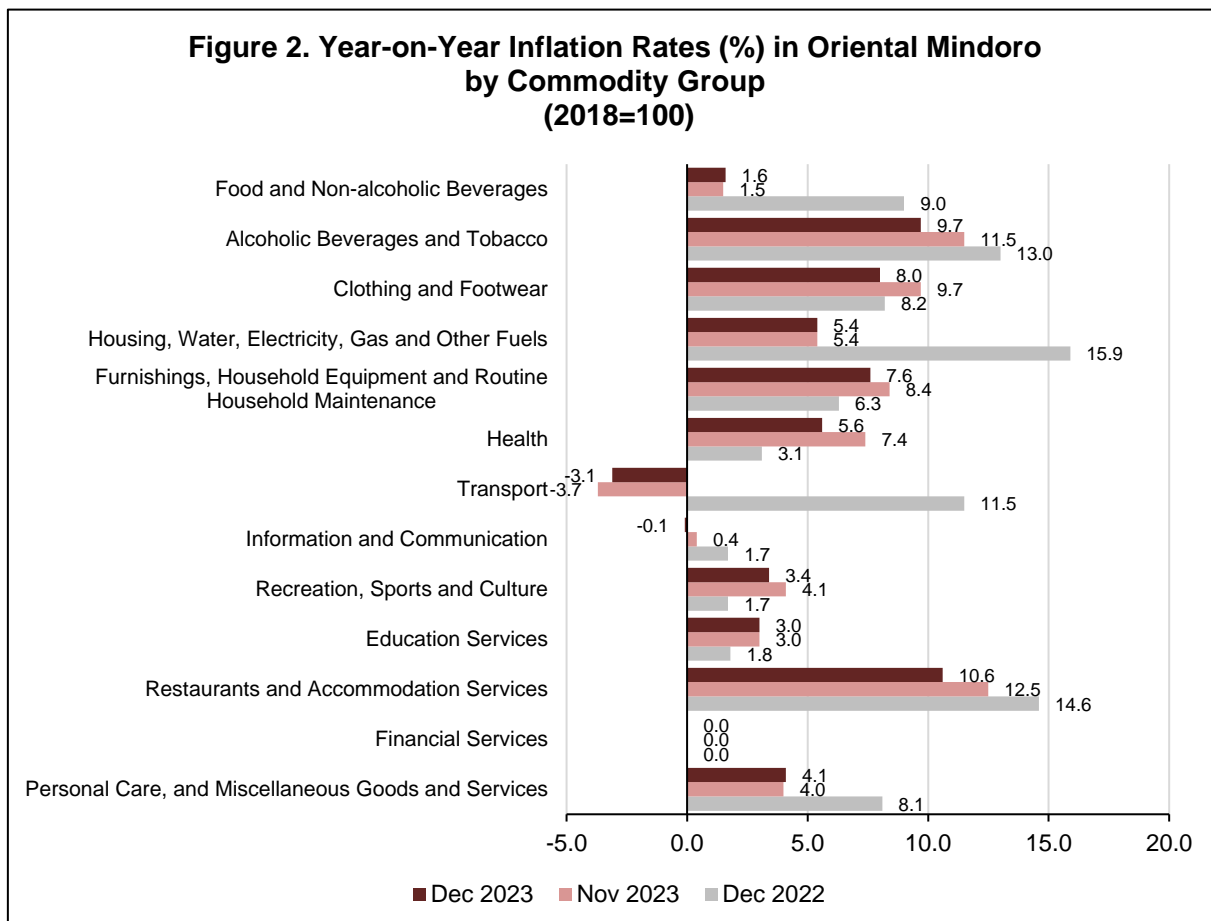
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### Headline Inflation

Oriental Mindoro's headline inflation or the overall inflation slowed down further to 3.4 percent in December 2023 from 3.6 percent in November 2023. This makes the province's average inflation rate from January to December 2023 at 7.7 percent. In December 2022, inflation rate was higher at 10.5 percent.

### Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Headline Inflation

The downtrend in the overall inflation in the province in December 2023 was primarily brought about by the lower year-on-year increase in the index of restaurants and accommodation services at 10.6 percent in December 2023 from 12.5 percent in the previous month. This was followed by clothing and footwear with 8.0 percent inflation during the month from 9.7 percent in November 2023.



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Lower annual increments were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month:

- Health, 5.6 percent from 7.4 percent;
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 9.7 percent from 11.5 percent;
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 7.6 percent from 8.4 percent; and
- Recreation, Sports and Culture, 3.4 percent from 4.1 percent.

The index for information and communication had an annual decline of 0.1 percent in December 2023 from 0.4 percent annual increase in the previous month.

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and education services retained their previous month's annual increase of 5.4 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively, while financial services remained at zero percent annual rate during the month.

The rest of the commodity groups, on the other hand, registered higher inflation rates in December 2023.

### ***Main Contributors to the Headline Inflation***

The top three commodity groups contributing to the December 2023 headline inflation of the province were the following:

- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 30.9 percentage share or 1.1 percentage points;
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 22.4 percent share or 0.8 percentage point; and
- Restaurants and accommodation services, 19.1 percentage share or 0.7 percentage point.

### ***Food Inflation***

Food inflation in Oriental Mindoro exhibited an upward movement in December 2023 at 1.8 percent from 1.5 percent in November 2023. In December 2022, food inflation rate was higher at 9.2 percent.

### ***Main Drivers to the Upward Trend of Food Inflation***

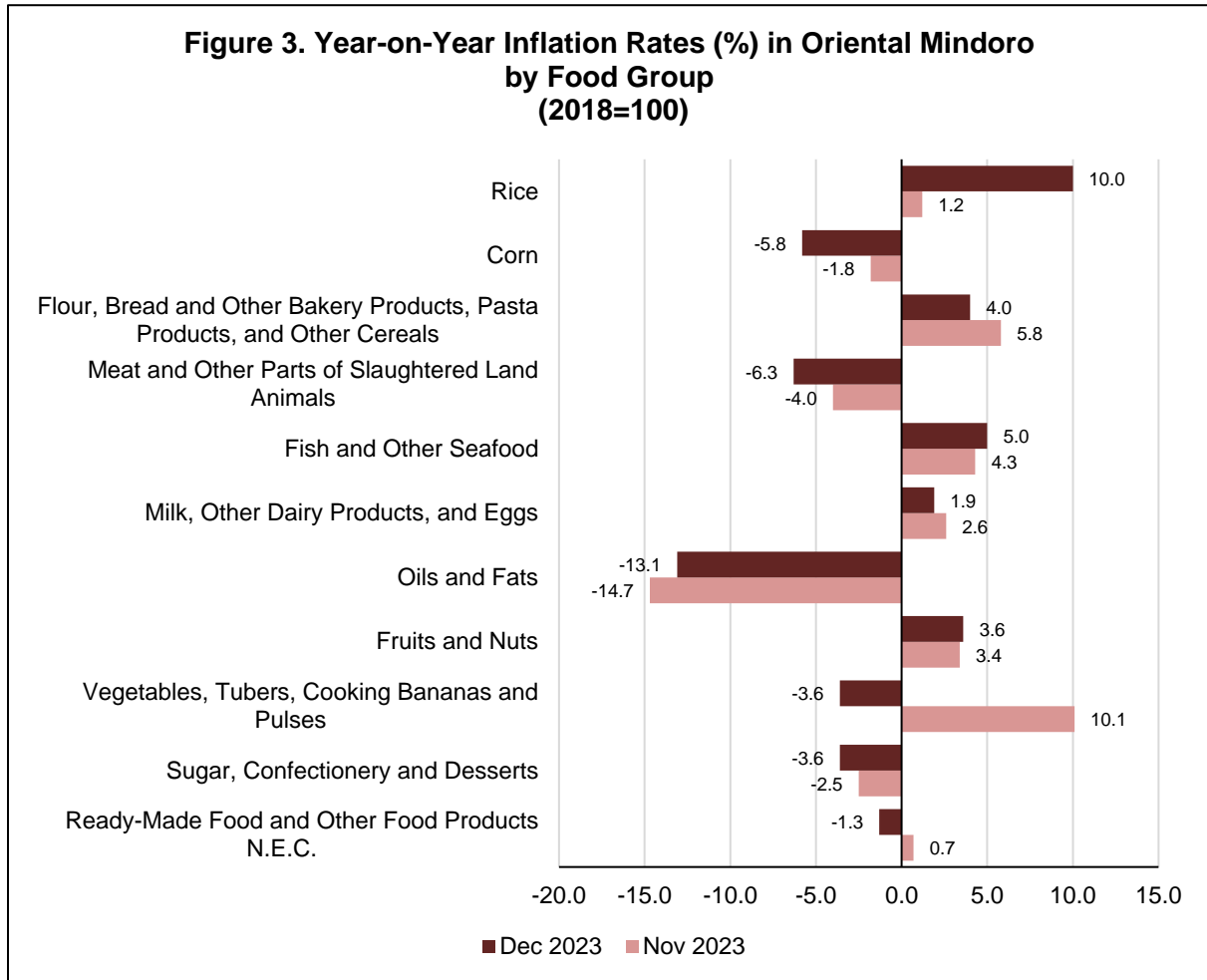
The higher food inflation during the month was mainly brought by the higher annual growth in rice at 10.0 percent from 1.2 percent in November 2023. This was followed by fish and other seafood with an inflation rate of 5.0 percent in December 2023 from 4.3 percent in the previous month.

The index of oils and fats recorded an annual decline of 13.1 percent in December 2023 from an annual decline of 14.7 percent in November 2023. Fruits and nuts index with inflation rate of 3.6 percent during the month from 3.4 percent in November 2023 also contributed to the higher food inflation in the province.

On the contrary, lower year-on-year growth rates were noted in the indices of the following food groups during the month:

- Corn, -5.8 percent from -1.8 percent;
- Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, 4.0 percent from 5.8 percent;
- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, -6.3 percent from -4.0 percent;
- Milk, and other dairy products and eggs, 1.9 percent from 2.6 percent;
- Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, -3.6 percent from 10.1 percent;
- Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -3.6 percent from -2.5 percent; and
- Ready-made food and other food products, -1.3 percent from 0.7 percent.

**INFLATION RATE BY FOOD GROUP**

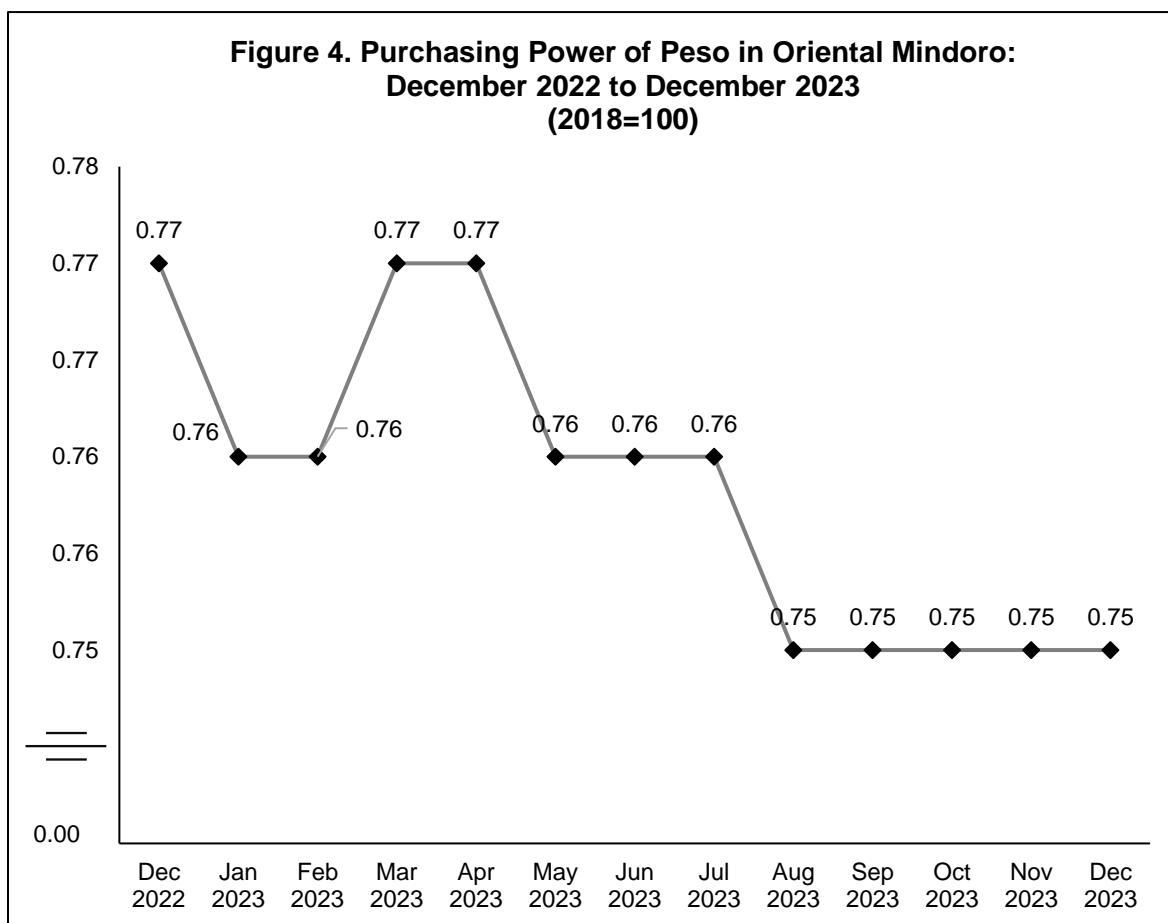


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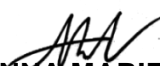
**Purchasing Power of the Peso**

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Oriental Mindoro is at Php 0.75 in December 2023. The PPP was registered at Php 0.77 in December 2022.

As a result, the amount of goods that could be presently purchased by consumers were fewer compared to when the PPP was higher. Furthermore, the decrease in PPP was attributed to the higher inflation rate, given that PPP and inflation rate have an inverse relationship.



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

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	129.3	132.7	133.7	0.8	3.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	117.2	118.0	119.1	0.9	1.6
* Food	117.1	118.0	119.2	1.0	1.8
Cereals and Cereal Products	101.8	106.1	110.5	4.1	8.5
Cereals	100.7	104.9	110.5	5.4	9.8
Rice	100.1	104.4	110.2	5.5	10.0
Corn	160.6	151.3	151.3	0.0	-5.8
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products	106.0	110.4	110.3	-0.1	4.0
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	126.9	121.8	118.9	-2.4	-6.3
Fish and Other Seafood	123.1	127.7	129.2	1.2	5.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	106.8	108.6	108.8	0.2	1.9
Oils and Fats	110.0	95.6	95.6	0.0	-13.1
Fruits and Nuts	137.6	137.9	142.6	3.4	3.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	126.8	124.4	122.2	-1.8	-3.6
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	143.9	139.9	138.7	-0.9	-3.6
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	136.4	135.3	134.6	-0.5	-1.3
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	118.9	117.8	117.8	0.0	-0.9
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	204.9	224.9	224.8	0.0	9.7
Alcoholic Beverages	145.3	152.1	152.0	-0.1	4.6
Tobacco	264.2	297.3	297.3	0.0	12.5
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	136.5	141.6	142.4	0.6	4.3
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.6	125.8	125.9	0.1	8.0
Clothing	115.5	125.2	125.4	0.2	8.6
Footwear	119.0	127.0	127.0	0.0	6.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	153.4	158.7	161.7	1.9	5.4
Actual Rentals for Housing	151.5	157.1	157.1	0.0	3.7
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	115.9	110.4	110.3	-0.1	-4.8
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	105.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	-4.8
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	167.0	174.5	182.9	4.8	9.5
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	112.3	120.6	120.8	0.2	7.6
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	110.6	112.8	112.8	0.0	2.0
Household Textiles	119.6	118.9	120.7	1.5	0.9
Household Appliances	110.7	123.2	123.7	0.4	11.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	119.4	120.8	119.9	-0.7	0.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	115.0	119.5	119.5	0.0	3.9
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	112.6	121.2	121.2	0.0	7.6
VI. HEALTH	132.9	140.1	140.3	0.1	5.6
Medicines and Health Products	123.5	126.3	126.6	0.2	2.5
Outpatient Care Services	157.6	169.8	169.8	0.0	7.7
Inpatient Care Services	135.4	146.5	146.5	0.0	8.2
Other Health Services	123.3	138.5	138.5	0.0	12.3
VII. TRANSPORT	142.8	139.7	138.4	-0.9	-3.1
Purchase of Vehicles	133.0	141.8	141.8	0.0	6.6
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	149.8	140.0	136.7	-2.4	-8.7
Passenger Transport Services	139.8	138.8	138.8	0.0	-0.7
Transport Services of Goods	104.9	104.9	104.9	0.0	0.0
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	103.2	103.3	103.1	-0.2	-0.1
Information and Communication Equipment	103.5	104.0	103.4	-0.6	-0.1
Information and Communication Services	103.1	102.9	102.9	0.0	-0.2

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<b>IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	119.1	123.8	123.1	-0.6	3.4
Recreational Durables					
Other Recreational Goods	107.5	109.1	106.6	-2.3	-0.8
Garden Products and Pets	122.8	129.9	127.9	-1.5	4.2
Recreational Services	123.3	123.3	123.3	0.0	0.0
Cultural Goods	95.5	77.6	77.6	0.0	-18.7
Cultural Services	105.7	107.7	107.7	0.0	1.9
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	137.6	152.6	151.8	-0.5	10.3
Package Holidays	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
<b>X. EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	105.8	109.0	109.0	0.0	3.0
Early Childhood and Primary Education	106.7	115.1	115.1	0.0	7.9
Secondary Education	107.0	109.5	109.5	0.0	2.3
Tertiary Education	104.8	106.8	106.8	0.0	1.9
Education Not Defined by Level					
<b>XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	136.8	151.3	151.3	0.0	10.6
Food and Beverage Serving Services	136.8	151.3	151.3	0.0	10.6
Accommodation Services					
<b>XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	145.0	145.0	145.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Services	145.0	145.0	145.0	0.0	0.0
<b>XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS</b>	119.6	123.9	124.5	0.5	4.1
Personal Care	121.4	126.8	127.5	0.6	5.0
Other Personal Effects	110.2	108.8	108.8	0.0	-1.3
Other Services	120.4	121.9	121.9	0.0	1.2

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# 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)

$$= \left[ \frac{\text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, reference year})} - \text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}}{\text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}} \right] \times 100\%$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{INFLATION RATE}_{(\text{Dec } 2023)} &= \left[ \frac{\text{CPI}_{(\text{December } 2023)} - \text{CPI}_{(\text{December } 2022)}}{\text{CPI}_{(\text{December } 2022)}} \right] \times 100\% \\ &= \left[ \frac{133.7 - 129.3}{129.3} \right] \times 100\% \\ &= \left( \frac{4.4}{129.3} \right) \times 100\% \\ &\approx 3.4 \end{aligned}$$



