

SPECIAL RELEASE

January 2025 Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

Palawan

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Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates: Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Palawan
All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)

Area	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	Year-to-date*
Philippines				
Headline	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
MIMAROPA				
Headline	3.6	2.9	2.4	2.4
Palawan				
Headline	3.7	0.5	0.6	0.6

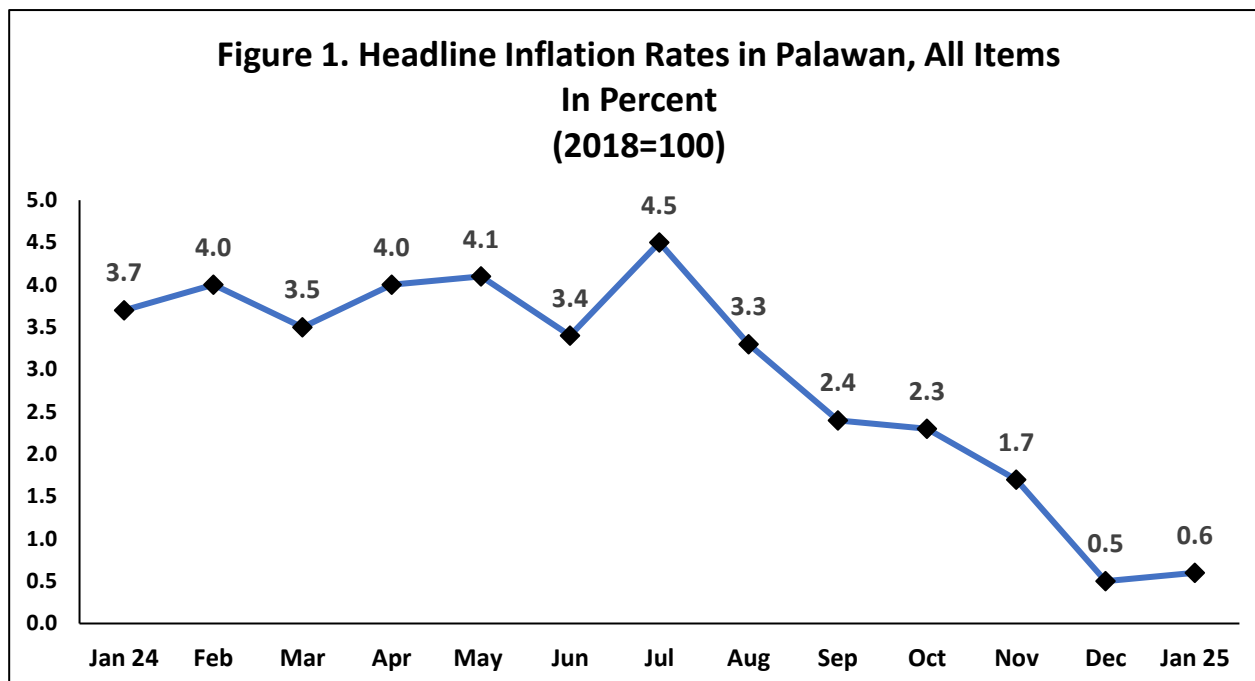
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

* Year-on-year change of average CPI for January 2025 vs. 2024

The headline inflation in the province of Palawan slightly moved higher at 0.6 percent in January 2025, from 0.5 percent in the previous month. In January 2024, inflation rate was recorded at 3.7 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The uptrend in the provincial inflation during the month was primarily brought by the higher index for food and non-alcoholic beverages, with 0.2 percent inflation from a decline of 1.6 percent in December 2024. This was followed by personal care and miscellaneous goods and services, which posted an inflation rate of 2.0 percent from 1.8 percent. Also contributing to the acceleration is the higher increment of furnishings, household

equipment and routine household maintenance, which registered a 3.7 percent inflation rate from 3.5 percent in the previous month.



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**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Palawan,
All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	3.3	(1.6)	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.1	2.3	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	4.9	0.8	0.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	6.0	3.3	(0.1)
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	2.9	3.5	3.7
Health	1.8	1.3	1.2
Transport	(0.1)	1.5	(0.7)
Information and Communication	0.2	(0.2)	(0.1)
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	10.8	0.8	0.8
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	2.4	5.7	5.8
Financial Services	(1.1)	(1.1)	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.9	1.8	2.0

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In addition, higher annual increments were also observed in restaurants and accommodation services, recording an annual increase of 5.8 percent, information and communication with -0.1 percent, and financial services with zero growth.

Meanwhile, lower inflation rates were observed in the indices of transport at -0.7 percent from 1.5 percent in the previous month, housing water electricity gas and other fuels at -0.1 percent from 3.3 percent, and health at 1.2 percent from 1.3 percent.

On the other hand, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and education services retained its December 2024 levels at 2.3 percent and zero percent, respectively. Likewise, clothing and footwear and recreation sports and culture both remained at 0.8 percent inflation.

**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Palawan,
By Food Group In Percent
(2018=100)**

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food	3.2	(1.9)	(0.1)
Cereals and cereal products	11.9	(7.0)	(4.1)
Cereals	13.7	(8.9)	(5.3)
Rice	14.0	(9.1)	(5.4)
Corn	(4.0)	3.3	3.3
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	4.8	2.0	1.1
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.1	5.3	7.4
Fish and other seafood	0.1	(0.8)	(1.8)
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	7.8	(0.1)	(0.5)
Oils and Fats	(2.6)	1.7	0.6
Fruits and Nuts	4.2	5.6	5.3
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(12.9)	0.4	6.9
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(8.6)	(1.9)	(2.2)
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.7	1.9	1.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

Food index for January 2025 increased to -0.1 percent inflation rate from -1.9 percent in the previous month. In January 2024, the food index was higher, at 3.2 percent inflation rate. (Table C)

The faster food inflation for the month was brought about by the higher index for cereals and cereal products at -4.1 percent inflation rate from -7.0 percent last month. This was followed by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas, and pulses at 6.9 percent

inflation rate from 0.4 percent. Meat and other parts of slaughtered animals also increased at 7.4 percent from 5.3 percent in the previous month.

In contrast, lower inflation rates were observed in the following food groups:


- a. Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products and other cereals, 1.1 percent from 2.0 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood, -1.8 percent from -0.8 percent;
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, -0.5 percent from -0.1 percent;
- d. Oils and fats, 0.6 percent from 1.7 percent;
- e. Fruits and nuts, 5.3 percent from 5.6 percent; and
- f. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -2.2 percent from -1.9 percent.

Meanwhile, corn and ready-made food and other food products retained their previous month's inflation rate of 3.3 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Palawan,
All Items, In Percent
January 2022 – January 2025
(2018=100)**

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.4	8.7	3.7	0.6
February	4.8	8.7	4.0	
March	5.4	9.0	3.5	
April	6.6	6.9	4.0	
May	7.6	6.5	4.1	
June	8.4	6.9	3.4	
July	10.1	5.4	4.5	
August	10.2	5.9	3.3	
September	9.8	7.1	2.4	
October	10.8	6.0	2.3	
November	9.9	5.5	1.7	
December	9.9	4.9	0.5	
Average	8.2	6.8	3.1	

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Technical Notes

Consumer Price Index is an indicator of the change in the average prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year.

- **Market Basket** is a sample of goods and services, which is meant to represent the totality of all the goods and services purchased by households relative to a base year.
 - To determine the commodities that will form the market basket for the 2018-based CPI, the Survey of Key Informants (SKI) was conducted in March 2021. The survey, which was conducted nationwide to store managers, sellers or proprietors, obtained information on the most commonly purchased of goods and availed of services by the households.
 - The commodities in the 2018-based CPI market basket are grouped/classified according to the 2020 Philippine Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (PCOICOP) which is based on the United Nations COICOP. Meanwhile, the commodities in the 2012-based CPI market basket used the 2009 PCOICOP version of classification of commodities.
- **Base year** is a reference period, usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series. The CPI is rebased from base year 2012 to base year 2018.
- **Inflation Rate** is the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).