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# The Consumer Price Index of Aklan:

## April 2012

(2006=100)

### YEAR-ON-YEAR PRICE SITUATION

#### CPI increases by 3.8 percent

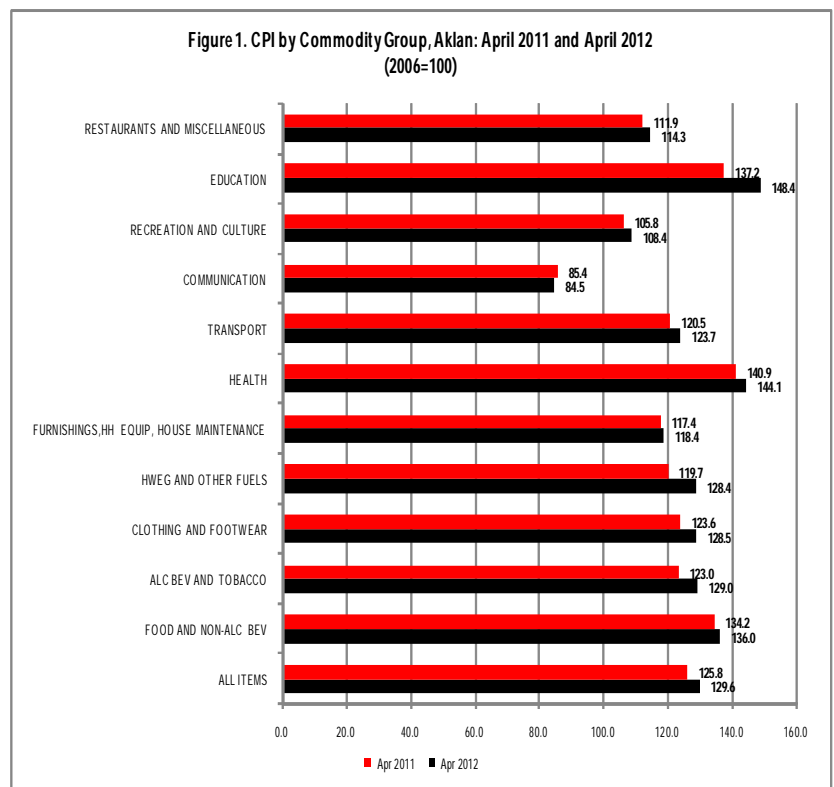
The price data in April 2012 reflected a general upward movement, particularly in the cost of consumer goods and services throughout the province, except for Communication which showed negative percent change of 1.05. The consumer price index (CPI) in Aklan was placed at 129.6 in April 2012, from 125.8 of the same period a year ago, or an increase of 3.8 percent.

The highest percent change in CPI was noted in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco posting an increase of 4.9 percent (from 123.0 to 129.0), followed by Non-food items by 4.5 percent mark (from 118.8 to 124.1), and Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages by 1.3 percent (from 134.2 to 136.0).

#### CPI by Commodity Group

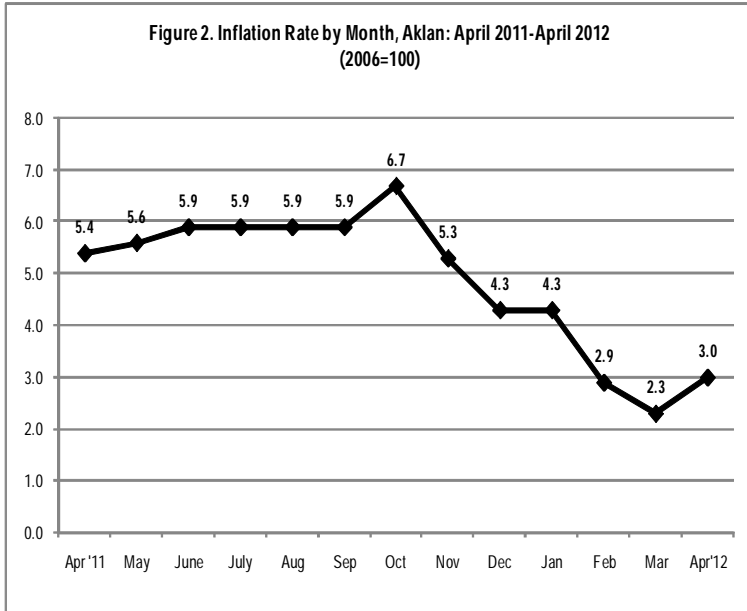
Among the commodity groups, Education has the highest index with 148.4 or an increase of 11.2 percent from last year's index of 137.2. This was followed by Health with 144.1 index points and Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 136.0 mark. Communication slowed down to 84.5 percent from last year's figure of 85.4, the lowest index for this month.

Figure 1. CPI by Commodity Group, Aklan: April 2011 and April 2012  
(2006=100)



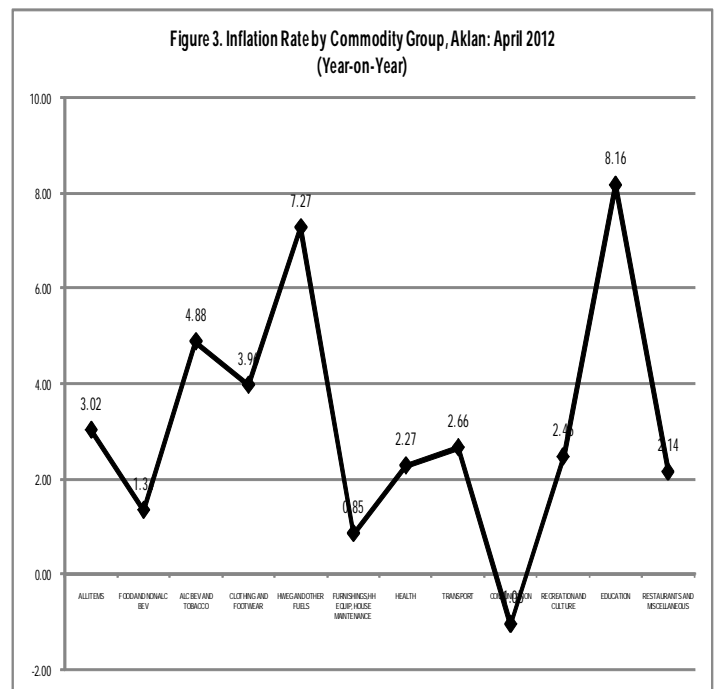
## Inflation rate decreases by 2.4 percent

Figure 2 shows that the inflation rate of Aklan for the month of April went down to 3.0 percent or a decrease by 2.4 percent mark compared to the same period of last year's figure of 5.4. From April 2011 to April 2012, the average inflation rate registered at 4.9 percent. During the period specified, October 2011 was noted with highest inflation rate of 6.7 percent, while the month of March 2012 registered the lowest IR in the province.



## Inflation rate by commodity group

Among the commodity group, Education posted a highest inflation rate of 8.16 percent. This is followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 7.27 percent, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 4.88 percent, and Clothing and Footwear with 3.96 percentage mark. The rest of the commodities have an IR of 2.66 and below



## MONTH-ON-MONTH PRICE SITUATION

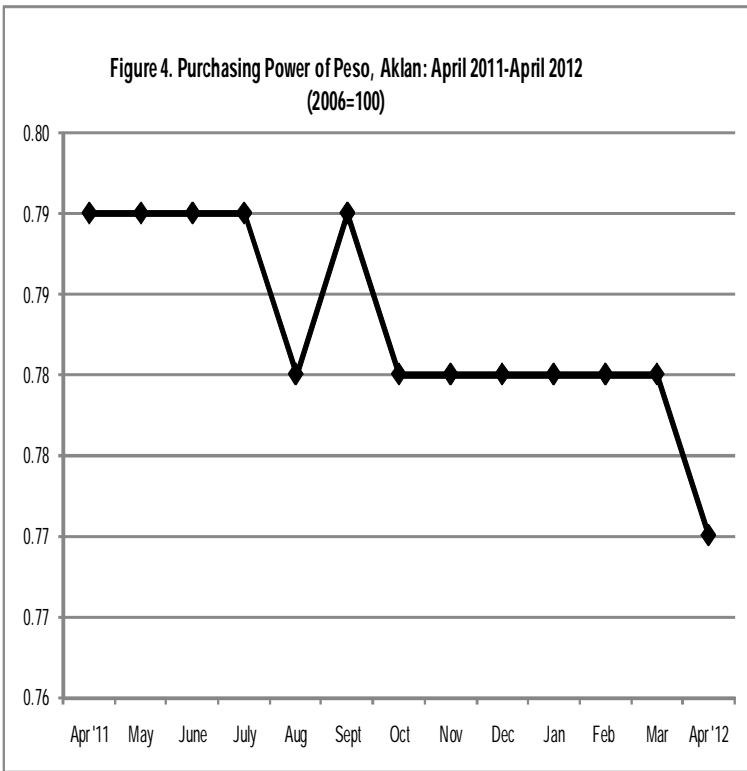
This month, the CPI for all income households in Aklan increased by 1.3 percent after posting a 129.6 index point over last month's index of 128.3.

From March to April 2012, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels taken as one registered the highest percent change of 2.31 (from 125.5 to 128.4), followed by Clothing and Footwear with 1.34 (from 126.8 to 128.5), Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 0.82 (from 128.3 to 129.6), Transport with 0.65 (from 122.9 to 123.7), Health with 0.63 (from 143.2 to 144.1) and Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 0.62 (from 113.6 to 114.3). A slight increase is also noted in Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House with 0.59, Recreation and Culture with 0.28, and Communication with 0.24. The rest of the commodities showed a stable indices this month.



Under Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, costs of most items went up during the two months in review. A higher price increase was noted in Fish with 4.33, Sugar and other related products with 3.05, and Oils and Fats with 2.06 percent change. Other items that also showed positive price change are the following: Vegetables (1.03), Non-alcoholic Beverages (0.95), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (0.46), Fruits (0.42), Food Products N.E.C (0.31), and Meat (0.25). However, prices of Rice as well as Bread and Cereals declined this month posting a percent change of -0.31 and -0.37, respectively.

Non-food items rose by 1.22 percent as a result of increase in most of the commodities especially HWEG and Other Fuels and Clothing and Footwear sectors.



## The purchasing power of peso

The purchasing power of peso in Aklan in April 2012 was pegged at 0.77, the lowest value since April 2011. This means that one peso (P1.00) in 2006 is worth seventy seven (P0.77) centavos in April 2012. Interpreted in another way, this means that the same basket of goods and services worth P77.00 in 2006 can be bought at P100.00 in April 2012.



Table 1. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso, Aklan:  
April 2011-April 2012  
(2006=100)

Year	Month	CPI		Inflation Rate	Purchasing Power of Peso
<b>2011</b>		<b>126.3</b>		<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.79</b>
	January	122.8		2.8	0.81
	February	124.4		4.4	0.80
	March	125.4		5.4	0.80
	April	125.8		5.4	0.79
	May	126.0	r	5.6	0.79
	June	126.5		5.9	0.79
	July	126.7		5.9	0.79
	August	127.7		5.9	0.78
	September	127.3		5.9	0.79
	October	127.7		6.7	0.78
	November	128.0		5.3	0.78
	December	127.8		4.3	0.78
<b>2012</b>					
	January	128.1		4.3	0.78
	February	128.0		2.9	0.78
	March	128.3		2.3	0.78
	April	129.6		3.0	0.77

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households, Aklan: March 2012 and April 2012  
(2006=100)

Commodity Group	April 2012	March 2012	Percent Change
All Items	<b>129.6</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>1.01</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	136.0	134.9	0.82
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	129.0	129.0	0.00
Clothing and Footwear	128.5	126.8	1.34
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	128.4	125.5	2.31
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	118.4	117.7	0.59
Health	144.1	143.2	0.63
Transport	123.7	122.9	0.65
Communication	84.5	84.3	0.24
Recreation and Culture	108.4	108.1	0.28
Education	148.4	148.4	0.00
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.3	113.6	0.62

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Income Household, Aklan: April 2012  
(2006=100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Percent Change (Month on Month)	Apr 2011		Percent Change (Year on Year)
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>125.8</b>		<b>3.02</b>
<b>I. FOOD AND NON-ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>136.0</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>134.2</b>		<b>1.34</b>
* Food	137.4	136.3	0.81	135.7		1.25
Bread and Cereals	159.4	159.9	-0.31	157.8	r	1.01
Rice	161.9	162.5	-0.37	160.3	r	1.00
Corn	136.2	136.2	0.00	136.2	r	0.00
Meat	121.5	121.2	0.25	119.9		1.33
Fish	115.7	110.9	4.33	108.8		6.34
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	130.0	129.4	0.46	126.9		2.44
Oils and Fats	237.3	232.5	2.06	217.5		9.10
Fruit	120.2	119.7	0.42	123.1		-2.36
Vegetables	127.0	125.7	1.03	127.3		-0.24
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	131.8	127.9	3.05	155.5		-15.24
Food Products N.E.C.	162.2	161.7	0.31	157.8		2.79
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	117.4	116.3	0.95	114.3		2.71
<b>II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>123.0</b>		<b>4.88</b>
Alcoholic Beverages	130.4	130.4	0.00	125.0		4.32
Tobacco	126.8	126.8	0.00	120.0		5.67
<b>NON-FOOD</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>118.8</b>		<b>4.46</b>
<b>III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>123.6</b>		<b>3.96</b>
Clothing	126.9	124.5	1.93	121.6		4.36
Footwear	132.7	132.8	-0.08	129.0		2.87
<b>IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>119.7</b>		<b>7.27</b>
Actual Rentals for Housing	119.3	115.6	3.20	115.6		3.20
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	130.3	127.6	2.12	126.1		3.33
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	117.5	116.5	0.86	112.8		4.17
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	145.5	143.8	1.18	127.0		14.57
<b>V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>117.4</b>		<b>0.85</b>
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	109.7	109.1	0.55	109.1		0.55
Household Textiles	141.7	141.4	0.21	137.1	r	3.36
Household Appliances	116.1	116.1	0.00	116.7		-0.51
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	126.4	126.3	0.08	126.3		0.08
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	150.7	147.9	1.89	148.3		1.62
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	116.7	115.8	0.78	115.3		1.21

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COMMODITY GROUP	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Percent Change (Month on Month)	Apr 2011		Percent Change (Year on Year)
<b>VI. HEALTH</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>140.9</b>		<b>2.27</b>
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	137.1	135.6	1.11	132.5		3.47
Out-patient Services	165.2	165.2	0.00	163.4		1.10
Hospital Services	120.5	120.5	0.00	120.5		0.00
<b>VII. TRANSPORT</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>120.5</b>		<b>2.66</b>
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	144.3	141.6	1.91	134.3		7.45
Transport Services	116.3	116.3	0.00	115.6		0.61
<b>VIII. COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>85.4</b>	r	<b>-1.05</b>
Postal Services	118.1	118.1	0.00	118.1	r	0.00
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	44.4	44.4	0.00	49.1	r	-9.57
Telephone and Telefax Services	97.5	97.2	0.31	97.2	r	0.31
<b>IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>105.8</b>		<b>2.46</b>
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	95.9	95.5	0.42	95.4		0.52
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture						
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	105.3	104.4	0.86	104.4		0.86
Recreational and Cultural Services	103.6	103.6	0.00	103.6		0.00
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	127.8	127.6	0.16	121.1		5.53
<b>X. EDUCATION</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>137.2</b>		<b>8.16</b>
Pre-primary and Primary Education						
Secondary Education	132.3	132.3	0.00	132.3		0.00
Tertiary Education	156.5	156.5	0.00	139.6		12.11
Education Not Definable by Level						
<b>XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>113.6</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>111.9</b>		<b>2.14</b>
Catering Services	107.0	107.0	0.00	107.0		0.00
Personal Care	122.5	121.1	1.16	118.6		3.29
Personal Effects N.E.C.	130.7	125.6	4.06	106.2		23.07

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## 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 2012 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.