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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS RETAIL PRICE INDEX (CMRPI) IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) (2012=100)

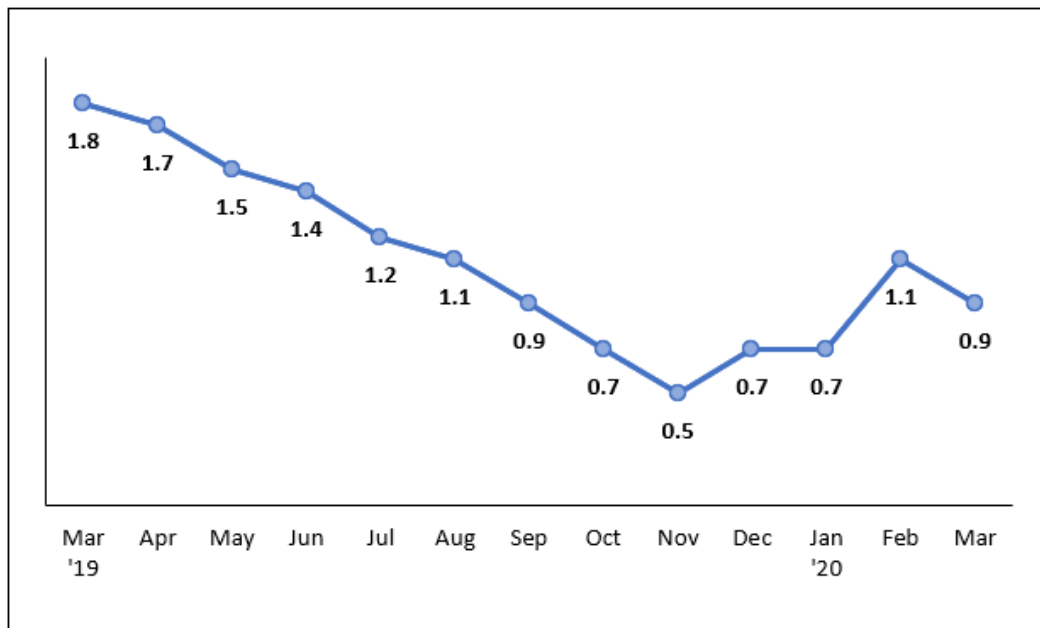
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**TABLE A Year-on-Year Changes of CMRPI, in Percent
 (2012=100)**

March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	Year-to-Date
0.9	1.1	1.8	0.9

**FIGURE 1 Annual Growth Rates of CMRPI for All Items, in Percent
 March 2019 – March 2020
 (2012=100)**



Annual change of CMRPI in NCR moves up at a slower rate in March 2020

The annual increment of CMRPI in NCR slowed down to 0.9 percent in March 2020. Higher annual rates were recorded in February 2020 at 1.1 percent and in March 2019, 1.8 percent. (Table A and Table 2)

Annual increases in the following commodity groups decelerated in March 2020:

- Painting materials and related compounds, 1.6 percent;
- Plumbing materials, 0.7 percent;
- Tinsmithry materials, 1.0 percent; and
- Miscellaneous construction materials, 0.5 percent.

The rest of the commodity groups, however, posted higher annual mark-ups during the month. (Table 2)



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