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The Consumer Price Index of Aklan:

April 2013

(2006=100)

YEAR-ON-YEAR PRICE SITUATION

CPI increases by 5.7 percent

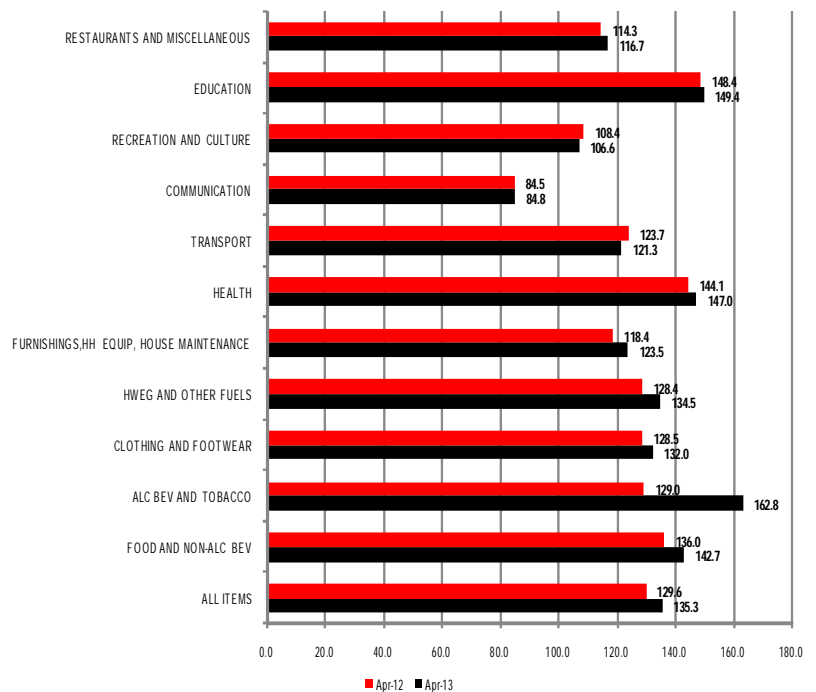
The price data in April 2013 showed an upward movement, particularly in consumer goods and services throughout the province. The consumer price index (CPI) in Aklan was placed at 135.3 in April 2013, from 129.6 of the same period a year ago, or an increase of 5.7 percent.

The highest increase in CPI was noted in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 33.8 percent (from 129.0 to 162.8), followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 6.7 percent mark (from 136.0 to 142.7), and Non-food items with 3.1 percent (from 124.1 to 127.2).

CPI by Commodity Group

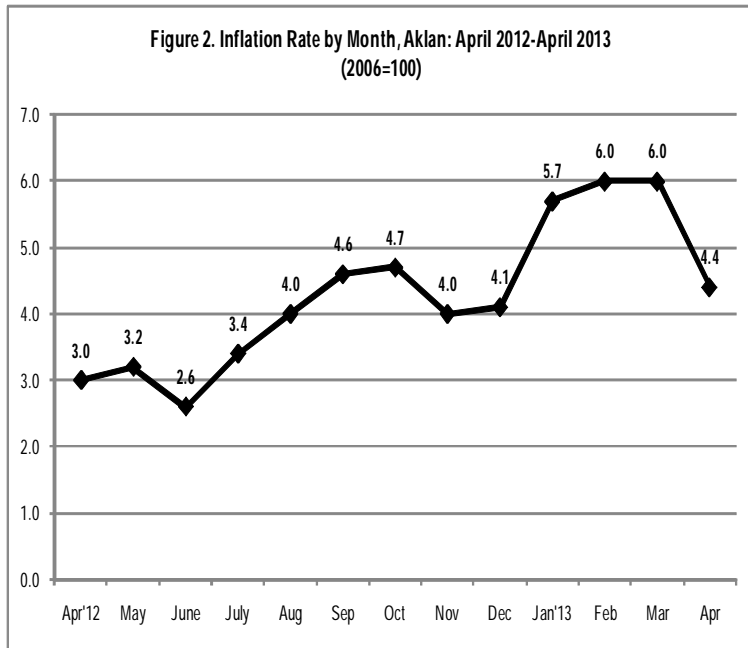
Among the commodity groups, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco has the highest index with 162.8 or an increase of 33.8 percent from last year's index of 129.0. This was followed by Education with 149.4 index points and Health with 147.0 percent mark. On the other hand, Communication remained to have the lowest index this month with 84.8 percent.

Figure 1. CPI by Commodity Group, Aklan: April 2012 and April 2013
(2006=100)



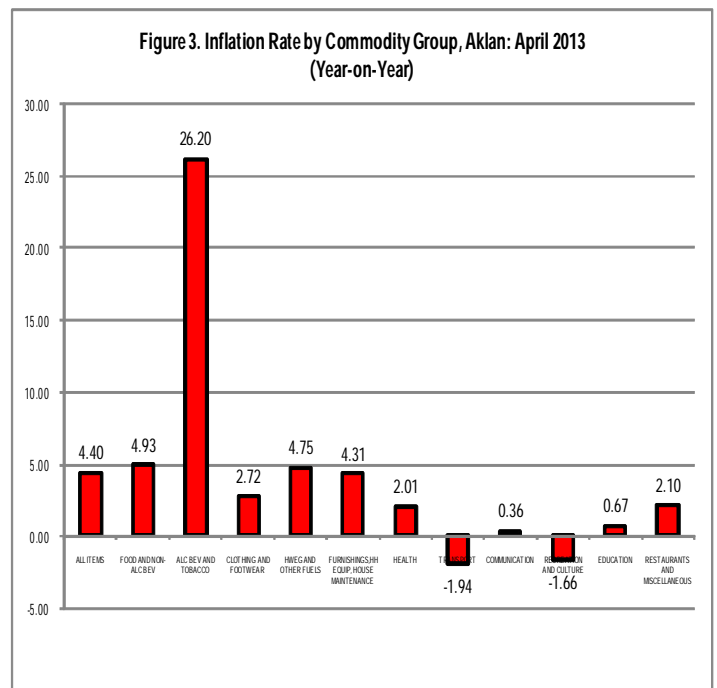
Inflation rate increases by 1.4 percent

Figure 2 shows that the inflation rate of Aklan for the month of April escalated to 4.4 percent or an increase by 1.4 percent mark compared to the same period of last year's figure of 3.0. From April 2012 to April 2013, the average inflation rate registered at 3.9 percent. During the period specified, February and March 2013 were noted with highest inflation rate of 6.0 percent each, while the month of June 2012 registered the lowest IR in the province.



Inflation rate by commodity group

Among the commodity group, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco posted a highest inflation rate of 26.2 percent. This is followed by Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 4.9, HWEG and Other Fuels with 4.8, Furnishings, Household Equipment, and House Maintenance with 4.3 percent. Likewise, Clothing and Footwear registered a 2.7 percent mark, Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 2.1 percent, and Health with 2.0 percent. The rest of the commodities have an IR of 0.67 and below.



MONTH-ON-MONTH PRICE SITUATION

This month, the CPI for all income households in Aklan dropped by 0.51 percent after posting a 135.3 index point over last month's index of 136.0

The downtrend was the result of decrease in prices of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (-1.25), Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (-0.31), Transport (-0.25), Recreation and Culture (-0.19), and Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (-0.17). On the other hand, price hike was noted in Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House (0.82), HWEG and Other Fuels (0.37), and Clothing and Footwear (0.30). Health, Communication, and Education remained stable this month.

The decrease of price index across Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages is attributed to the decrease observed in Fruit (-3.37), Fish (-2.75), Meat (-2.70), Rice (-1.68), Bread and Cereals (-1.32), Sugar and related products (-0.22), and selected spices, condiments and seasonings (-0.12). However, price increase was noted in Vegetables (1.54), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (0.53), Oils and Fats (0.34), and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (-0.17). Only prices of Corn remained unchanged this month.

Non-food items slightly went up by 0.16 percent as a result of increase in most commodities especially Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House.





Peso value pegs at 0.74

The purchasing power of peso in Aklan in April 2013 was pegged at 0.74. This value remained constant over the last three successive months. The figure means that one peso (P1.00) in 2006 is worth seventy four (P0.74) centavos in April 2013. Interpreted in another way, this means that the same basket of goods and services worth P74.00 in 2006 can be bought at P100.00 in April 2013.



**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households, Aklan: March 2013 and April 2013
(2006=100)**

Commodity Group	April 2013	March 2013	Percent Change
All Items	135.3	136.0	-0.51
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	142.7	144.5	-1.25
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	162.8	163.3	-0.31
Clothing and Footwear	132.0	131.6	0.30
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	134.5	134.0	0.37
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	123.5	122.5	0.82
Health	147.0	147.0	0.00
Transport	121.3	121.6	-0.25
Communication	84.8	84.8	0.00
Recreation and Culture	106.6	106.8	-0.19
Education	149.4	149.4	0.00
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	116.7	116.9	-0.17

Table 2. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso, Aklan:
 January 2012-April 2013
 (2006=100)

Year	Month	CPI		Inflation Rate	Purchasing Power of Peso
2012		130.9		3.6	0.76
	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
	May	130.0		3.2	0.77
	June	129.8		2.6	0.77
	July	131.0		3.4	0.76
	August	132.8		4.0	0.75
	September	133.2		4.6	0.75
	October	133.7		4.7	0.75
	November	133.1		4.0	0.75
	December	133.0		4.1	0.75
2013					
	January	135.4		5.7	0.74
	February	135.7		6.0	0.74
	March	136.0		6.0	0.74
	April	135.3		4.4	0.74

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Income Household, Aklan: April 2013
(2006=100)

COMMODITY GROUP	April 2013	March 2013	Percent Change (Month on Month)	April 2012		Percent Change (Year on Year)
ALL ITEMS	135.3	136.0	-0.51	129.6		4.40
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	142.7	144.5	-1.25	136.0		4.93
* Food	144.5	146.5	-1.37	137.4		5.17
Bread and Cereals	156.5	158.6	-1.32	159.4		-1.82
Rice	158.2	160.9	-1.68	161.9		-2.29
Corn	137.3	137.3	0.00	136.2	r	0.81
Meat	126.1	129.6	-2.70	121.5		3.79
Fish	141.7	145.7	-2.75	115.7		22.47
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	133.9	133.2	0.53	130.0		3.00
Oils and Fats	234.7	233.9	0.34	237.3		-1.10
Fruit	140.6	145.5	-3.37	120.2		16.97
Vegetables	144.6	142.4	1.54	127.0		13.86
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	137.6	137.9	-0.22	131.8		4.40
Food Products N.E.C.	161.3	161.5	-0.12	162.2		-0.55
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	118.3	118.1	0.17	117.4		0.77
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	162.8	163.3	-0.31	129.0		26.20
Alcoholic Beverages	149.0	147.8	0.81	130.4		14.26
Tobacco	183.6	186.6	-1.61	126.8		44.79
NON-FOOD	127.2	127.0	0.16	124.1		2.50
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	132.0	131.6	0.30	128.5		2.72
Clothing	130.0	129.5	0.39	126.9		2.44
Footwear	137.2	137.3	-0.07	132.7		3.39
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	134.5	134.0	0.37	128.4		4.75
Actual Rentals for Housing	126.7	124.4	1.85	119.3		6.20
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	134.0	132.7	0.98	130.3		2.84
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	129.9	130.1	-0.15	117.5		10.55
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	148.8	151.4	-1.72	145.5		2.27
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	123.5	122.5	0.82	118.4		4.31
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	124.8	122.8	1.63	109.7		13.76
Household Textiles	143.0	143.2	-0.14	141.7		0.92
Household Appliances	118.3	118.3	0.00	116.1		1.89
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	127.5	127.5	0.00	126.4		0.87
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	152.7	152.1	0.39	150.7		1.33
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.8	120.4	1.16	116.7		4.37

(Table 3 cont...)

COMMODITY GROUP	April 2013	March 2013	Percent Change (Month on Month)	April 2012		Percent Change (Year on Year)
VI. HEALTH	147.0	147.0	0.00	144.1		2.01
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	138.4	138.4	0.00	137.1		0.95
Out-patient Services	170.7	170.6	0.06	165.2		3.33
Hospital Services	124.8	124.8	0.00	120.5		3.57
VII. TRANSPORT	121.3	121.6	-0.25	123.7		-1.94
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	135.2	136.6	-1.02	144.3		-6.31
Transport Services	116.3	116.3	0.00	116.3	r	0.00
VIII. COMMUNICATION	84.8	84.8	0.00	84.5	r	0.36
Postal Services	118.1	118.1	0.00	118.1	r	0.00
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	44.4	44.4	0.00	44.4	r	0.00
Telephone and Telefax Services	97.9	97.9	0.00	97.5	r	0.41
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	106.6	106.8	-0.19	108.4		-1.66
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	91.6	91.6	0.00	95.9		-4.48
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture						
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	109.8	109.8	0.00	105.3		4.27
Recreational and Cultural Services	102.3	103.6	-1.25	103.6		-1.25
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	128.0	128.3	-0.23	127.8		0.16
X. EDUCATION	149.4	149.4	0.00	148.4		0.67
Pre-primary and Primary Education						
Secondary Education	135.5	135.5	0.00	132.3		2.42
Tertiary Education	156.4	156.4	0.00	156.5		-0.06
Education Not Definable by Level						
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	116.7	116.9	-0.17	114.3		2.10
Catering Services	110.9	110.9	0.00	107.0		3.64
Personal Care	123.7	124.0	-0.24	122.5		0.98
Personal Effects N.E.C.	123.0	124.1	-0.89	130.7		-5.89

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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 April 2013 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.