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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	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Year-to-date*
Philippines	4.2	2.4	1.5	2.0
MIMAROPA	4.2	2.4	1.6	2.0
Palawan	4.5	0.1	-0.9	-0.4

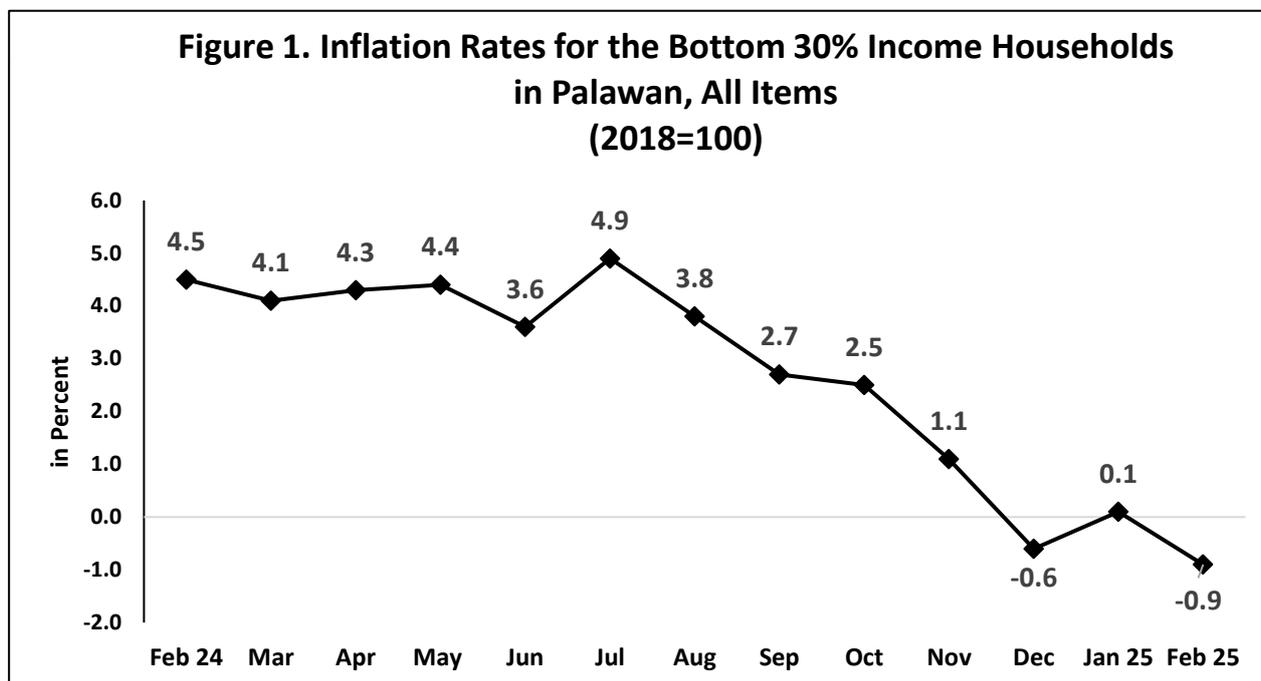
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

Palawan's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households declined by 0.9 percent in February 2025 from 0.1 percent in January 2025. In February 2024, the inflation rate posted a decline of 0.4 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The downtrend in the provincial inflation for the bottom 30% income households in February 2025 was primarily influenced by the lower year-on-year growth in the heavily-weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages at a decline of 2.9 percent during the month from 0.7 percent annual decline in January 2025. Likewise, the lower annual increases in the alcoholic beverages and tobacco index at 1.3 percent during the month from 1.9 percent in the previous month, and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance index at 2.0 percent in February 2025 from 2.3 percent in the previous month also contributed to the downtrend in the overall inflation of the province.

Moreover, lower inflation rates were noted in the indices of health at 2.3 percent in February 2025 from 2.5 percent in January 2025 and recreation, sport and culture at 0.8 percent in the current month from 1.0 percent 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		
	Feb '24	Jan '25	Feb '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	4.9	(0.7)	(2.9)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.6	1.9	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	4.0	0.6	1.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	4.5	(0.2)	1.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	3.5	2.3	2.0
Health	3.9	2.5	2.3
Transport	(2.0)	(0.6)	1.3
Information and Communication	1.9	0.0	7.9
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	8.2	1.0	0.8
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	2.8	5.8	6.0
Financial Services	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6	2.1	2.4

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 0.6 percent;
- b) Housing water electricity gas and other fuels, 1.3 percent from -0.2 percent;
- c) Transport, 9.9 percent from 0.0 percent;
- d) Information and communication, 5.2 percent from -0.1 percent;
- e) Restaurants and accommodation services, 6.0 percent from 5.8 percent; and
- f) Personal care and miscellaneous goods and services, 2.4 percent from 2.1 percent.

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

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		
	Feb '24	Jan '25	Feb '25
Food	4.9	(1.0)	(3.3)
Cereals and cereal products	14.9	(4.9)	(11.7)
Cereals	16.8	(5.8)	(13.8)
Rice	17.1	(5.9)	(13.9)
Corn	(8.4)	3.3	3.3
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	4.5	1.2	1.2
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.3	7.3	11.7
Fish and other seafood	(1.0)	(1.5)	2.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	7.1	0.3	2.0
Oils and Fats	(13.9)	5.5	13.7
Fruits and Nuts	7.6	5.9	2.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(13.2)	5.6	5.4
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(11.4)	(1.2)	2.3
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products	3.0	1.6	2.0
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 3.3 percent in February 2025 from a 1.0 percent annual decline in the previous month. In February 2024, its annual increase was observed at 4.9 percent. (Table C)

The deceleration of food inflation in the province during the month was mainly due to the faster annual decline in the rice index at 13.9 percent from a 5.9 percent annual decline in January 2025. Lower inflation rates were also noted in February 2025 in the indices of fruits and nuts and vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 2.6 percent

and 5.4 percent, respectively from their corresponding January 2025 inflation rates of 5.9 percent and 5.6 percent.

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

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, 11.7 percent from 7.3 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood, 2.0 percent from -1.5 percent;
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 2.0 percent from 0.3 percent;
- d. Oils and fats, 13.7 percent from 5.5 percent;
- e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 2.3 percent from -1.2 percent; and
- f. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c., 2.0 percent from 1.6 percent.

Meanwhile, corn and flour, bread and other bakery products pasta products and other cereals retained their 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 – February 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	(0.9)
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%.