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### Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Mountain Province: April 2023

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#### Mountain Province CPI down in April 2023

The Consumer Price Index for all items in Mountain Province for the month of April 2023 was 125.5 using 2018 as base year. This was 0.3 index points lower compared to its preceding month with a CPI of 125.8 and 7.6 index points higher compared to the same month of 2022 with 117.9 index points.

Table 1: Monthly CPI for All Income Households by Commodity Group,  
Mountain Province: April 2023  
(2018 = 100)

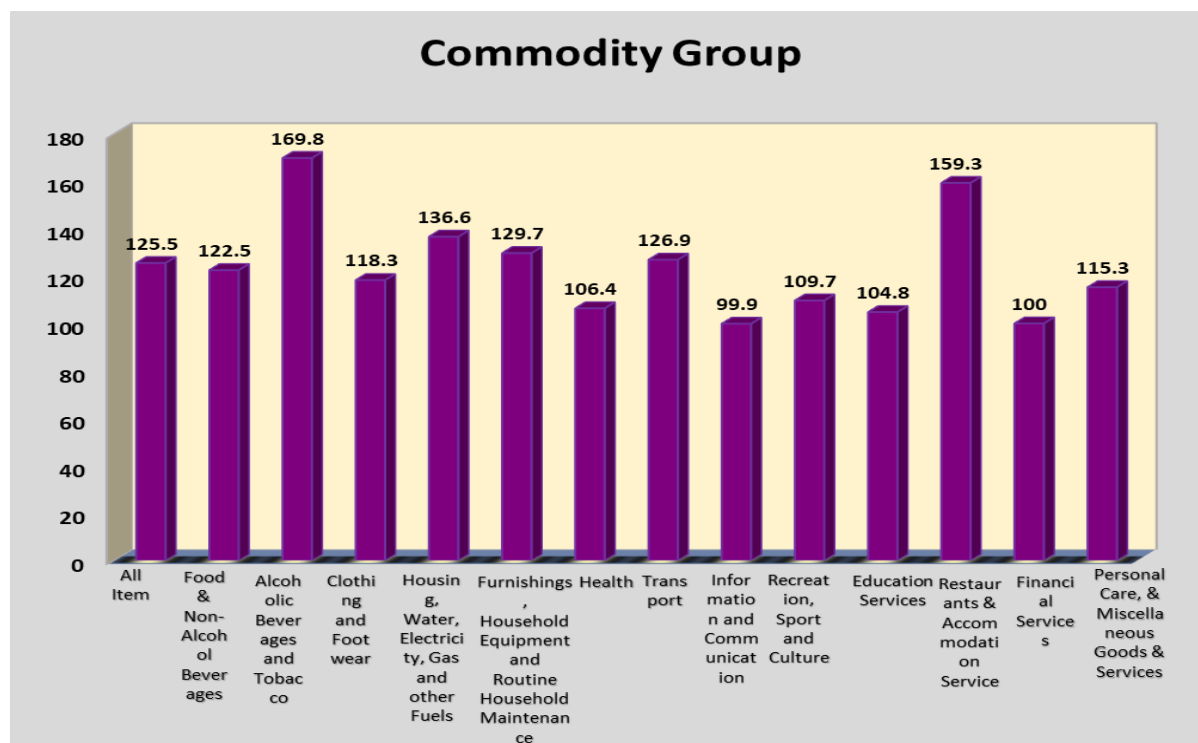
Commodity Group	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023
All Items	117.9	125.8	125.5
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	112.0	122.7	122.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	157.4	167.7	169.8
Clothing and Footwear	114.6	118.5	118.3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	131.4	138.2	136.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance	122.7	130.0	129.7
Health	109.0	105.2	106.4
Transport	124.5	128.6	126.9
Information and Communication	99.5	99.8	99.9
Recreation, Sport and Culture	105.1	109.4	109.7
Education Services	105.3	104.8	104.8
Restaurant and Accommodation Services	140.8	158.4	159.3
Financial Services	100.0	100.0	100.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.5	115.0	115.3

#### Commodity Group “Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco” Tops the Index

Among the different major commodity groups in the province, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco had the highest value with a consumer price index of 169.8 for the month of April 2023. Among its subgroups, tobacco continued to have the highest price index

with 224.0 while other vegetable-based tobacco products had a price index of 159.2.

Figure 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households  
Mountain Province: April 2023  
(2018 = 100)



Restaurants and Accommodation Services ranked second with an index point of 159.3. Food and Beverage Serving Services had the highest index points with 164.8 among its subgroups followed by Accommodation Services with 137.8 index points.

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels ranked third with an index point of 136.6. Among its subgroups, electricity, gas and other fuels had the highest index point of 151.1 followed by actual rentals for housing with an index point of 126.9.

Information and Communication incurred the lowest CPI in the province during the month with an index point of 99.9 while Financial Services showed no changes in its index points.

### CPI for All Items Shows a down Trend

Figure 2 shows the CPI for All Items in the province for the month of March and April 2023. The indices for All Items showed a decrease from March 2023 to April 2023 with index points 125.8 and 125.5 respectively.

Among the different commodity groups, housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels decreased by 1.6 points followed by transport with index point of 1.7 while alcoholic beverages and tobacco increased by 2.1 index points, respectively.

Figure 2: Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group  
Mountain Province: April 2023 and March 2023  
(2018 = 100)



While most of the indices of the different commodity groups decreased from March 2023 to April 2023, 2 groups (financial and educational services) showed no changes. This means that their CPI in April 2023 was the same in March this year.

### Inflation Rate by Month

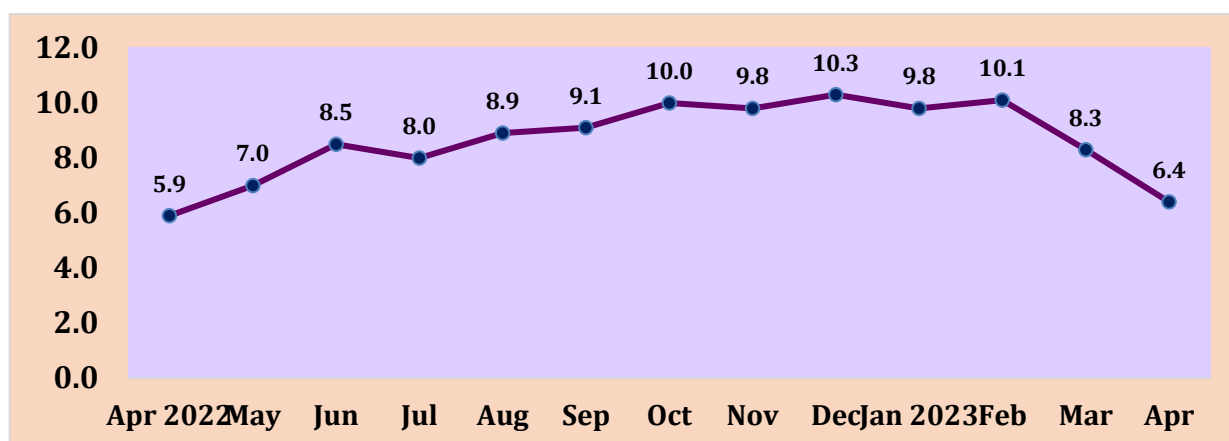
Inflation rate in the province decreased to 6.4 percent in April 2023 from 8.3 percent in March 2023. In April last year, inflation rate was lower at 5.9 percent.

The deceleration in the inflation rate in April 2023 was primarily due to the lower annual growths in the housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels at 1.6 percent; food and non-alcoholic beverages at 0.2 percent, and transport at 1.7 percent.

The following commodities also contributed to the down trend of the inflation rate for the said month:

- a. Personal care, and miscellaneous and service, 0.3 percent;
- b. Clothing and footwear, 0.2 and
- c. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 0.3 percent.

Figure 3: Inflation Rate by Month,  
Mountain Province: April 2022 – April 2023  
(2018 = 100)

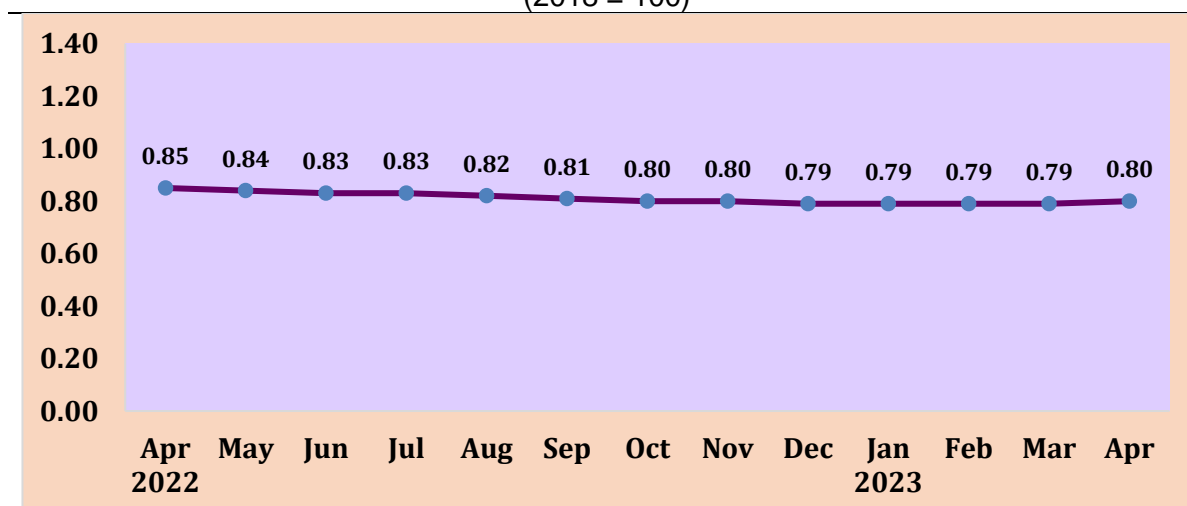


Meanwhile, alcoholic beverages and tobacco and recreation, sport and culture showed an increase in their annual growth with 2.1 and 0.3 percent respectively. The rest of the commodity groups changed but at a minimal rate.

### Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) Slides

The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in the province for April 2023 remained at 0.80 and decreased by 5 centavos compared to the same month of the previous year. Thus, a hundred peso in 2018 is worth 79 pesos this April 2023. (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Purchasing Power of Peso,  
Mountain Province: April 2022 – April 2023  
(2018 = 100)



## Technical Notes

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** A single number used to measure changes in the average retail prices of a market basket or collection of goods and services commonly purchased by an average Filipino household. It shows how much on the average, prices of goods and services have increased or decreased from a particular reference period known as base year.

*The CPI measures the changes in the price level of goods and services that most people buy for their day-to-day consumption relative to a base year (currently at year 2018)*

*It is widely used in the calculation of the inflation rate and purchasing power of the peso. Changes in the CPI over a specified period of time (usually a month or a year), is the **rate of inflation**. Inflation is equivalent to a decline in the purchasing power of peso (PPP).*

*The **Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)** gives an indication of the real value of the peso (how much it is worth) in a given period relative to its value in a base period. Or it measures how much the peso in the reference year is worth in another year.*

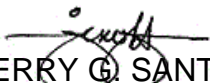
**Inflation Rate (IR)** is the rate of change in the average price level between two periods (year-on year/month-on-month as measured by the CPI).

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

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

*The monthly Consumers Price Index is computed based on the average retail prices of goods and services collected during the first week and mid-month of the reference month.*

**Retail Price** - the actual price at which retailers sell a commodity on spot or earliest delivery, usually in small quantities for consumption and not for resale. It is confined to transactions on cash basis in the free market and excludes black-market prices and prices of commodities that are on sale as in summer sales, anniversary sales, Christmas sales, etc.

  
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