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January 2022 Price Situation in Benguet (Base Year: 2018)

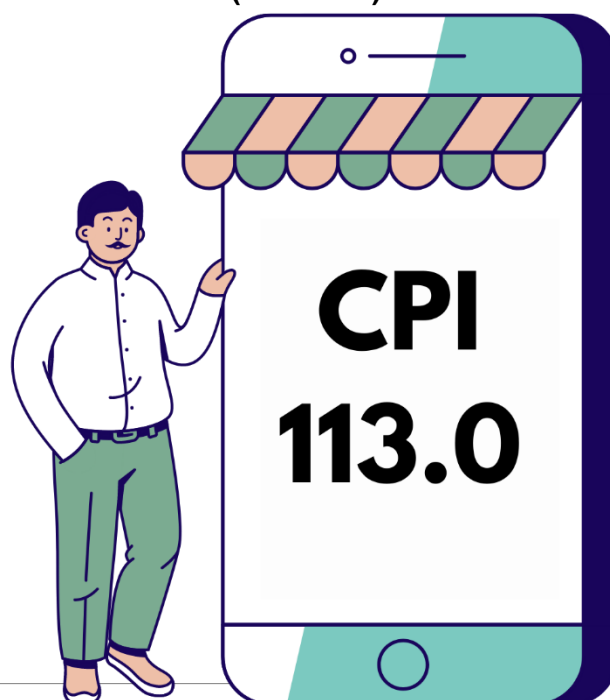
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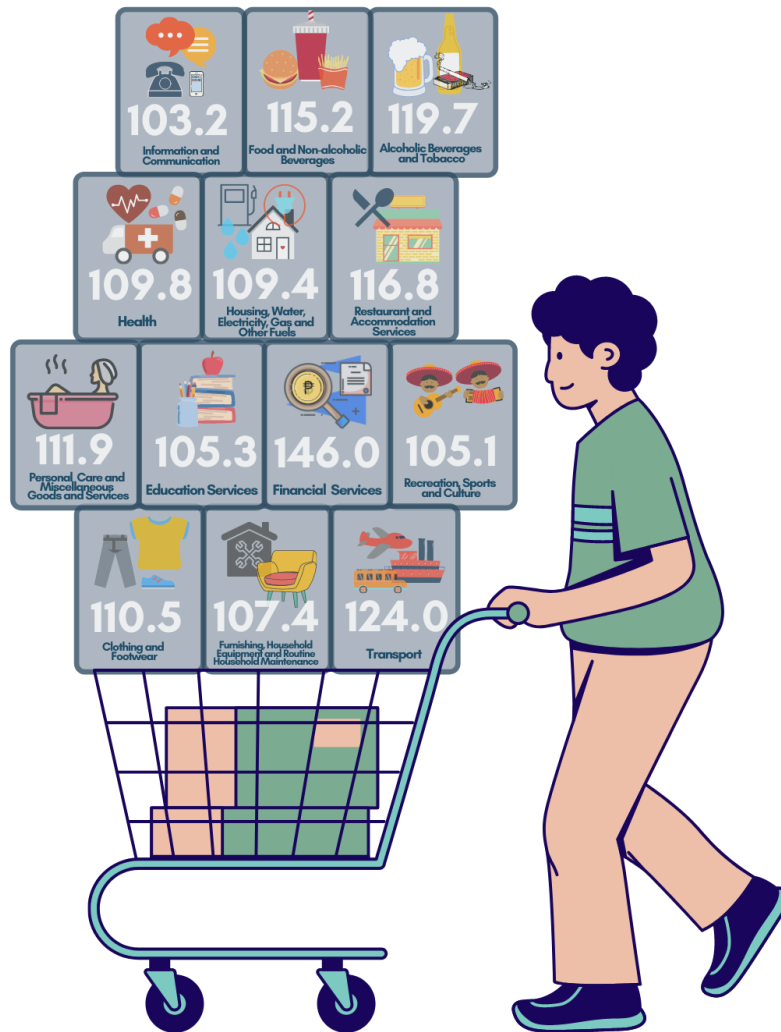
Consumer Price Index

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the general measure of the change in the average retail prices of a market basket or collection of goods and services commonly purchased by the average Filipino household.
- The Philippine Statistics Authority has rebased the CPI for all income households from 2012 to 2018 based year. The rebasing was done to ensure that the CPI market basket to capture goods and services commonly purchased by households, to update expenditure patterns of households and to synchronize its base year with 2018 base year of the Gross Regional Domestic Product and other indices produced by PSA.
- The CPI of the Province of Benguet in January 2022 was 113.0.

**Figure 1. Consumer Price Index, Benguet:
January 2022
(2018=100)**



**Figure 2. Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group
Benguet: January 2022
(2018=100)**



CPI by Commodity Groups

- Among the commodity groups, *Financial Services* had the highest CPI at 146.0 index points.
- *Transport* ranked second among the commodity groups in the province at 124.0 index points.
- *Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco* registered the third highest CPI at 119.7 index points.
- Meanwhile, *Information and Communication* incurred the lowest CPI among the commodity groups at the provincial level with 103.2 index points.
- By index point change from December 2021 to January 2022, CPI of *All Items* in Benguet increased by 1.1% or 1.2 index points.



Figure 3. Year-on-Year Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group, Benguet: January 2021 and January 2022 (2018=100)

JANUARY 2021		JANUARY 2022
105.4	ALL ITEMS	113.0
107.6	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	115.2
112.9	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	119.7
107.1	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	110.5
104.4	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	109.4
106.0	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	107.4
107.0	HEALTH	109.8
98.8	TRANSPORT	124.0
102.1	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	103.2
102.6	RECREATION AND CULTURE	105.1
106.0	EDUCATION SERVICES	105.3
106.9	RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	116.8
100.0	FINANCIAL SERVICES	146.0
106.9	PERSONAL CARE AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	111.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Comparing from the previous year, CPI on all commodities for the year 2022 increased except for *Education Services*. *Education Services* decreased by 0.70 index points.

Inflation Rate

Inflation is a rise in the general level of prices of goods and services in an economy over a period of time. When the general price level rises, each unit of currency buys fewer goods and services.

A chief measure of price inflation is the inflation rate, the annualized percentage change in CPI over time.

- The inflation rate of Benguet for January 2022 was at 7.2%.



- *Financial Services* posted the highest inflation rate among the commodity groups at 46%. It was followed by *Transport* at 25.61% and *Restaurant and Accommodation Services* at 9.26% inflation rate.
- Meanwhile, only *Education Services* had recorded deflation among the commodity groups. Prices for the said group deflated by 0.66%.

**Figure 4. Inflation Rates by Commodity Groups, Benguet:
January 2022 (2018=100)**



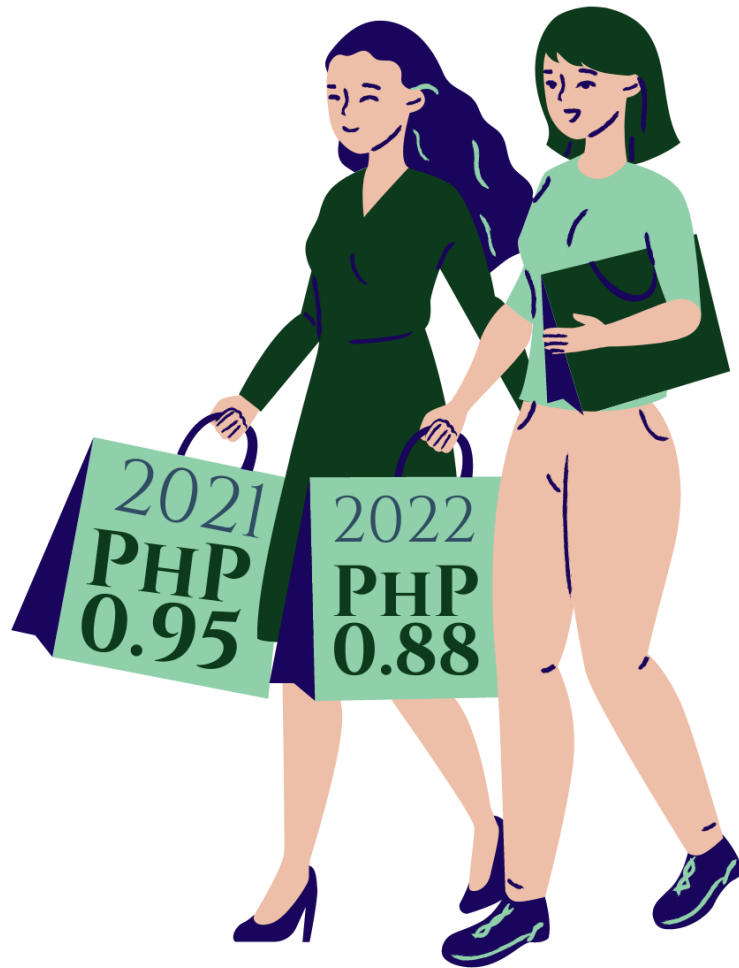
Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP)

Purchasing Power of Peso is a measure of the real value of peso in a given period relative to the base year. The nearer the base year to the current period, the higher the value of the peso derived. As the period goes farther from the base year, the value of peso diminishes as this is “eaten up” by the inflationary factors.

- The value of 1 peso in the province was 88 centavos in January 2022. It dropped by seven centavos from the 0.95 centavos in January 2021. This can be translated that one peso in 2018 was worth 88 centavos in January 2022.



**Figure 5. Worth of a Peso, Benguet:
January 2021 and January 2022
(2018=₱100)**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Technical Notes

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a general measure of the change in the average retail prices of a market basket or collection of goods and services commonly purchased by the average Filipino household.

Inflation Rate (IR) is the rate of change in the average price level between two periods (year-on year/month-on-month as measured by the CPI).

Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) measures how much the peso in the reference year is worth in another year.

Base Year (BY) is the reference point of the index number series, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series.

The CPI is now rebased from base year 2012 to base year 2018.

The rebasing of the CPI is done periodically by the PSA:

- 1) to ensure that the CPI market basket continues to capture goods and services commonly purchased by households over time;
- 2) to update expenditure patterns of households; and
- 3) to synchronize its base year with 2018 base year of the Gross Domestic Product and other indices produced by PSA such as Producer Price Index (PPI) for Agriculture; PPI for Manufacturing; and Value of Production Index (VaPI), Volume of Production Index (VoPI), and Value of Net Sales Index (VaNSI) for Manufacturing.

The rebasing of the CPI is also in accordance with the PSA Board Resolution No.1 Series 2017-146 which approves the synchronized rebasing of the price indices to base year 2006 and every six (6) years thereafter.

Market Basket (MB) is a sample of goods and services used to represent all goods and services produced or bought.

