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## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in the Palawan (2018=100)

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

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Year-to-date*
<b>Philippines</b>				
Headline	3.7	2.1	1.8	2.2
<b>MIMAROPA</b>				
Headline	3.9	2.1	2.1	2.2
<b>Palawan</b>				
Headline	3.5	0.3	2.6	1.2

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

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

The headline inflation in the province of Palawan accelerated at 2.6 percent in March 2025, from 0.3 percent in the previous month. In March 2024, inflation rate was recorded at 3.5 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

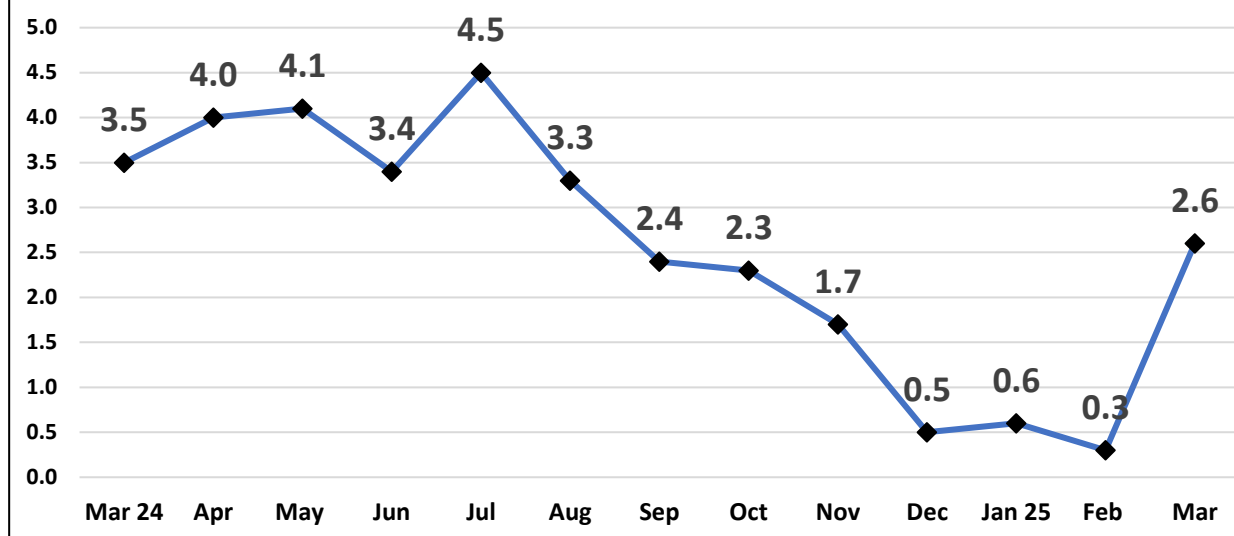
The uptrend in the provincial inflation during the month was primarily brought by the higher index for food and non-alcoholic beverages, with 2.6 percent inflation from -1.7 percent in February 2025. This was followed by information and communication, which posted an inflation rate of 15.3 percent from 5.2 percent. Also contributing to the acceleration is the higher increment of restaurants and accommodation services, which registered a 7.2 percent inflation rate from 6.0 percent in the previous month.



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**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates for All Income Households in Palawan, All Items, In Percent (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 All Income Households in Palawan, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Mar '24	Feb '25	Mar '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	3.8	(1.7)	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.7	1.6	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	2.3	1.3	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	7.8	1.9	1.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	1.8	3.0	3.1
Health	1.5	1.0	3.0
Transport	(2.9)	1.7	0.7
Information and Communication	0.1	5.2	15.3
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	8.8	0.7	1.1
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.5	6.0	7.2
Financial Services	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4	2.2	2.8

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

Furthermore, higher inflation rates were also observed in the indices of the following;

- Health, 3.0 percent from 1.0 percent;
- Personal care and miscellaneous goods and services, 2.8 percent from 2.2 percent;

- c) Clothing and footwear, 1.5 percent from 1.3 percent;
- d) Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 1.8 percent from 1.6 percent;
- e) Transport, 1.7 percent from -0.7 percent;
- f) Recreation, sport, and culture, 1.1 percent from 0.7 percent;
- g) Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 3.1 percent from 3.0 percent.

Meanwhile, slowdown in inflation rates were observed in housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 1.3 percent from 1.9 percent and transport with 0.7 percent from 1.7 percent.

On the other hand, education and financial services retained its February 2025 levels at zero percent inflation.

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

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Mar '24	Feb '25	Mar '25
Food	3.9	(2.0)	2.4
Cereals and cereal products	15.4	(10.5)	(5.2)
Cereals	18.3	(13.0)	(6.5)
Rice	18.8	(13.2)	(6.8)
Corn	(8.4)	3.3	21.4
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	3.2	1.1	0.8
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	2.9	11.9	11.8
Fish and other seafood	(10.4)	(0.6)	8.3
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	0.6	0.8	2.3
Oils and Fats	(6.3)	4.5	6.9
Fruits and Nuts	5.3	1.8	8.4
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(2.2)	5.9	9.3
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(9.9)	0.0	0.1
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.1	2.3	3.6

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

Food index for all income households in March 2025 accelerated to 2.4 percent inflation rate from -2.0 percent in the previous month. In March 2024, the food index was higher, at 3.9 percent inflation rate. (Table C)

The faster food inflation for the month was brought about by the higher index of cereals and cereal products at -5.2 percent inflation from -10.5 percent, fish and other seafood at

8.3 percent inflation rate from -0.6 percent last month. This was followed by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 9.3 percent from 5.9 percent.

Meanwhile, higher inflation rates were also observed in the following food groups:


- a. Fruits and nuts at 8.4 percent inflation rate, from 1.8 percent;
- b. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 2.3 percent from 0.8 percent;
- c. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c., 3.6 percent from 2.3 percent;
- d. Oils and fats, 6.9 percent from 4.5 percent; and
- e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 0.1 percent from 0 percent

On the other hand, meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals and flour bread and other bakery products pasta products and other cereals retained posted slowdown in annual increments with 11.8 percent and 0.8 percent respectively.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for All Income households in Palawan,  
All Items, In Percent,  
January 2022 – March 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	0.3
March	5.4	9.0	3.5	2.6
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	

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).

