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# The Consumer Price Index of Aklan:

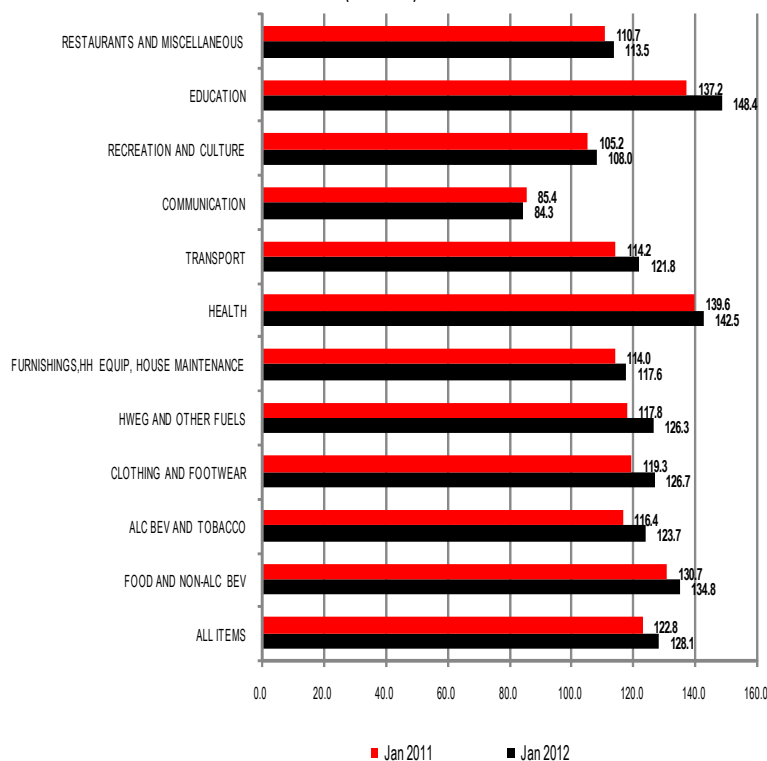
## January 2012

(2006=100)

### YEAR-ON-YEAR PRICE SITUATION

### CPI increases by 5.3 percent

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



For the month of January 2012, the consumer price index in the Province of Aklan posted at 128.1 index points. Compared to the same period of last year's figure of 122.8 mark, an increase of 5.3 percent was noted. Except for communication, which has a decline index of 1.1, the rest of the commodities have an accelerating indices. By category, CPI for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose by 4.1 percent (from 130.7 to 134.8), Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco by 7.3 percent (from 116.4 to 123.7) and Non-food items by 6.2 mark (from 116.4 to 122.6).

### CPI by Commodity Group

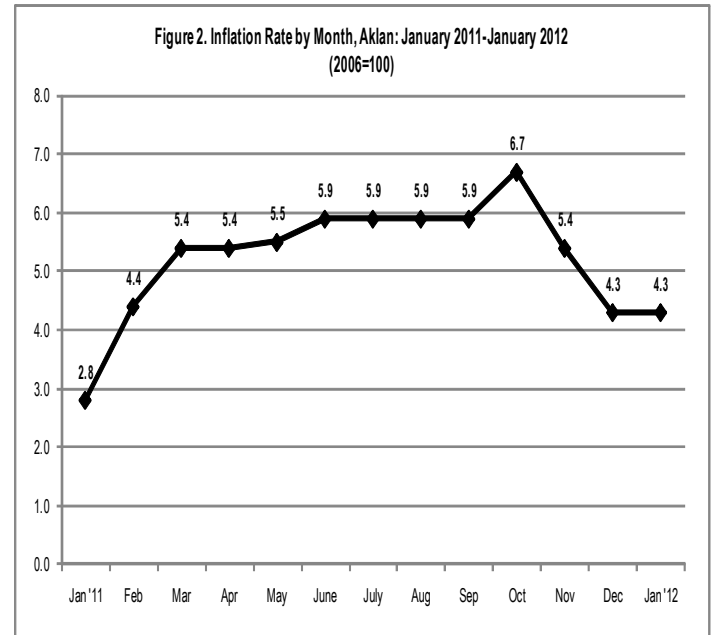
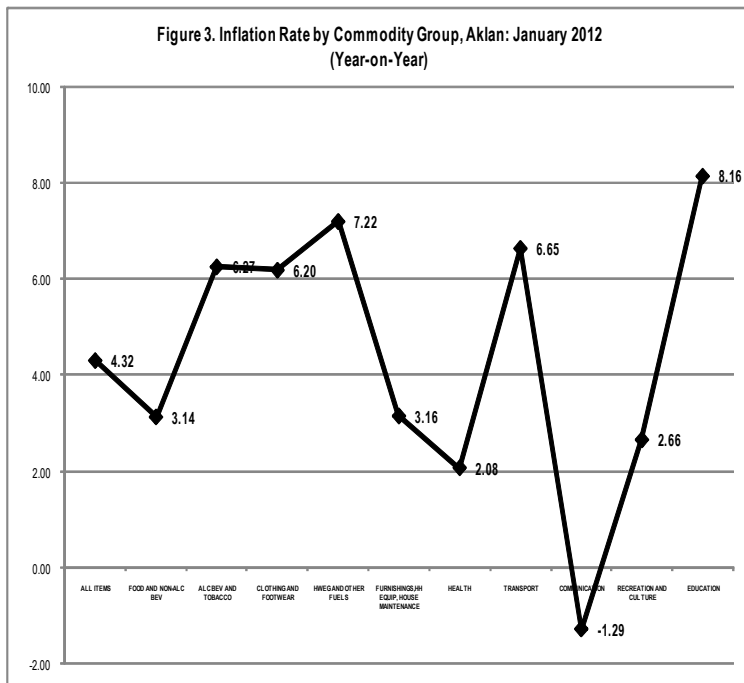
Among the commodity groups, Education has the highest index with 148.4 or an increase of 11.2 percent from last year's index of 137.2. This is followed by Health with 142.5 percentage mark; Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 134.8 percent. Communication went down to 84.3 index points from last year's figure of 85.4 percent, making the lowest index for this month.

## Inflation rate is up by 1.5 percent

Figure 2 shows that the inflation rate of Aklan for the month of January posted at 4.3 percent or increased by 1.5 percent compared to the same period of last year's mark of 2.8 percent. The upward trend of inflation rate was due to the accelerating increase of prices of commodity in the market.

## Inflation rate by commodity group

Education posted a highest inflation rate of 8.16 percent among the commodity group. This was followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 7.22 percent, and Transportation with 6.65 percentage mark. The increase in tuition fees of college education blown up the rate of inflation in education. Likewise, price increase of electricity and gas contributed to bloat the inflation in HWEG and Other Fuels, while fare hike triggered the increase in transportation. Also, other items noted with high inflation rates are: Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (6.27) and Clothing (6.20). The rest of the commodities have an IR of 3.16 and below.



## MONTH-ON-MONTH PRICE SITUATION

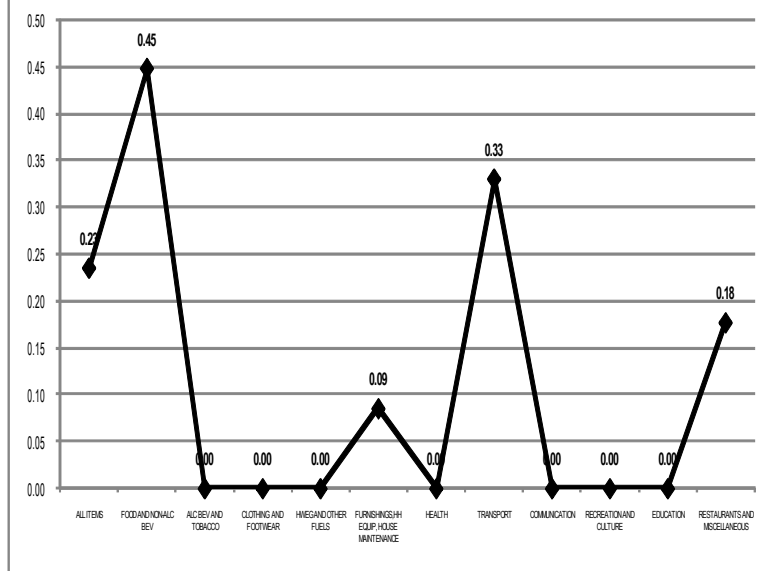
This month, the CPI for all income households in Aklan has a 0.23 percent change after posting a 128.1 index over last month's index of 127.8.

From December 2011 to January 2012, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages taken as one has the highest percentage points of 0.45, followed by Transportation with 0.33 percent; Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 0.18 percent. Meanwhile, prices remained stable for the following commodities: Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Clothing and Footwear, HWEG and Other Fuels, Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture, and Education.

Under the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, inflation is noted in the following items: Fish (2.30), Oils and Fats (1.01), Meat (0.74), and Bread and Cereals (0.13). On the other hand, prices of Milk, Cheese and Eggs as well as Non Alcoholic Beverages remained stable; while, Fruits, Vegetables, Sugar and its related products, and food products not elsewhere classified deflated during the two periods in review.

Non-food items has a slight increase of 0.08 inflation rate as caused by the increasing fare of transportation sector and prices of restaurant and other miscellaneous services.

Figure 4. Inflation Rate by Commodity Group, Aklan: January 2012 (Month-on-Month)  
(2006=100)



## The purchasing power of peso

The purchasing power of peso in Aklan in January 2012 pegged at 0.78. This figure did not change for the last quarter of 2011 (October-December). This means that the same goods and services worth one peso this January 2012 could be purchased at only 78 centavos during the same month of 2006.



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Table 1. Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso, Aklan:  
January 2011-January 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

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households, Aklan: December 2011 and January 2012  
(2006=100)

Commodity Group	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Percent Change
All Items	<b>128.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>0.23</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	134.8	134.2	0.45
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	123.7	123.7	0.00
Clothing and Footwear	126.7	126.7	0.00
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	126.3	126.3	0.00
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	117.6	117.5	0.09
Health	142.5	142.5	0.00
Transport	121.8	121.4	0.33
Communication	84.3	84.3	0.00
Recreation and Culture	108.0	108.0	0.00
Education	148.4	148.4	0.00
Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113.5	113.3	0.18

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

COMMODITY GROUP	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Percent Change (Month on Month)	Jan 2011		Percent Change (Year on Year)
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>122.8</b>		<b>4.32</b>
<b>I. FOOD AND NON-ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>130.7</b>		<b>3.14</b>
* Food	136.2	135.6	0.44	132.1		3.10
Bread and Cereals	159.7	159.5	0.13	149.6	r	6.75
Rice	162.3	162.1	0.12	150.6	r	7.77
Corn	136.2	136.2	0.00	159.7	r	-14.72
Meat	121.8	120.9	0.74	118.6		2.70
Fish	111.4	108.9	2.30	108.5		2.67
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	129.0	129.0	0.00	126.0		2.38
Oils and Fats	230.8	228.5	1.01	191.4		20.59
Fruit	114.0	115.6	-1.38	124.1		-8.14
Vegetables	124.4	125.8	-1.11	123.5		0.73
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	131.6	131.8	-0.15	164.2		-19.85
Food Products N.E.C.	160.1	160.2	-0.06	152.3		5.12
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	115.7	115.7	0.00	111.3		3.95
<b>II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>116.4</b>		<b>6.27</b>
Alcoholic Beverages	126.5	126.5	0.00	120.0		5.42
Tobacco	119.4	119.4	0.00	110.9		7.66
<b>NON-FOOD</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>116.4</b>		<b>5.33</b>
<b>III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>119.3</b>		<b>6.20</b>
Clothing	124.4	124.4	0.00	116.0		7.24
Footwear	132.8	132.8	0.00	128.2		3.59
<b>IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>117.8</b>		<b>7.22</b>
Actual Rentals for Housing	115.6	115.6	0.00	115.6		0.00
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	127.6	127.6	0.00	123.9		2.99
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	115.4	115.4	0.00	106.7		8.15
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	146.2	146.2	0.00	122.2		19.64
<b>V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>114.0</b>		<b>3.16</b>
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	109.1	109.1	0.00	109.1		0.00
Household Textiles	141.2	141.2	0.00	135.9	r	3.90
Household Appliances	116.1	116.1	0.00	103.8		11.85
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	126.3	126.3	0.00	124.7		1.28
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	147.1	147.1	0.00	138.9		5.90
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	115.6	115.5	0.09	114.2		1.23

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COMMODITY GROUP	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Percent Change (Month on Month)	Jan 2011		Percent Change (Year on Year)
<b>VI. HEALTH</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>139.6</b>		<b>2.08</b>
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	135.4	135.3	0.07	130.3		3.91
Out-patient Services	163.4	163.4	0.00	163.4		0.00
Hospital Services	120.5	120.5	0.00	120.5		0.00
<b>VII. TRANSPORT</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>114.2</b>		<b>6.65</b>
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	137.4	135.7	1.25	125.3		9.66
Transport Services	116.3	116.3	0.00	110.3		5.44
<b>VIII. COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>85.4</b>	r	<b>-1.29</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	97.2	97.2	0.00	97.2	r	0.00
<b>IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>105.2</b>		<b>2.66</b>
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	95.5	95.5	0.00	95.4		0.10
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture						
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	104.4	104.4	0.00	103.2		1.16
Recreational and Cultural Services	103.6	103.6	0.00	103.6		0.00
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	127.5	127.4	0.08	119.7		6.52
<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>113.5</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>110.7</b>		<b>2.53</b>
Catering Services	107.0	107.0	0.00	107.0		0.00
Personal Care	120.9	120.6	0.25	115.7		4.49
Personal Effects N.E.C.	125.6	125.6	0.00	106.2		18.27

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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.