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JANUARY 2024 INFLATION REPORT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO (BASE YEAR: 2018)

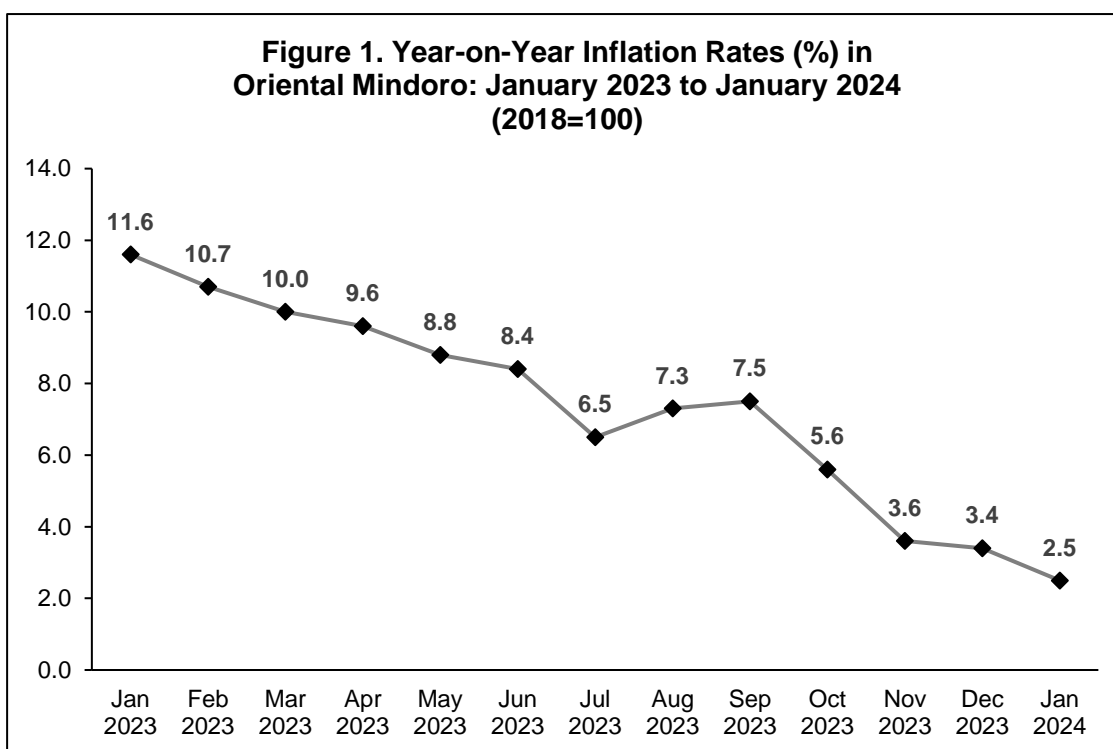
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Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) in the Philippines, MIMAROPA Region, and Oriental Mindoro Province, All Items (2018=100)

Area	January 2023	December 2023	January 2024
Philippines	8.7	3.9	2.8
MIMAROPA Region	8.9	4.4	3.6
Oriental Mindoro	11.6	3.4	2.5

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



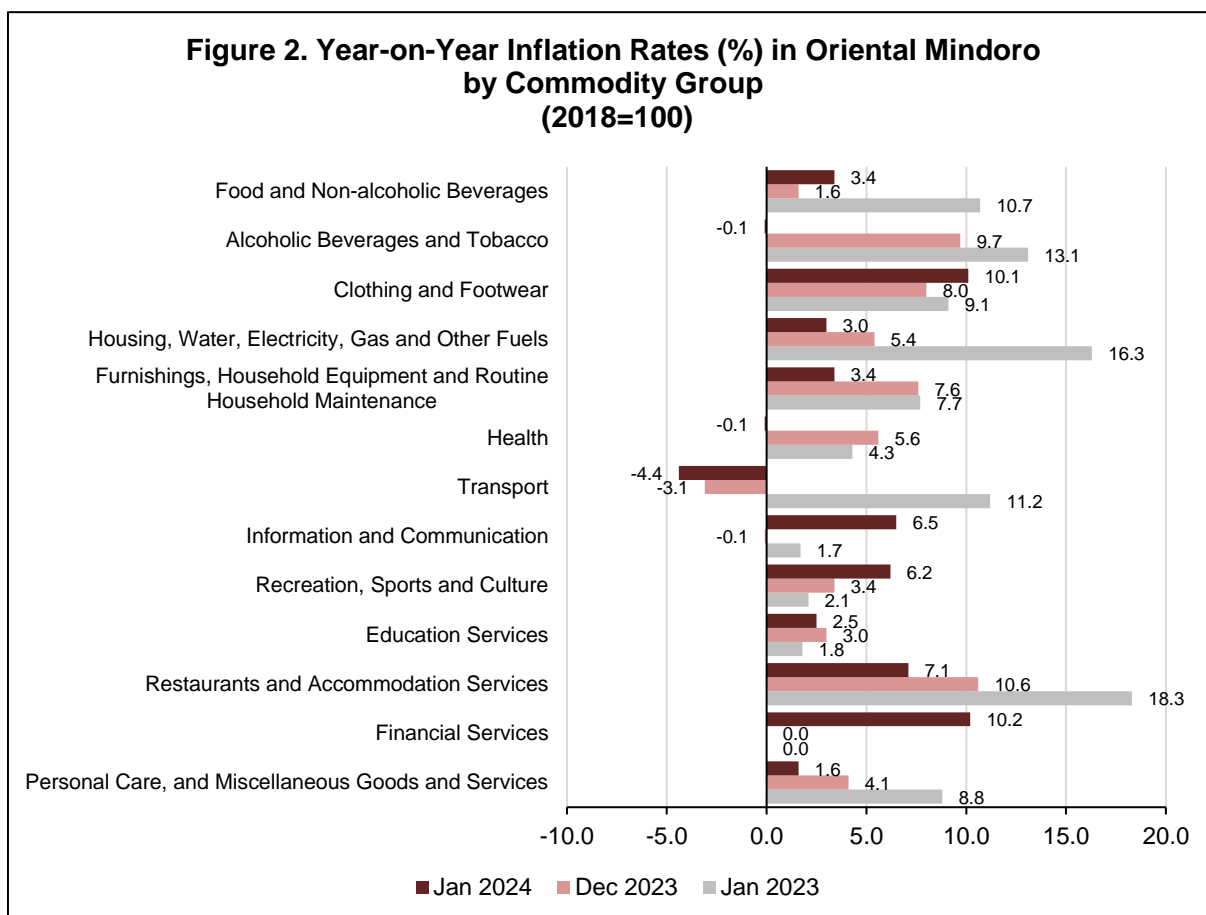
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Headline Inflation

Oriental Mindoro's headline inflation or the overall inflation slowed down further to 2.5 percent in January 2024. This is the lowest inflation rate since the 1.8 percent recorded in April 2022. Inflation rate was observed at 3.4 percent in December 2023, while it was 11.6 percent in January 2023.

Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Headline Inflation

The downtrend in the overall inflation in the province in January 2024 was primarily brought about by the slower annual increment of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 2.5 percent in January 2024 from 5.4 percent in the previous month. Also contributing to the downtrend was furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance with slower annual increase of 6.2 percent during the month from 7.6 percent in December 2023.



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

- Clothing and footwear, 7.1 percent from 8.0 percent;
- Restaurants and accommodation services, 10.1 percent from 10.6 percent; and
- Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 3.4 percent from 4.1 percent.

In addition, annual decreases were noted in the indices of transport at 4.4 percent in January 2024 from 3.1 percent annual decrease in the previous month, and financial services at 0.1 percent annual decrease during the month from zero percent annual rate in December 2023

On the contrary, the indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco and health exhibited a higher annual increase of 10.2 percent and 6.5 percent during the month from 9.7 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively in December 2023.

The rest of the commodity groups retained their December 2023 inflation rates.

Main Contributors to the Headline Inflation

The top three commodity groups contributing to the January 2024 overall inflation of the province were the following:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 29.2 percent share or 0.8 percentage point;
- Restaurants and accommodation services, 23.8 percentage share or 0.6 percentage point; and
- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 18.7 percentage share or 0.5 percentage point.

Food Inflation

Food inflation in Oriental Mindoro eased to 1.7 percent in January 2024 from 1.8 percent in December 2023. In January 2023, food inflation rate was higher at 11.1 percent.

Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of Food Inflation

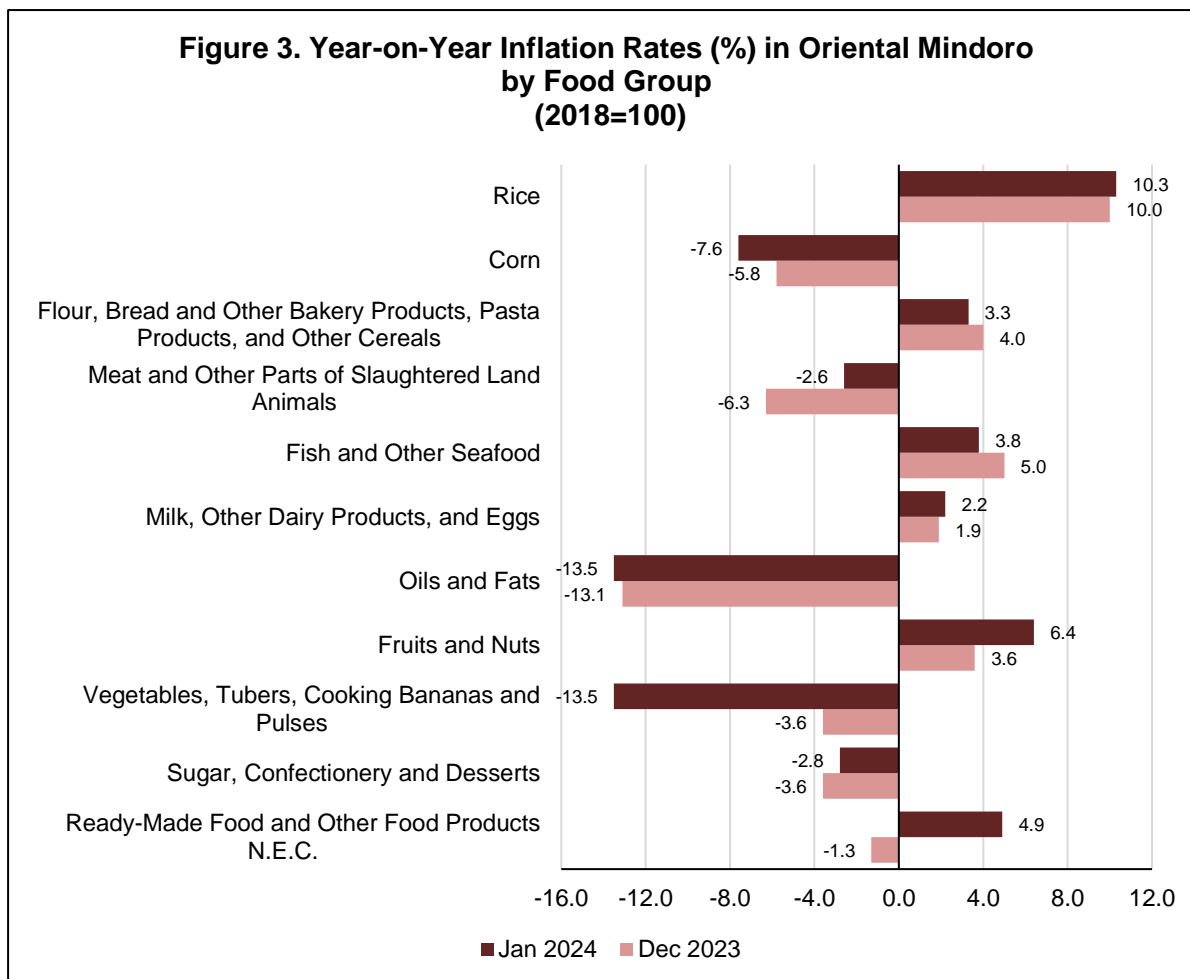
The lower food inflation during the month was mainly brought by the faster year-on-year decline in the indices of vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses and oils and fats, both at 13.5 percent during the month from 3.6 percent and 13.1 percent annual decrease in December 2023, respectively. Fish and other seafood also contributed to the downtrend with a slower inflation rate of 3.8 percent in January 2024 from 5.0 percent in the previous month.

Also, the index of corn recorded an annual decline of 7.6 percent in January 2024 from an annual decrease of 5.8 percent in December 2023, while the index of flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals observed lower inflation of 3.3 percent during the month from 4.0 percent in December 2023.

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

- Rice, 10.3 percent from 10.0 percent;
- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, -2.6 percent from -6.3 percent;
- Milk, and other dairy products and eggs, 2.2 percent from 1.9 percent;
- Fruits and nuts, 6.4 percent from 3.6 percent;
- Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -2.8 percent from -3.6 percent; and
- Ready-made food and other food products, 4.9 percent from -1.3 percent.

INFLATION RATE BY FOOD GROUP

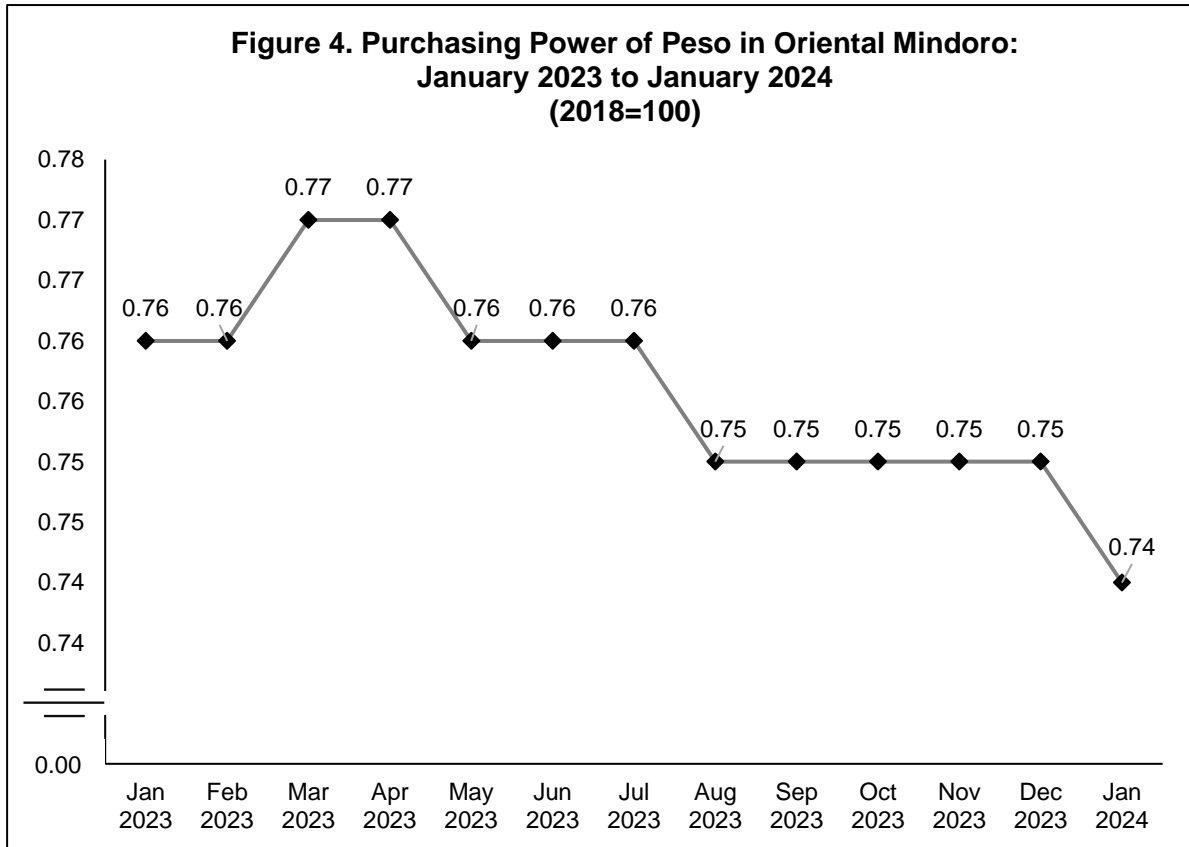


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Purchasing Power of the Peso

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Oriental Mindoro is at Php 0.74 in January 2024. The PPP was registered at Php 0.76 in January 2023.

As a result, the amount of goods that could be presently purchased by consumers was less than 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	
	Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	131.2	133.7	134.5	0.6	2.5
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	120.0	119.1	121.9	2.4	1.6
* Food	120.1	119.2	122.2	2.5	1.7
Cereals and Cereal Products	102.9	110.5	111.6	1.0	8.5
Cereals	101.8	110.5	111.9	1.3	10.0
Rice	101.2	110.2	111.6	1.3	10.3
Corn	165.0	151.3	152.4	0.7	-7.6
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products	107.0	110.3	110.5	0.2	3.3
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	129.8	118.9	126.4	6.3	-2.6
Fish and Other Seafood	127.7	129.2	132.6	2.6	3.8
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	106.7	108.8	109.0	0.2	2.2
Oils and Fats	110.0	95.6	95.2	-0.4	-13.5
Fruits and Nuts	142.3	142.6	151.4	6.2	6.4
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	143.9	122.2	124.5	1.9	-13.5
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	142.4	138.7	138.4	-0.2	-2.8
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	128.9	134.6	135.2	0.4	4.9
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	119.1	117.8	117.8	0.0	-1.1
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	205.1	224.8	226.0	0.5	10.2
Alcoholic Beverages	146.7	152.0	154.4	1.6	5.2
Tobacco	263.3	297.3	297.3	0.0	12.9
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	137.7	142.4	141.5	-0.6	2.8
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.6	125.9	125.9	0.0	7.1
Clothing	116.4	125.4	125.4	0.0	7.7
Footwear	120.4	127.0	127.0	0.0	5.5
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER UTILITIES	153.7	161.7	157.5	-2.6	2.5
Actual Rentals for Housing	152.8	157.1	157.1	0.0	2.8
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	115.6	110.3	110.6	0.3	-4.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	166.4	182.9	171.4	-6.3	3.0
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	113.8	120.8	120.9	0.1	6.2
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	111.5	112.8	112.8	0.0	1.2
Household Textiles	119.7	120.7	121.6	0.7	1.6
Household Appliances	113.3	123.7	123.7	0.0	9.2
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	119.4	119.9	119.9	0.0	0.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	115.0	119.5	119.8	0.3	4.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	113.9	121.2	121.3	0.1	6.5
VI. HEALTH	134.7	140.3	143.4	2.2	6.5
Medicines and Health Products	123.5	126.6	126.7	0.1	2.6
Outpatient Care Services	158.4	169.8	169.8	0.0	7.2
Inpatient Care Services	140.2	146.5	155.3	6.0	10.8
Other Health Services	127.4	138.5	138.5	0.0	8.7
VII. TRANSPORT	144.4	138.4	138.0	-0.3	-4.4
Purchase of Vehicles	134.9	141.8	141.8	0.0	5.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	153.2	136.7	135.8	-0.7	-11.4
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	103.1	103.1	0.0	-0.1
Information and Communication Equipment	103.5	103.4	103.4	0.0	-0.1
Information and Communication Services	103.1	102.9	102.9	0.0	-0.2

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IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	119.6	123.1	123.7	0.5	3.4
Recreational Durables					
Other Recreational Goods	107.5	106.6	109.7	2.9	2.0
Garden Products and Pets	124.0	127.9	128.0	0.1	3.2
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	105.8	107.7	107.7	0.0	1.8
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	139.1	151.8	152.3	0.3	9.5
Package Holidays	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
X. EDUCATION SERVICES	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					
XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	141.2	151.3	155.4	2.7	10.1
Food and Beverage Serving Services	141.2	151.3	155.4	2.7	10.1
Accommodation Services					
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	145.0	145.0	144.8	-0.1	-0.1
Financial Services	145.0	145.0	144.8	-0.1	-0.1
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	120.3	124.5	124.4	-0.1	3.4
Personal Care	122.1	127.5	127.4	-0.1	4.3
Other Personal Effects	111.1	108.8	108.8	0.0	-2.1
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

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

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{INFLATION RATE}_{(\text{Jan 2024})} &= \frac{[\text{CPI}_{(\text{January 2024})} - \text{CPI}_{(\text{January 2023})}] / \text{CPI}_{(\text{January 2023})} \times 100\%}{100\%} \\ &= \frac{[(134.5 - 131.2) / 131.2] \times 100\%}{100\%} \\ &= (3.3 / 131.2) \times 100\% \\ &\approx 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

