

**Table 6. Year-on-Year Changes of the CPI in Percent by Area, by Commodity Group**  
**March 2008 - March 2009**  
**(2000 = 100)**

| Area/Commodity Group           | 2009       |            | Jan        | Ave         | Dec        | Nov         | Oct         | 2 0 0 8      |              |              |             |              |            |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                                | Mar        | Feb        |            |             |            |             |             | Sep          | Aug          | Jul          | Jun         | May          | Apr        | Mar        |
| <b>Philippines</b>             |            |            |            |             |            |             |             |              |              |              |             |              |            |            |
| <b>All items</b>               | <b>6.4</b> | <b>7.3</b> | <b>7.1</b> | <b>9.3</b>  | <b>8.0</b> | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>11.2</b> | <b>11.8r</b> | <b>12.4r</b> | <b>12.3r</b> | <b>11.4</b> | <b>9.5r</b>  | <b>8.3</b> | <b>6.4</b> |
| Food, beverages, and tobacco   | 11.4       | 12.3       | 12.2       | 12.9        | 12.7       | 13.8        | 15.0        | 16.1r        | 17.2         | 17.8         | 16.5        | 13.6r        | 11.4       | 8.2        |
| Clothing                       | 2.9        | 3.2        | 4.3        | 4.2         | 5.0        | 4.9         | 4.9         | 4.8          | 4.6          | 4.5          | 4.2         | 4.0          | 3.9        | 3.6        |
| Housing and repairs            | 3.9        | 4.0        | 4.3        | 4.3         | 5.3        | 5.3         | 5.3         | 5.2          | 5.0          | 4.6          | 4.3         | 4.0          | 3.8        | 3.1        |
| Fuel, light, and water         | -2.8       | -0.7       | -3.8       | 6.5         | -1.7       | 7.5         | 10.7        | 8.5          | 7.4          | 5.5          | 7.6         | 8.2          | 8.0        | 6.2        |
| Services                       | 1.6        | 2.7        | 3.2        | 8.6         | 4.6        | 7.5         | 10.2        | 12.1         | 13.5         | 12.5r        | 9.9         | 7.8          | 6.9        | 6.4        |
| Miscellaneous                  | 3.1        | 3.3        | 3.6        | 2.9         | 3.9        | 3.8         | 3.7         | 3.5          | 3.3          | 3.0          | 2.9         | 2.7          | 2.6        | 2.4        |
| <b>National Capital Region</b> |            |            |            |             |            |             |             |              |              |              |             |              |            |            |
| <b>All items</b>               | <b>3.2</b> | <b>4.7</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>6.9</b>  | <b>4.5</b> | <b>6.8</b>  | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>8.2</b>   | <b>8.7</b>   | <b>8.6</b>   | <b>9.2</b>  | <b>8.3</b>   | <b>7.4</b> | <b>5.4</b> |
| Food, beverages and tobacco    | 7.5        | 9.5        | 9.1        | 10.1        | 8.2        | 9.3         | 10.1        | 11.2         | 11.9         | 13.1         | 14.1        | 12.7         | 11.1       | 8.4        |
| Clothing                       | 1.3        | 1.3        | 3.9        | 5.1         | 5.5        | 5.6         | 5.6         | 5.5          | 5.5          | 5.3          | 5.2         | 5.2          | 5.2        | 5.0        |
| Housing and repairs            | 4.2        | 4.2        | 4.0        | 2.5         | 3.3        | 3.3         | 3.4         | 3.2          | 3.1          | 2.9          | 2.6         | 2.3          | 2.5        | 1.1        |
| Fuel, light and water          | -0.8       | 2.6        | -1.3       | 2.8         | 0.6        | 10.5        | 10.0        | 2.5          | -1.7         | -4.5         | 3.4         | 6.6          | 6.6        | 1.4        |
| Services                       | -2.8       | -1.0       | -0.2       | 9.5         | 1.6        | 5.6         | 10.0        | 12.8         | 15.5         | 15.6         | 12.8        | 9.9          | 8.5        | 7.9        |
| Miscellaneous                  | 2.9        | 2.5        | 2.7        | 1.9         | 2.9        | 2.8         | 2.5         | 2.3          | 2.4          | 1.9          | 1.9         | 1.7          | 1.6        | 1.1        |
| <b>Areas Outside NCR</b>       |            |            |            |             |            |             |             |              |              |              |             |              |            |            |
| <b>All items</b>               | <b>7.8</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>8.3</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>9.6</b> | <b>11.2</b> | <b>12.6</b> | <b>13.5r</b> | <b>14.2</b>  | <b>13.9</b>  | <b>12.3</b> | <b>10.1r</b> | <b>8.7</b> | <b>6.8</b> |
| Food, beverages, and tobacco   | 12.6       | 13.1       | 13.1       | 13.8        | 14.2       | 15.2        | 16.5        | 17.7r        | 18.8r        | 19.2         | 17.3        | 13.9r        | 11.5       | 8.1        |
| Clothing                       | 3.6        | 3.8        | 4.4        | 3.9         | 4.8        | 4.8         | 4.8         | 4.6          | 4.3          | 4.1          | 3.8         | 3.6          | 3.4        | 3.0        |
| Housing and repairs            | 3.5        | 3.9        | 4.6        | 5.7         | 6.7        | 6.7         | 6.7         | 6.7          | 6.4          | 6.0          | 5.7         | 5.3          | 4.9        | 4.9        |
| Fuel, light, and water         | -3.8       | -2.4       | -5.1       | 8.5         | -2.8       | 5.9         | 11.2        | 11.7         | 12.6         | 11.3         | 9.9         | 9.0r         | 8.8        | 8.9        |
| Services                       | 4.1        | 4.8        | 5.1        | 8.0         | 6.3        | 8.6         | 10.4        | 11.7         | 12.3         | 10.7r        | 8.2         | 6.6          | 5.9        | 5.5        |
| Miscellaneous                  | 3.2        | 3.5        | 3.9        | 3.3         | 4.2        | 4.2         | 4.0         | 3.9r         | 3.7          | 3.4          | 3.3         | 3.0          | 2.9r       | 2.8        |

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