

Table 8. Year-on-Year Regional Inflation Rates by Commodity Group
March and February 2003
(1994 = 100)

Area and Region	ALL ITEMS		FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO		CLOTHING		HOUSING AND REPAIRS		FUEL, LIGHT AND WATER		SERVICES		MISCELLANEOUS	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Philippines	2.9	3.1	1.8	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.7	5.2	4.2	6.7	6.4	1.6	1.6
National Capital Region (NCR)	3.1	3.5	1.5	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.4	6.1	4.6	8.3	7.7	1.2	0.9
Areas Outside NCR	2.9	2.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.6	3.7	4.7	4.0	5.9	5.8	1.8	1.8
Regions:														
CAR - Cordillera Administrative Region	2.9	2.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.1	3.1	1.9	12.5	10.5	4.5	3.8	2.2	2.1
I - I l o c o s	2.4	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.9	1.6	5.2	4.8	0.4	-0.9	6.2	6.1	1.5	1.7
II - Cagayan Valley	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	7.9	8.6	4.2	4.2	0.5	0.2
III - Central Luzon	2.7	2.6	0.7	0.5	1.7	1.6	4.0	4.0	6.6	5.4	8.5	8.0	1.6	1.7
IV - Southern Tagalog	2.2	2.6	1.1	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	1.4	1.6
V - B i c o l	3.0	3.1	2.0	2.2	2.4	3.0	4.2	4.0	1.8	1.6	6.5	6.6	2.0	2.3
VI - Western Visayas	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.6	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.0	5.3	5.1	1.3	1.6
VII - Central Visayas	3.9	4.2	3.4	4.1	1.8	1.7	4.6	4.7	4.4	3.7	6.1	5.9	1.9	2.0
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.0	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	3.1	3.6	6.1	5.5	3.3	3.4	1.7	1.6
IX - Western Mindanao	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.1	0.1
X - Northern Mindanao	4.8	4.8	3.1	3.4	5.8	5.3	8.4	8.2	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.7
XI - Southern Mindanao	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.5	2.1	2.6	3.9	3.9	4.6	3.7	5.3	5.0	2.6	2.3
XII - Central Mindanao	2.5	2.8	1.0	1.6	1.9	2.2	4.7	5.1	6.2	5.7	6.1	5.6	1.5	1.7
XIII - Caraga	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.8	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.0	9.9	9.1	5.2	5.3	1.1	1.3
ARMM - Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.4	3.7	3.8	7.8	7.8	3.8	3.3	4.7	4.6	2.7	2.9

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