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

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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)**

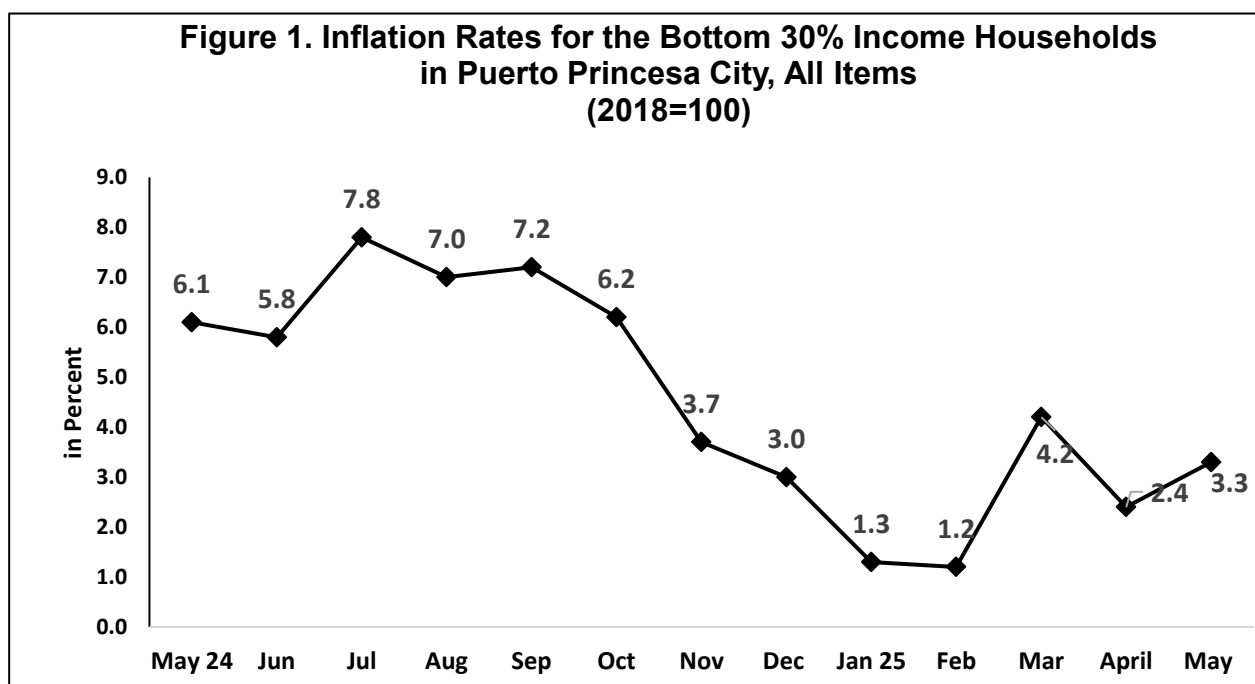
Area	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	Year-to-date*
Philippines	5.3	0.1	0.0	1.0
MIMAROPA	6.2	0.5	-0.4	1.0
Puerto Princesa City	6.1	2.4	3.3	2.5

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

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

Inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households in the City of Puerto Princesa increased to 3.3 percent in May 2025 from 2.4 percent in April 2025. In May 2024, inflation rate was higher at 6.1 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The main driver to the upward trend in the city's inflation for this income group in May 2025 was the higher year-on-year growth in the heavily weighted Food and non-alcoholic beverages at 2.8 percent from 1.9 percent in April 2025. Also contributing to the increase in the overall inflation is Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels at 5.3 percent in May 2025 from 3.1 percent in the previous month, and Transport at a decline of 1.0 percent this month from an annual decline of 1.3 percent during the past 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 Puerto Princesa City, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	May '24	Apr '25	May '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	7.1	1.9	2.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.6	1.7	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	0.1	1.0	1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	13.0	3.1	5.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.8	1.7	1.6
Health	4.8	3.0	3.3
Transport	(0.5)	(1.3)	(1.0)
Information and Communication	(5.2)	(1.4)	(1.4)
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	3.2	4.8	4.9
Education Services	0.9	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.8	12.0	12.0
Financial Services	(0.3)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.0	2.6	2.4

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

In contrast, lower annual growth rates were noted in the indices of Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 1.6 percent from 1.7 percent and Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 2.4 percent from 2.6 percent.

Meanwhile, the indices for Alcoholic beverages and Tobacco, Clothing and footwear, Information and communication, Education services, Restaurants and accommodation services, and Financial services retained their April 2025 corresponding 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		
	May '24	Apr '25	May '25
Food	7.5	1.7	2.5
Cereals and cereal products	15.3	(5.8)	(3.1)
Cereals	19.1	(7.4)	(4.3)
Rice	19.1	(7.5)	(4.4)
Corn	19.9	4.0	4.9
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	(2.3)	3.7	3.8
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	3.3	9.8	10.0
Fish and other seafood	4.9	12.8	9.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	1.4	3.2	3.1
Oils and Fats	(6.7)	9.5	11.0
Fruits and Nuts	0.7	11.4	11.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(2.3)	6.0	5.0
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(4.2)	0.1	1.1
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.4	4.0	4.2

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 the City of Puerto Princesa moved at a faster pace at 2.5 percent in May 2025 from a 1.7 percent growth in the previous month. In May 2024, its annual increase was observed to be higher at 7.5 percent. (Table C)

The uptrend in the food inflation in the highly urbanized city was mainly due to the faster growth in rice at a decline of 4.4 percent in May 2025 percent from an annual decline of 7.5 percent in the previous month. This was followed by higher indices of Sugar, confectionary and desserts at 1.1 percent from 0.1 percent, as well as, Oils and fats at 11.0 percent from its previous month inflation rate of percent 9.5 percent.


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

- a) Fish and other seafood, 9.0 percent from 12.8 percent;
- b) Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 3.1 percent from 3.2 percent; and
- c) Vegetables tubers plantains cooking bananas and pulses, 5.0 percent from 6.0 percent

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Puerto Princesa City, All Items, In Percent
January 2022 – May 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	1.2
March	4.8	6.8	5.1	4.2
April	5.5	5.2	6.9	2.4
May	7.4	4.8	6.1	3.3
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.
 - 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%.