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Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Palawan (2018=100)

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households:
Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Palawan
All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	Year-to-date*
Philippines	3.6	2.5	2.4	2.4
MIMAROPA	4.1	2.8	2.4	2.4
Palawan	4.1	-0.6	0.1	0.1

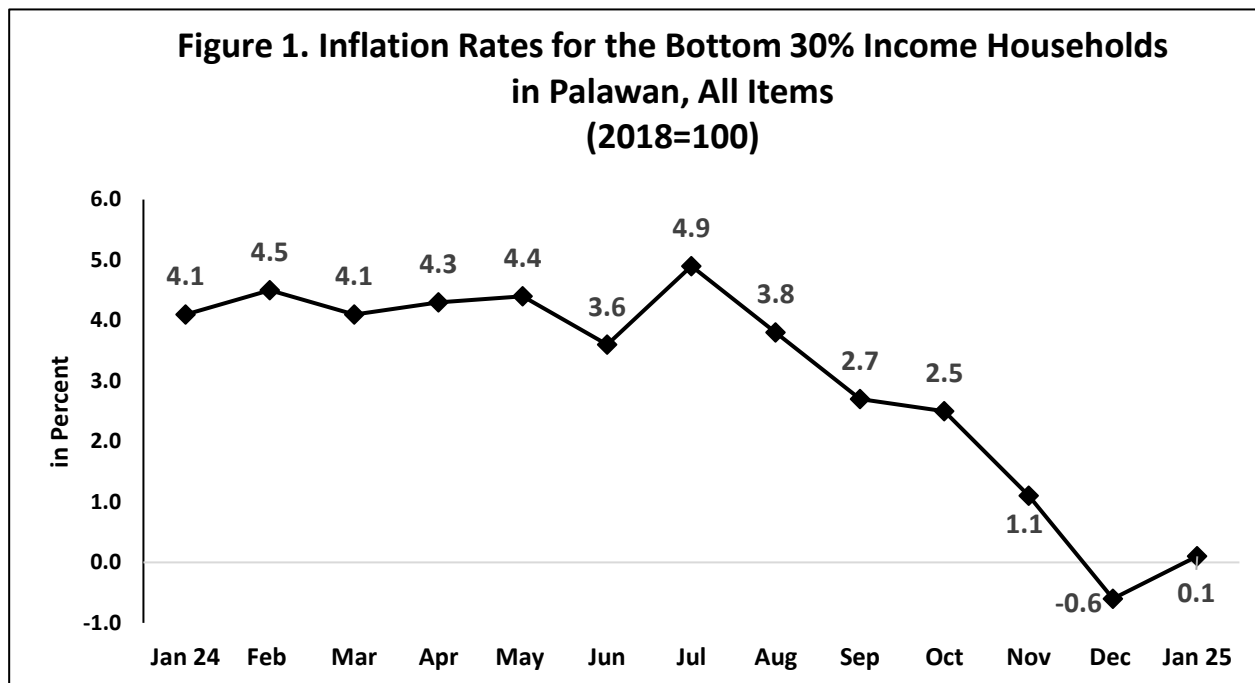
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

Palawan's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households increased to 0.1 percent in January 2025 from a 0.6 percent decline in December 2024. In January 2024, inflation rate was posted at 4.1 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The main driver to the upward trend in the provincial inflation for this income group in January 2025 was the higher year-on-year growth in the heavily-weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages registering an annual decrease of 0.7 percent during the month from 2.6 percent annual decline in December 2024. Also contributing to the increase to the overall inflation of the province is personal care and miscellaneous goods and services at 2.1 percent in January 2025 from 1.8 percent in the previous month, and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 2.3 percent in during the month from 1.8 percent in December 2024.

Moreover, higher inflation rates were also noted in the indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 1.9 percent in January 2025 from 1.8 percent in December 2024 and financial services at 0.0 percent in the current month from a 1.1 percent decline in the previous month.



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

**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households
in Palawan, All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	4.1	(2.6)	(0.7)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.2	1.8	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	5.2	0.6	0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	4.1	2.3	(0.2)
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	4.0	1.8	2.3
Health	4.0	2.7	2.5
Transport	(0.9)	1.7	(0.6)
Information and Communication	1.9	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	9.5	1.0	1.0
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	2.4	5.8	5.8
Financial Services	(1.1)	(1.1)	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6	1.8	2.1

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In contrast, lower annual growth rates were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month:

- a) Housing water electricity gas and other fuels, -0.2 percent from 2.3 percent;
- b) Health, 2.5 percent from 2.7 percent; and
- c) Transport, -0.6 percent from 1.7 percent.

Further, the indices of the following commodity groups retained their respective December 2024 annual rates:

- a.) Clothing and footwear, 0.6 percent;
- b.) Information and communication, 0.0 percent;
- c.) Recreation, sport and culture, 1.0 percent;
- d.) Education services, 0.0 percent; and
- e.) Restaurants and accommodation services, 5.8 percent.

Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Palawan, By Food Group, In Percent (2018=100)

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food	4.1	(2.9)	(1.0)
Cereals and cereal products	12.4	(7.9)	(4.9)
Cereals	13.6	(9.4)	(5.8)
Rice	13.8	(9.5)	(5.9)
Corn	(4.0)	3.3	3.3
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	5.2	2.1	1.2
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.2	5.4	7.3
Fish and other seafood	0.0	0.0	(1.5)
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	8.7	0.7	0.3
Oils and Fats	(8.1)	8.0	5.5
Fruits and Nuts	4.0	6.3	5.9
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(12.9)	(0.2)	5.6
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(9.2)	(0.7)	(1.2)
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products	2.8	1.5	1.6
n.e.c.			

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

Food inflation for the bottom 30% income households in Palawan registered an annual decline of 1.0 percent in January 2025 from a 2.9 percent annual decline in the previous month. In January 2024, its annual increase was observed at 4.1 percent. (Table C)

The uptrend in the food inflation in the province was mainly due to the faster growth in the rice index at an annual decline of 4.9 percent during the month from a 7.9 percent annual decrease in December 2024. Higher inflation rates were also noted in January 2025 in the

indices of vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 5.6 percent, meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 7.3 percent and ready-made food and other food products n.e.c, at 1.6 percent, from their corresponding December 2024 inflation rates of -0.2 percent, 5.4 percent, and 1.5 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, lower annual increases were noted in the following food groups:


- a. Flour, bread and other bakery products pasta products and other cereals, 1.2 percent from 2.1 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood, -1.5 percent from 0.0 percent;
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 0.3 percent from 0.7 percent;
- d. Oils and fats, 5.5 percent from 8.0 percent;
- e. Fruits and nuts, 5.9 percent from 6.3 percent; and
- f. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -1.2 percent from -0,7 percent.

Meanwhile, corn retained its corresponding previous month's inflation rate.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Palawan, All Items, In Percent
January 2022 – January 2025
(2018=100)**

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	5.0	8.7	4.1	0.1
February	5.3	8.6	4.5	
March	5.7	9.2	4.1	
April	6.9	7.1	4.3	
May	7.9	6.9	4.4	
June	8.6	7.4	3.6	
July	10.8	6.2	4.9	
August	11.2	6.2	3.8	
September	10.3	8.1	2.7	
October	11.3	6.8	2.5	
November	10.3	6.2	1.1	
December	10.2	5.5	(0.6)	
Average	8.6	7.2	3.3	

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


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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).
- **CPI for Bottom 30%** is an indicator of the change in the average prices of good and services commonly purchased by consumers whose per capita income fall below the bottom 30%.