

Table 5. Month-on-Month Changes of the CPI in Percent by Area, by Commodity Group
March 2008 - March 2009
(2000 = 100)

Area/Commodity Group	2009				2 0 0 8								
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Philippines													
All items	0.1	0.5	0.3	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	1.6r	2.3	1.5	2.0	0.9
Food, beverages, and tobacco	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1r	1.6	3.0	2.2r	3.2	1.2
Clothing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5
Housing and repairs	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4
Fuel, light, and water	-0.5	2.1	-1.2	-5.9	-1.1	0.5	-1.3	0.7r	1.5	0.3	0.7	1.8	1.6
Services	-0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-2.4	-2.0	-1.2	-1.2	1.0	3.1	4.0	1.3	0.9	0.5
Miscellaneous	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5
National Capital Region													
All items	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-1.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	1.0	1.6	1.1	2.1	1.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	0.1	-0.1	1.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.0
Clothing	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Housing and repairs	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	1.5	0.1
Fuel, light and water	-1.2	2.2	-0.8	-6.6	1.4	2.4	-0.8	0.0	0.3	-2.5	0.3	5.0	2.1
Services	-1.1	-1.0	-1.2	-3.4	-3.4	-1.9	-2.3	0.2	3.7	4.7	2.0	1.2	0.8
Miscellaneous	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Areas Outside NCR													
All items	0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3r	0.4	1.8	2.6	1.6r	2.0	0.7
Food, beverages, and tobacco	0.4	0.9	0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.0r	2.0	3.3	2.3r	3.5	0.9
Clothing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
Housing and repairs	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6
Fuel, light, and water	-0.1	2.1	-1.5	-5.6	-2.4	-0.5	-1.6	1.0r	2.1	1.8	0.9r	0.2	1.3
Services	-0.3	0.1	-0.8	-1.8	-1.2	-0.9	-0.5	1.6	2.7	3.5	1.0	0.7	0.4
Miscellaneous	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2r	0.5

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