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Sultan Kudarat's Inflation Rate Accelerates at 4.1 in August 2021

The annual headline inflation rate or the year-on-year change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of Sultan Kudarat Province accelerated at 4.1 percent in August 2021 from 3.7 percent in July 2021. This is about 1.2 percentage point higher than the rate posted in August last year at 2.9 percent. Purchasing power of peso in the province remained at Php 0.75. (Table 1)

Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate (All Items) and Purchasing Power of Peso: Sultan Kudarat, August 2020 and August 2021 (2012=100)

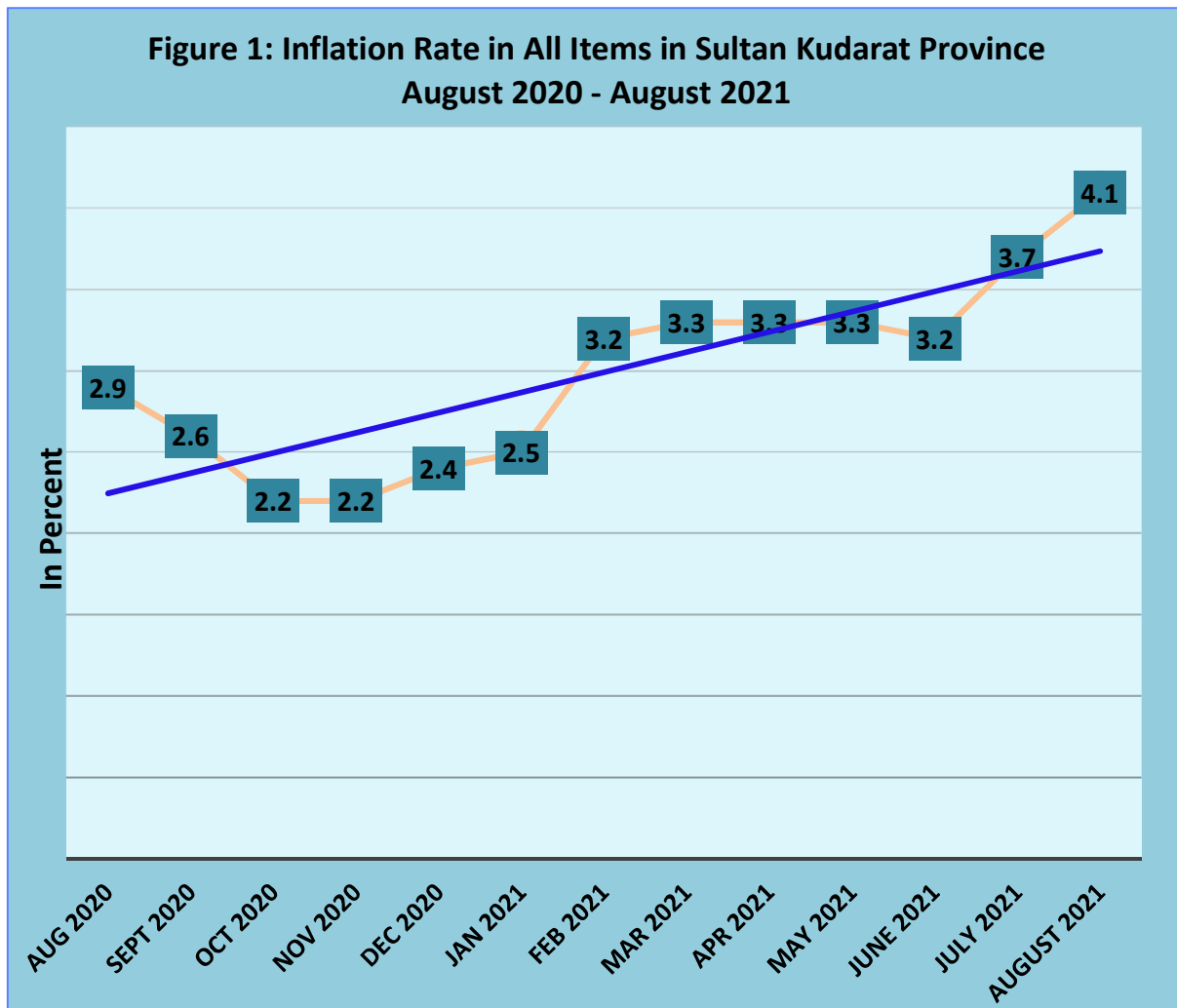
Reference Period	Inflation Rate		Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
September	2.0	2.6	0.80	0.78
October	2.1	2.2	0.79	0.78
November	2.3	2.2	0.79	0.77
December	3.3	2.4	0.79	0.77
	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	3.4	2.5	0.78	0.76
February	3.3	3.2	0.78	0.76
March	3.3	3.3	0.78	0.76
April	3.5	3.3	0.78	0.75
May	3.6	3.3	0.78	0.75
June	3.1	3.2	0.78	0.76
July	3.3	3.7	0.78	0.75
August	2.9	4.1	0.78	0.75

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Figure 1 demonstrates an erratic trend in the inflation rate from August 2020 to August 2021. The inflation rate suddenly decreased by 0.3 percentage point in September 2020 at 2.6 percent from 2.9 percent in August 2020 and gradually decreased until November 2020 at 2.2 percent. A notable increase by 0.7 percentage point was observed in February 2021 at 3.2 percent from 2.5 percent in January 2021. The inflation rate remained at 3.3 percent from March 2021 until May 2021, decreased by 0.1 percentage point in June 2021 at 3.2 percent and finally settled at 4.1 percent in August 2021.



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The upturn of inflation rate was mainly driven by the slower annual increment in the indices of Recreation and Culture at 6.7 percent, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at 5.5 percent, Clothing and Footwear at 3.1 percent, Health at 0.2 percent, and Transport at 3.3 percent. On the other hand, costs declined for Furnishings, Household

Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House at 2.2 percent, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at 0.1 percent, Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at 1.4 percent, and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at 17.0 percent. Meanwhile, costs of Communication and Education remained the same. (Table 2)

**Table 2. CPI and Inflation Rate by Commodity Group:
Sultan Kudarat, July 2020 and 2021 and August 2020 and 2021 (2012=100)**

COMMODITY GROUP	August CPI		Inflation Rate	July CPI		Inflation Rate
	2020	2021		2020	2021	
ALL ITEMS	128.4	133.7	4.1	128.5	133.2	3.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	124.4	131.3	5.5	125.6	131.0	4.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	319.4	373.8	17.0	319.2	373.8	17.1
Clothing and Footwear	120.7	124.5	3.1	120.8	124.4	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	118.2	118.3	0.1	115.4	116.5	1.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	134.3	137.3	2.2	131.9	137.3	4.1
Health	134.3	134.6	0.2	134.3	134.5	0.1
Transport	111.3	115.0	3.3	111.5	115.1	3.2
Communication	104.6	104.6	0	104.6	104.6	0
Recreation and Culture	122.3	130.5	6.7	125.3	128.7	2.7
Education	135.5	135.5	0	135.5	135.5	0
Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	135.5	137.4	1.4	135.1	137.3	1.6

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On selected food items, costs rose further for Fish at 14.4 percent, Vegetables at 16.4 percent, Corn at 6.4 percent, Rice at -2.0, Bread and Cereals at -0.9 percent, Oils and Fats at 9.7 percent, Food Products N.E.C at -0.1, Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery at 2.3 percent, Meat at 15.9 percent, Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products at -0.8 percent, and Milk, Cheese and Eggs at 3.2 percent. Meanwhile, price declined for Fruit at 3.4 percent. (Table 3)



**Table 3. CPI and Inflation Rate of Selected Food Items:
Sultan Kudarat, July 2020 and 2021 and August 2020 and 2021 (2012=100)**

SELECTED ITEMS	August		Inflation Rate	July		Inflation Rate
	2020	2021		2020	2021	
Bread and Cereals	111.5	110.5	-0.9	112.0	109.9	-1.9
Rice	105.3	103.2	-2.0	105.6	102.4	-3.1
Corn	117.1	124.6	6.4	119.5	125.2	4.7
Other Cereals, Flour, Cereal Preparation, Bread, Pasta and Other Bakery Products	141.6	140.4	-0.8	141.5	140.1	-1.0
Meat	120.9	140.1	15.9	121.4	140.4	15.7
Fish	138.3	158.2	14.4	143.7	158.3	10.2
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	121.0	124.9	3.2	120.1	123.8	3.1
Oils and Fats	116.2	127.5	9.7	116.7	127.3	9.1
Fruit	151.3	156.4	3.4	146.1	155.4	6.4
Vegetables	139.2	162.0	16.4	144.1	163.2	13.3
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	122.0	124.8	2.3	122.0	124.2	1.8
Food Products N.E.C	150.4	150.3	-0.1	152.1	151.0	-0.7

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Consumer Price Index (CPI):

- ❖ A measure of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to base year.
- ❖ It measures the composite change in the consumer prices of various commodities overtime.
- ❖ It stands for the percentage change in the average prices of goods and services commonly bought by a group of consumers from the base year.

Components of the CPI:

Market Basket

- ❖ refers to sample of goods and services commonly purchased by a particular group of consumers in a particular area.

Weight

- ❖ a value attached to a commodity or group of commodities to indicate the relative importance of that commodity or group of commodities in the market basket.

Base Period

- ❖ a period usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100 or it is the reference point of the index number series.

Index Method

- ❖ gives the formula used in computing the index number.

Sample Outlets

- ❖ establishment or retail outlets where prices of commodities/services are collected or quoted.

Indicators Derived from the CPI

Inflation Rate (IR)

- ❖ rate of change in the average price level as measured by the CPI between two periods.
- ❖ it is equivalent to the decline in the internal purchasing of the peso.
- ❖ it is derived indicator by comparing the CPI between two periods, usually a year.

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)

- ❖ shows how much the peso in the base year (2006) is worth in another year or in the current period.

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