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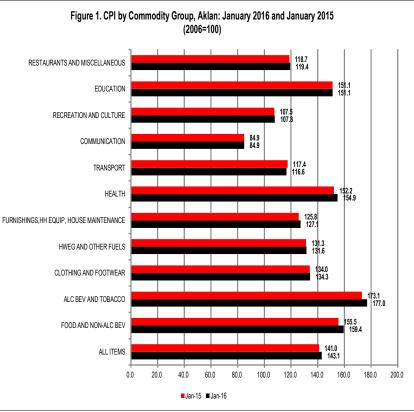


YEAR-ON-YEAR PRICE SITUATION

CPI increases by 2.1 percent

The price data in January 2016 showed an upward movement, particularly in consumer goods and services throughout the province. The consumer price index (CPI) in Aklan was placed at 143.1 in January 2016, from 141.0 of the same period a year ago, or an increase of 2.1 percent.

The highest increase in CPI was noted in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 3.90 percent, respectively. Non-Food items also went up during the reference period with 0.40 percent (from 126.60 to 127.0).

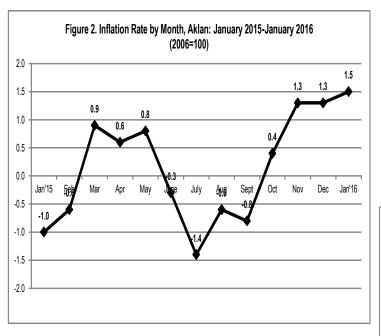


CPI by Commodity Group

Among the commodity groups, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco has the highest index with 177.0 percent. This was followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 159.4 index points, Health with 154.9 Education with 151.1, and Clothing and Footwear with 134.3 percent mark. On the other hand, Communication remained to have the lowest index this month with 84.9 percent.

Inflation rate decreases by 0.5 percent

Figure 2 shows that the inflation rate of Aklan for the month of January picked up to 1.5 percent or an increase by 0.5 percent mark compared to the same period of last year's figure of -1.0 percent. From January 2015 to January 2016, the average inflation rate registered at 0.05 percent. During the period specified, the current month was noted with highest inflation rate while the month of July registered the lowest IR in the province with -1.4 percent.



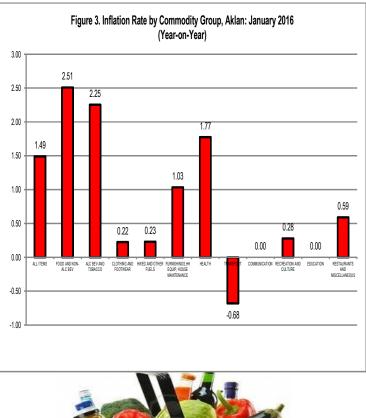
MONTH-ON-MONTH PRICE SITUATION

This month, the CPI for all income households in Aklan went down by -0.21 percent after posting a 143.1 percent index point over last month's index of 143.4.

The downtrend was the result of decrease in prices of Transport (-2.10), HWEG and Other Fuels (-0.83), Furnishings, HH Equipment and Maintenance of the House (-0.08), and Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (-0.06). It is also the result of no price movement observed in Clothing and Footwear. Communication, Recreation and Culture. and Education. On the other hand, higher price changes were noted in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (0.80), Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.08), and Health (0.06).

Inflation rate by commodity group

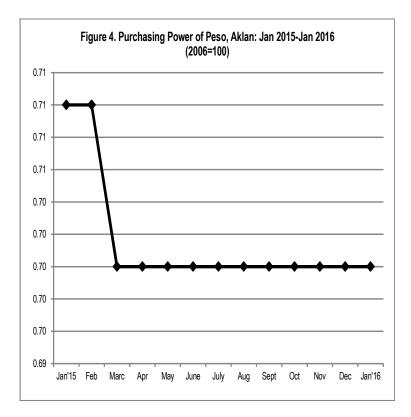
Among the commodity group, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages posted a highest inflation rate of 2.51. This is followed by Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 2.25, Health with 1.77, and Furnishings, HH Equipment and Maintenance of the House with 1.03 percent mark. On the other hand, Transport has the lowest inflation rate with -0.68 percent. Meanwhile, Communication, and Education have no price changes during the reference period.





The decrease in price index across Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages is attributed to the downward price movement observed in Fish (-5.46), Vegetables (-2.34), and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (-0.17). However, faster price movement was observed in Fruit (5.22), Meat (1.64), Rice (1.64), Bread and Cereals (1.41), Sugar and related products (1.13), Corn (0.73), and Milk, Cheese and Eggs (0.29). Prices of Oils and Fats, as well as and Food NEC remained constant during the reference period.

Non-food items went up by 0.80 percent as a result of price increase in most commodities especially in Health.



Peso value pegs at 0.70

The purchasing power of peso in Aklan in January 2016 was pegged at 0.70. The value remain constant during the past ten months. It means that one peso (P1.00) in 2006 is worth seventy (P0.70) centavos in January 2016. Interpreted in another way, this means that the same basket of goods and services worth P70.00 in 2006 can be bought at P100.00 in January 2016.



Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households, Aklan: Dec	ecember 2015 and January 2016
(2006=100)	-

Commodity Group	January 2016	December 2015	Percent Change	
All Items	143.1	143.4	-0.21	
Food And Non-Alcoholic Beverages	159.4	159.5	-0.06	
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	177.0	175.6	0.80	
Clothing and Footwear	134.3	134.3	0.00	
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	131.6	132.7	-0.83	
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	127.1	127.2	-0.08	
Health	154.9	154.8	0.06	
Transport	116.6	119.1	-2.10	
Communication	84.9	84.9	0.00	
Recreation and Culture	107.8	107.8	0.00	
Education	151.1	151.1	0.00	
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	119.4	119.3	0.08	

Table 2. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso, Aklan: January 2015-January 2016 (2006=100)

Year	Month	СРІ	Inflation Rate	Purchasing Power of Peso
2015		142.4	0.0	0.70
	January	141.0	-1.0	0.71
	February	141.7	-0.6	0.71
	March	142.0	0.9	0.70
	April	142.1	0.6	0.70
	Мау	142.5	0.8	0.70
	June	142.0	-0.3	0.70
	July	142.6	-1.4	0.70
	August	142.6	-0.6	0.70
	September	142.8	-0.8	0.70
	October	142.9	0.4	0.70
	November	143.7	1.3	0.70
	December	143.4	1.3	0.70
2016				
	January	143.1	1.5	0.71
	February			
	March			
	April			
	Мау			
	June			
	July			
	August			
	September			
	October			
	November			
	December			

Percent Percent January December January Change (Year COMMODITY GROUP Change (Month 2016 2015 2015 on Month) on Year) ALL ITEMS 143.1 143.4 -0.21 141.0 1.49 I. FOOD AND NON-ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES 159.4 159.5 -0.06 155.5 2.51 * Food 162.4 162.5 -0.06 158.1 2.72 Bread and Cereals 180.0 177.5 1.41 175.3 2.68 Rice 186.2 183.2 1.64 180.4 3.22 152.4 151.3 0.73 149.2 r 2.14 Corn Meat 136.1 133.9 1.64 133.0 2.33 Fish 166.7 -5.46 1.74 157.6 154.9 r Milk, Cheese and Eggs 139.0 138.6 0.29 135.9 2.28 Oils and Fats 225.1 225.1 0.00 225.0 0.04 Fruit 195.6 185.9 5.22 184.0 6.30 171.0 -2.34 170.0 0.59 Vegetables 175.1 Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery 151.6 149.9 1.13 143.9 5.35 Food Products N.E.C. 177.4 177.4 0.00 155.7 13.94 * Non-alcoholic Beverages 118.5 118.7 -0 17 119.9 -1.17 II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO 177.0 175.6 0.80 173.1 2.25 Alcoholic Beverages 154.0 153.4 0.39 154.3 -0.19 211.7 209.1 1.24 201.5 5.06 Tobacco NON-FOOD 127.0 127.7 -0.55 126.6 0.32 **III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR** 134.3 134.3 0.00 134.0 0.22 Clothing 132.0 132.0 0.00 131.9 0.08 140.6 140.6 Footwear 0.00 139.8 0.57 IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS -0.83 131.6 132.7 131.3 0.23 138.4 138.4 0.00 136.0 1.76 Actual Rentals for Housing 149.0 149.1 -0.07 145.4 2.48 Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the 134.6 134.6 0.00 134.6 0.00 Dwelling Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 117.5 120.7 -2.65 121.3 -3.13 V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE 127.1 127.2 -0.08 125.8 1.03 OF THE HOUSE Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings 134.0 0.00 134.0 1314 1.98 Household Textiles 144.8 144.8 0.00 144.5 0.21 Household Appliances 117.2 117.2 0.00 115.9 1.12 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils 129.5 129.5 0.00 128.7 0.62 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden 152.9 153.5 -0.39 153.5 -0.39 126.3 126.4 -0.08 125.0 1.04 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Income Household, Aklan: January 2016 (2006=100)

COMMODITY GROUP	January 2016	Dec 2015	Percent Change (Month on Month)	January 2015		Percent Change (Year on Year)
VI. HEALTH	154.9	154.8	0.06	152.2		1.77
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	141.0	140.8	0.14	137.4		2.62
Out -patient Services	186.3	186.3	0.00	184.3		1.09
Hospital Services	137.7	137.7	0.00	137.7		0.00
VII. TRANSPORT	116.6	119.1	-2.10	117.4	r	-0.68
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	111.3	113.6	-2.02	117.7		-5.44
Transport Services	118.5	121.1	-2.15	117.3	r	1.02
VIII. COMMUNICATION	84.9	84.9	0.00	84.9	r	0.00
Postal Services	121.0	121.0	0.00	121.0	r	0.00
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	44.4	44.4	0.00	44.4		0.00
Telephone and Telefax Services	98.0	98.0	0.00	98.0	r	0.00
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	107.8	107.8	0.00	107.5		0.28
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	91.0	91.0	0.00	91.0		0.00
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture						
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	113.2	113.1	0.09	113.1		0.09
Recreational and Cultural Services	124.5	124.5	0.00	124.1		0.32
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	126.4	126.4	0.00	125.6		0.64
X. EDUCATION	151.1	151.1	0.00	151.1		0.00
Pre-primary and Primary Education						
Secondary Education	135.5	135.5	0.00	135.5		0.00
Tertiary Education	158.9	158.9	0.00	158.9		0.00
Education Not Definable by Level						
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	119.4	119.3	0.08	118.7		0.59
Catering Services	113.9	113.9	0.00	113.3		0.53
Personal Care	126.2	125.9	0.24	125.4		0.64
Personal Effects N.E.C.	122.9	122.9	0.00	122.5		0.33

Explanatory Notes

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by the households relative to a base year. It shows how much on the average, prices of goods and services have increased or decreased from a particular reference period.

The January 2016 CPI Report was derived from the results of the 2006-based CPI survey comprised of eleven (11) major commodity groups. These are the following: Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Clothing and Footwear; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House; Health; Transport; Communication; Recreation and Culture; Education; Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services.

Inflation rate is defined as the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the 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.

Market basket is a term used to refer to a sample of goods and services that are commonly purchased and bought by an average Filipino household.

Base period or Base Year is the period, usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series. In this report, 2006 is used as the base period.