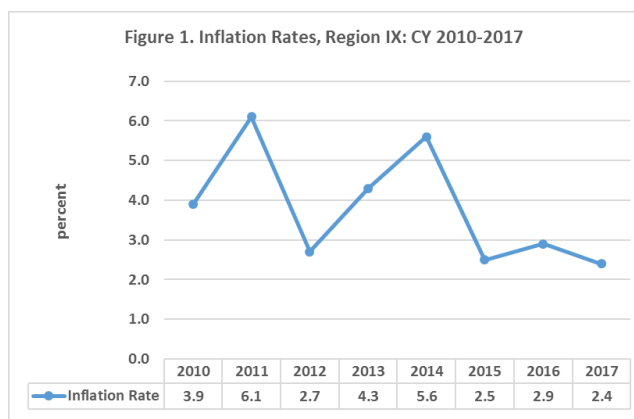


## Did you know that...

### ... inflation rate in Region IX slowed down to 2.4 percent in 2017?

In Zamboanga Peninsula the annual headline inflation rate was recorded at 2.4 percent, the lowest in eight-year period from 2010 to 2017. Moreover, the highest inflation rate was accounted in 2011 at 6.1 percent.

By Province, Zamboanga Sibugay had the lowest inflation rate for all items at 1.9 percent. On the other hand, Zamboanga del Norte recorded the highest inflation rate at 2.5 percent while Zamboanga del Sur inflation rate recorded at 2.2 percent



It can be noted that the significant reduction in the region's inflation rate in 2017 was mainly due to the decrease in the inflation rates of most commodities, such as Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & other Fuel by 4.1 percentage points; Clothing & Footwear and Education by 1.3 percentage points; Recreation and Culture, Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods & Services at 1.0 percentage point.

On the other hand, there was an increase of inflation rates on commodities such as Health, Transport, and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House by 3.2 percentage points, 1.2 percentage points and 0.6 percentage point, respectively.

Meanwhile, Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco recorded no inflation in 2017.

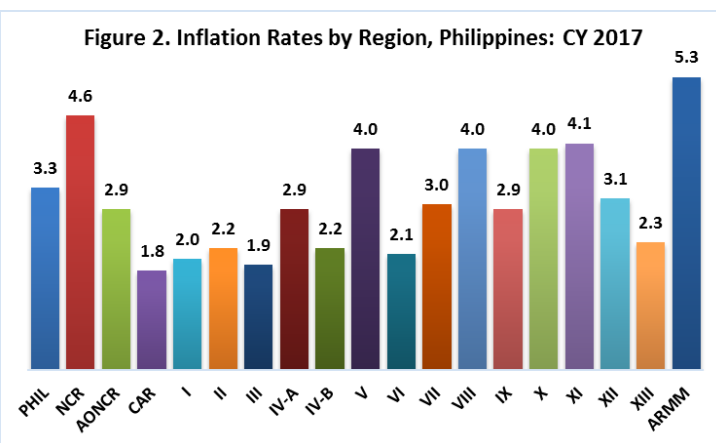
Table 1. Inflation Rates by Commodity Group in Region IX: CY 2016-2017

COMMODITY GROUP	2016	2017
ALL ITEMS	2.9	2.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.7	1.7
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	6.7	6.7
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	2.1	0.8
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7.7	3.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	3.2	3.9
VI. HEALTH	1.2	4.4
VII. TRANSPORT	1.3	2.5
VIII. COMMUNICATION	1.2	1.2
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	1.2	0.2
X. EDUCATION	3.2	1.8
XI. RESTAURANT AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	1.9	1.0

Table 2. Inflation Rates by Commodity Group and by Province: CY 2017

COMMODITY GROUP	Zamboanga del Norte	Zamboanga del Sur	Zamboanga Sibugay
ALL ITEMS	2.5	2.2	1.9
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2.2	2.0	0.3
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	1.1	6.9	13.9
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.7	0.3	0.6
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	3.3	3.3	6.2
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	6.3	1.0	6.2
VI. HEALTH	6.8	0.4	2.2
VII. TRANSPORT	3.2	2.5	1.6
VIII. COMMUNICATION	0.1		0.1
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	0.1	0.1	0.3
X. EDUCATION		3.3	0.7
XI. RESTAURANT AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	0.7	0.8	1.8

Among the regions in the country, ARMM had the highest inflation rate at 5.3 percent, followed by NCR at 4.6 percent. Meanwhile, CAR registered the lowest inflation rate at 1.8 percent.



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