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**Summary Inflation Report
Consumer Price Index for the
Bottom 30% Income Households in Puerto Princesa City
(2018=100)**

January 2025

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households:
Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Puerto Princesa City
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
Puerto Princesa City	4.9	3.0	1.3	1.3

*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

The inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households in Puerto Princesa City slowed down to 1.3 percent in January 2025 from 3.0 percent in December 2024. In January 2024, the inflation rate was posted at 4.9 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The downtrend in the inflation for the bottom 30% income households in January 2025 was primarily influenced by the lower year-on-year growth in the housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at a decline of 2.0 percent during the month from 5.6 percent in December 2024. Likewise, the lower annual increases in the food and non-alcoholic beverages index at 2.2 percent in January 2025 from 2.8 percent in the previous month, and transport index registering a decline of 1.2 percent in January 2025 from 1.6 percent in the previous month also contributed to the downtrend in the overall inflation of Puerto Princesa City.

Moreover, lower inflation rates were noted in the indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 1.3 percent in January 2025 from 1.9 percent in December 2024; furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 1.7 percent this month from 1.9 percent in the past month; and personal care and miscellaneous goods and services at 2.1 percent in the current month from 2.4 percent in the previous month.
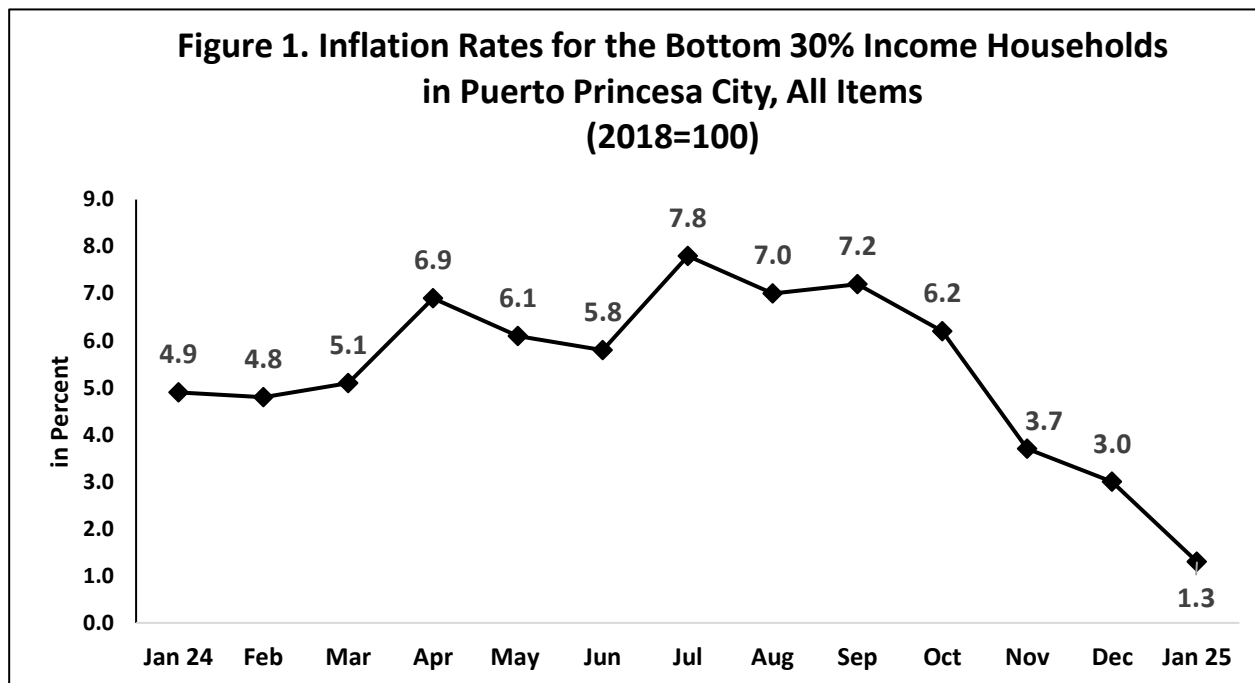
Figure 1. Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Puerto Princesa City, All Items (2018=100)

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 Puerto Princesa City, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	2.0	2.8	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	14.2	1.9	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	3.3	0.5	1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	14.0	5.6	(2.0)
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	4.0	1.9	1.7
Health	3.4	2.8	2.8
Transport	3.3	1.6	(1.2)
Information and Communication	(3.8)	(4.6)	(3.0)
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	6.1	3.3	4.2
Education Services	0.9	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.3	4.4	8.4
Financial Services	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.2	2.4	2.1

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

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

    a) Clothing and footwear, 1.3 percent from 0.5 percent;

    b) Information and communication, -3.0 percent from -4.6 percent;

    c) Recreation, sport and culture, 4.2 percent from 3.3 percent;

    d) Restaurants and accommodation services, 8.4 percent from 4.4 percent; and

    e) Financial services, 0.0 percent from -0.3 percent.

The indices of health and education services and retained their respective previous month's annual rates.

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

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Jan '24	Dec '24	Jan '25
Food	1.8	2.7	2.0
Cereals and cereal products	11.4	(2.9)	(4.7)
Cereals	13.8	(3.9)	(6.0)
Rice	13.8	(4.0)	(6.1)
Corn	14.6	5.8	4.7
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	0.3	2.5	2.3
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	(0.8)	5.0	5.1
Fish and other seafood	(2.4)	15.6	14.5
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	4.7	1.6	1.5
Oils and Fats	(8.3)	3.7	3.8
Fruits and Nuts	(2.7)	9.5	11.9
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(20.6)	2.7	5.7
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(4.4)	0.9	(0.5)
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.3	6.0	5.5

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 Puerto Princesa City registered an annual decline of 2.0 percent in January 2025 from 2.7 percent in the previous month. In January 2024, its annual increase was observed at 1.8 percent. (Table C)

The deceleration of food inflation in Puerto Princesa City was mainly due to the faster annual decline in the rice index at 6.1 percent during the month from a 4.0 percent annual decline in December 2024.

Lower inflation rates were also noted in the following food groups:
  a. Corn, 4.7 percent from 5.8 percent;
  b. Flour, bread and other bakery products pasta products and other cereals, 2.3 percent from 2.5 percent
  c. Fish and other seafood, 14.5 percent from 15.6 percent;
  d. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 1.5 percent from 1.6 percent;
  e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, -0.5 percent from 0.9 percent; and
  f. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c., 5.5 percent from 6.0 percent.

On the other hand, higher annual increases were noted in the following food groups:
  a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, 5.1 percent from 5.0 percent;
  b. Oils and fats, 3.8 percent from 3.7 percent;
  c. Fruits and nuts, 11.9 percent from 9.5 percent; and
  d. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, 5.7 percent from 2.7 percent.

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

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	8.2	4.9	1.3
February	4.2	8.8	4.8	
March	4.8	6.8	5.1	
April	5.5	5.2	6.9	
May	7.4	4.8	6.1	
June	8.2	5.2	5.8	
July	10.4	3.5	7.8	
August	10.5	3.4	7.0	
September	9.9	4.2	7.2	
October	10.0	5.1	6.2	
November	10.0	5.3	3.7	
December	9.7	5.6	3.0	
Average	7.9	5.5	5.7	

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.
    - o 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.
    - o 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%.