

**Table 6. Year-on-Year Changes of the CPI in Percent by Area, by Commodity Group**  
**March 2003 - March 2004**  
**(1994 = 100)**

Area/Commodity Group	2004			Ave	2 0 0 3										
	Mar	Feb	Jan		Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	
<b>Philippines</b>															
<b>All items</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0r</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.2r</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.4r</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8r</b>	<b>2.8r</b>	
Food, beverages, and tobacco	4.2	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.5	2.2	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	
Clothing	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	
Housing and repairs	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	
Fuel, light, and water	1.9	3.2r	3.9r	6.0r	5.4r	6.2r	7.6r	8.9r	9.2r	9.6r	7.4r	2.6r	4.6r	4.8r	
Services	4.8	5.0	5.1	6.1	5.5	5.6r	5.8	5.9	6.0r	6.0r	5.9r	6.3r	6.7r	6.7	
Miscellaneous	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	
<b>National Capital Region</b>															
<b>All items</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9r</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.1r</b>	<b>4.9r</b>	<b>4.7r</b>	<b>4.0r</b>	<b>4.0r</b>	<b>3.9r</b>	<b>4.5r</b>	<b>2.4r</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0r</b>	
Food, beverages and tobacco	5.2	4.3	3.8	2.7	3.5	5.0	4.0	2.3	1.7	1.3	3.5	1.3	1.6	1.5	
Clothing	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	
Housing and repairs	2.9	2.8	2.5	1.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	
Fuel, light and water	-0.6	2.3r	4.0r	10.1r	8.3r	12.0r	15.6r	18.3r	19.2r	23.0r	17.9r	0.5r	3.7r	5.1r	
Services	5.3	5.9	5.9	7.2	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9r	6.7r	7.5	7.9r	8.3	
Miscellaneous	2.4	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.6	1.2	
<b>Areas Outside NCR</b>															
<b>All items</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.2r</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6r</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9r</b>	<b>2.9</b>	
Food, beverages, and tobacco	3.9	3.0	3.2	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.9	
Clothing	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	
Housing and repairs	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.6	
Fuel, light, and water	3.4	3.8r	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.4	4.2	4.2	3.2	2.2	3.9	5.0	4.7	
Services	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.5	4.8	5.0r	5.3	5.4	5.5r	5.5r	5.5r	5.7r	6.0r	6.0r	
Miscellaneous	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	

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