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## PSA clears way for 2024 ASPBI, SICT surveys

The Philippine Statistics Authority, through its Standards Service (SS), has formally granted clearance for the 2024 Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) and 2024 Survey on Information and Communications Technology (SICT) on March 2025 which have started on April 2025.

The ASPBI focuses on the collection and generation of information on the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities of the economy from which results will be utilized in constructing national and regional income accounts, formulating and monitoring policies to achieve national and regional economic goals, assessing and comparing regional economic structures and performances, and analyzing the contribution of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to the overall economy.

The survey will gather key data on employment, revenue, expense, e-commerce sales and purchases, capital expenditures, book value and capacity utilization, with 74.1 million allocation for 2024 covering 48,500 establishments nationwide.

Meanwhile, the SICT aims to gather and generate information on the availability, distribution, and access/utilization of information and communications technology (ICT) in businesses and industries across the country. This will also measure ICT access and usage to assess and monitor the digital divide in the country and generate core indicators to track the progress of ICT development nationwide.

The major data items to be collected include ICT resources, network channels, internet connection, utilization of ICT resources, internet usage, website presence, e-commerce, use of mobile phones or smartphones, and social media accounts, among others.

The survey has 46.3 million allocation for 2024 covering 30,000 various establishments and business sectors sampled across 18 regions in the country. Both surveys are being undertaken by PSA's Economic Sector Statistics Service.

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10625, both surveys underwent review and clearance for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS) of the Philippine Statistics Authority.

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**Palawan inflation rises up, PPC slows down in April 2025**

The headline inflation for Palawan accelerated to 2.9 percent in April 2025 from 2.6 percent in March 2025. The slight uptrend was caused by the higher index for Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 2.9 percent inflation from 2.6 percent inflation in the previous month. The commodity group of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels falls second in the category with 1.8 percent inflation from 1.3 percent inflation in the previous month, and Health posting a higher increment of 6.0 percent from 3.0 percent in March 2025. On the other hand, lower inflation rates were observed in April 2025 in the indices of Transport with a decline of 1.6 percent from 0.7 percent in the previous month, and Recreation, Sport and Culture with 0.8 percent from 1.1 percent in March 2025.

In Puerto Princesa City, the headline inflation rate slowed down to 3.7 percent in April 2025 from 4.6 percent in March 2025. This was due to the lower increment observed in commodity group of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages having 3.3 percent inflation from 5.9 percent in the previous month, and Transport with a decline of 3.3 percent inflation from an annual decline of 1.5 percent in March 2025. Conversely, the inflation rates of the commodity groups of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 2.7 percent, Housing, Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 1.9 percent, Health with 6.6 percent, Restaurant and Accommodation Services with 12.0 percent, and Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, all increased in April 2025 as compared to their previous month's levels.

Meanwhile, for the Bottom 30% Income Households, Palawan's inflation rate increased to 2.1 percent in April 2025 from 1.9 percent in March 2025 as mainly driven by the higher year-on-year growth in Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages at 2.1 percent from 1.7 percent in March 2025. This was followed by Restaurants and Accommodation Services at 8.4 percent in April 2025 from 7.3 percent in the past month, and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels posting 1.0 percent this month from 0.8 percent in the previous month.

For Puerto Princesa City, the inflation rate for the Bottom 30% Income Households posted a decrease at 2.4 percent in April 2025 from 4.2 percent in March 2025 as mainly driven by Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages at 1.9 percent in the current month from 5.6 percent in the previous month, Transport with a decline of 1.3 percent this month from an annual decline of 0.2 percent in the past month, and Health at 3.0 percent in April 2025 from 3.3 percent in March 2025.

**PSA Palawan, PLCR strengthen Local Civil Registrar's personnel through capacity training**

In partnership with the Palawan League of Civil Registrars (PLCR), PSA Palawan conducted a 3-day training on Republic Act Nos. 9048, 10172, and 9255, Legal Instruments, and Court Decrees on 22-24 April, 2025 at Citystate Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa City.



The activity aimed at enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of Local Civil Registry (LCR) staff in managing civil registration laws and procedures. Key discussions were led by legal and registration experts, including Atty. Harjade S. Dammang of PSA's Legal Service Division and Alexander Pilimpinas of the Civil Register Management Division, who tackled technical procedures on supplemental reports, legitimation, and registration under related laws.

Additional updates were delivered by PSA MIMAROPA Regional Director Leni R. Rioflorido and PSA Palawan's registration officers, who presented developments on electronic endorsements and the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP).

The training concluded with an open forum, awarding of certificates of appreciation to the resource speakers, and certificates of participation to the attendees.

This initiative reflects PSA Palawan's commitment to ensuring accurate, legal, and efficient civil registration processes across the province.

**Palawan Staff attend Finance and Admin Capacity Building Training**

Selected personnel from Provincial Statistical Office Palawan participated in an echo training on Republic Act (RA) No. 12009 and Capacity Building for Finance and Administrative Support Personnel on 23 to 25 April 2025 at Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. It was spearheaded by the Civil Registration and Administrative Division of the Regional Statistical Services Office of PSA MIMAROPA and was attended by Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe, Accountant I Cherrie Ann P. Jagmis, Administrative Officers I Carla Jane L. Guiruela and Mark Lester R. Gapilango, Administrative Assistant II Maria Anna M. Diaz, and Administrative Aide VI Jenny P. Unico.





The training aimed at deepening participants' understanding of Republic Act No. 12009, which revises RA No. 9184, also known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and to enhance their competencies in managing finance and administrative functions. It also served as a platform to update field offices on the latest policy directives and promote consistency in implementing administrative procedures.

Over the three-day activity, various key topics were covered, including government accounting and budgeting, procurement processes, and internal control systems. The sessions were highly informative and practical, encouraging active discussions and sharing of best practices among participants from the different provincial offices in the region.

Overall, the training was a valuable learning experience for the PSA Palawan team. Not only did it enrich their technical knowledge and skills, but it also reinforced their commitment to upholding excellence, transparency, and integrity in public service. The insights and practices gained from this training are expected to be applied to further improve financial and administrative operations at the provincial level.

### SFGP activities conclude in Palawan

The geotagging and map data processing activities for the 2024 Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP) have successfully concluded in the Province of Palawan, including the City of Puerto Princesa, on 23 April and 30 April 2025, respectively.

This initiative is part of the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS), which aims to gather accurate and timely geospatial data on service facilities, government projects, and ongoing construction project activities.

The data collected will enable local and national agencies to generate thematic maps, serving as valuable references for effective service delivery, project monitoring, and resource allocation.

Throughout the entire province, a total of 8,280 operational service facilities were geotagged by Map Data Collectors. Additionally, an approximate number of 4,781 government projects were identified, alongside other 2,169 ongoing building construction projects during the field operations.

Enduring the heat of the sun to ensure comprehensive coverage across all barangays, 19 Map Data Collectors under the supervision of four experienced team supervisors in the field were deployed. Back in the office, a team composed of five Map Data Processors and three Map Data Reviewers were assigned for the meticulous preparation, checking, and review of the collected geospatial data to ensure accuracy and completeness of the data gathered.

The activity was carried out successfully within the prescribed timeline set by the PSA's subject matter division, marking another milestone in its commitment to data excellence and service improvement.



### Palawan livestock production rises at 2.89% in Q4 2024

The volume of livestock production in the province of Palawan for the fourth quarter of 2024 was estimated at 18.64 thousand metric tons, liveweight, posting an increase of 2.89 percent as compared to 18.11 thousand metric tons in liveweight in the same quarter of 2023. This includes volume of production by animal type, volume of poultry production, and volume of eggs production.

In the production by animal type, hog and cattle increased, while goat and carabao production significantly decreased.

During the reference period, hog production was estimated at 16.73 thousand metric tons, liveweight, which is 4.92 percent higher than the same quarter output in the past year which had 15.94 thousand metric tons, liveweight accounting for 89.7 percent share to the total livestock production.

The cattle production was estimated at 1.2 thousand metric tons, liveweight. This was 5.74 percent higher than the same period output in 2023 which recorded 1.13 thousand metric tons, liveweight, contributing 6.4 percent share to the total livestock production the province during the reference quarter.

Meanwhile, the production of carabaos was estimated at 442.20 metric tons, liveweight during the quarter, which is 30.1 percent lower than last year recording 2.4 percent share to the total provincial production.

Goat production was estimated at 268.26 metric tons, liveweight form, from 405 metric tons, that is, posting a decline of 33.76 percent or 136.74 metric tons. Goat contributed 1.4 percent to the overall provincial production during the reference quarter.

For poultry, 2.21 thousand metric tons was estimated registering an increase of 18.40 percent from 1.8 thousand MT in the same quarter of 2023 with chicken contributing the biggest share of 96.00 percent.

On the other hand, a decrease in the egg production was observed in Palawan at the current quarter with 755.73 metric tons. This is 20.06 percent or 189.60 metric tons leverage from 945.33 metric tons production in the same quarter of 2023. Chicken eggs primarily brought the decrease having the biggest contribution of 91.24 percent share to the total provincial egg production.

### PSA Palawan distributes Q1 Commodity Flow Survey questionnaires



The PSA Provincial Statistical Office of Palawan distributed questionnaires to sample establishments for the first quarter of 2025 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) across the province from 07 to 17 April 2025.

A total of 37 sample establishments, strategically located within various Local Government Units, are the subject respondents of the said survey.

Statistical Analyst Monica D. Operiano led the distribution of questionnaires to the sample establishments, assisted by two statistical staff members throughout the distribution stage.

The CFS aims to capture the quarterly movement of commodities within and outside Palawan via road transportation to understand commodity distribution and trade patterns which helps in policy decisions and economic planning.

The survey, which gathers information across various sectors, is vital for understanding economic performance as it provides essential data such as value, weight, and freight charges on goods movement, enabling the analysis of trends, spatial patterns of commodity flows, and

supporting forecasting efforts.

Additionally, the survey seeks to expand the scope of the current Domestic Trade Statistics, which only covers the air and water transport.

Meanwhile, survey operations in the municipalities of Brooke's Point and Quezon were conducted on 09 April 2025 by Ms. Operiano, together with PSA Regional Office's Supervising Statistical Specialist Oscar H. Gatpandan, who provided supervisory oversight during the field operation.

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## Guess The Word!

**L \_ \_ O \_ \_ O R \_ E**

refers to the portion of the population aged 15 years and older who are either employed or unemployed with the definitions described below

**Employed** persons include all those who, during the reference period, are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported either at work or with a job but not at work.

**Unemployed** persons include all those who, during the reference period, are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and reported as:

- a) Without work,
- b) Currently available for work, and
- c) Seeking work.

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