STATNEWS

as of May 30

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| **Consumer Price Index by Province, CAR**  **April, 2014 and April, 2015**  **(2006 = 100)** | | | |
| **Province** | **April** | | **Index Point Change** |
| **2014** | **2015** |
| **CAR** | 135.2 | 138.5 | 3.3 |
| Abra | 129.6 | 130.1 | 0.5 |
| Apayao | 127.8 | 130.0 | 2.2 |
| Benguet | 136.1 | 141.5 | 5.4 |
| Ifugao | 140.9 | 141.1 | 0.2 |
| Kalinga | 132.4 | 132.8 | 0.4 |
| Mt. Province | 139.5 | 143.3 | 3.8 |

The Consumer Price Index of CAR in April, 2015 was 138.5, higher by 3.3 from last year’s 135.2. Generally, there was an increase in the CPI of all the provinces due to the increase in the average prices of goods and services. Among provinces, Mt. Province posted the highest CPI at 143.3 followed by Benguet at 141.5 and Ifugao at 141.1. On the other hand, Apayao posted the lowest at 130.0. In terms of index point change, Benguet reported the highest at 5.4 while Ifugao was lowest at 0.2.

The Consumer Price Index is the general measure of the change in the average retail prices of a market basket or collection of goods and services commonly purchased by the average Filipino household.

Among the commodity groups, under *Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco*, Abra had the highest consumer price index at 194.8 followed by Kalinga and Benguet at 191.0 and 190.4, respectively.*Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages* came next with Benguet having the most at 157.2 followed by Mt. Province at 153.7.*Education* had the third highest index by commodity group with Mt. Province having contributed the most at 175.5 followed by Kalinga at 157.3.*Communication* had the lowest consumer price index. Abra posted the highest index at 111.3 while Apayao had the lowest at 77.7.

Across provinces, Apayao posted the lowest index except for *Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Recreation and Culture; and Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services.*

**Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group and by Province, CAR:**

**April, 2015**

**(2006=100)**

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| **Commodity Group** | **Province** | | | | | | |
| **CAR** | **Abra** | **Apayao** | **Benguet** | **Ifugao** | **Kalinga** | **Mt. Province** |
| All Items | 138.5 | 130.1 | 130.0 | 141.5 | 141.1 | 132.8 | 143.3 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic  Beverages | 150.6 | 138.4 | 145.9 | 157.2 | 148.8 | 140.9 | 153.7 |
| Alcoholic Beverages &  Tobacco | 187.1 | 194.8 | 186.5 | 190.4 | 175.6 | 191.0 | 169.4 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 128.5 | 139.7 | 115.6 | 123.7 | 144.9 | 118.9 | 144.2 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity,  Gas and Other Fuels | 131.1 | 112.0 | 105.0 | 143.9 | 131.2 | 110.3 | 129.7 |
| Furnishing, Household  Equipment and Routine  Maintenance of the House | 127.5 | 121.8 | 113.4 | 131.5 | 116.9 | 132.3 | 133.5 |
| Health | 129.4 | 119.3 | 109.7 | 135.5 | 113.9 | 125.7 | 131.5 |
| Transport | 129.6 | 148.4 | 114.7 | 127.3 | 131.9 | 142.4 | 122.1 |
| Communication | 83.1 | 111.3 | 77.7 | 79.9 | 99.1 | 77.9 | 86.4 |
| Recreation and Culture | 107.3 | 107.4 | 115.6 | 104.5 | 106.3 | 113.7 | 110.4 |
| Education | 147.4 | 143.8 | 140.9 | 138.3 | 155.8 | 157.3 | 175.5 |
| Restaurants  and Miscellaneous Goods   and Services | 126.6 | 114.8 | 132.3 | 124.9 | 145.2 | 127.6 | 132.8 |