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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	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
Palawan	4.4	2.1	1.3	0.9

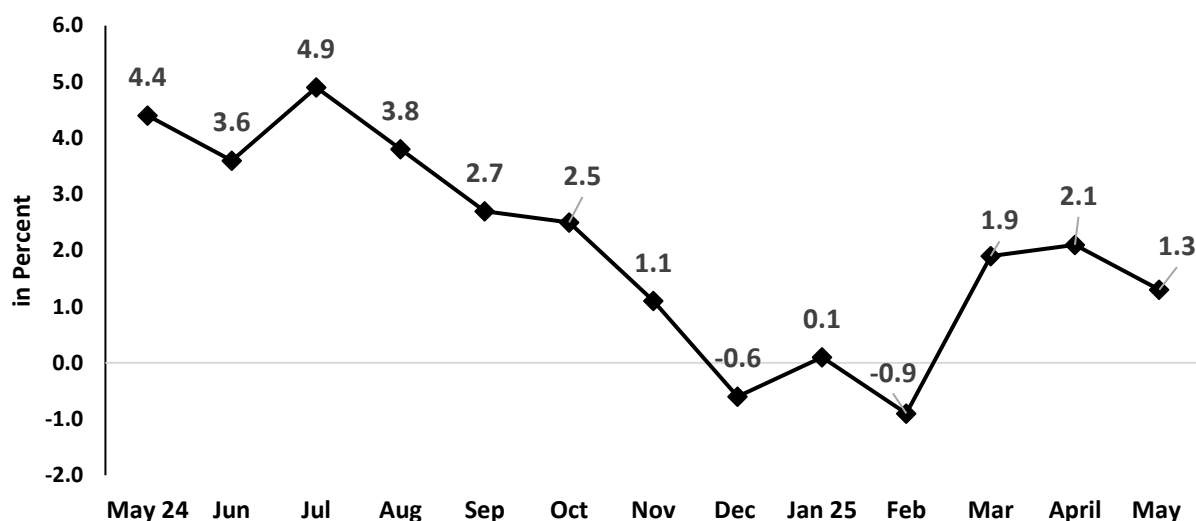
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

Palawan's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households decelerated to 1.3 percent in May 2025 from 2.1 percent in April 2025. In May 2024, inflation rate was higher at 4.4 percent. (Table A and Figure 1).

The major contributors to the downtrend in the provincial inflation for this income group in May 2025 were the lower year-on-year growth in the Food and non-alcoholic beverages at 0.4 percent from 2.1 percent, Transport at a decline of 3.4 percent from an annual decline of 2.8 percent, and Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 1.3 percent in the current month from 1.8 percent in April 2025.

Figure 1. Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Palawan, 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 Palawan, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	May '24	Apr '25	May '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	5.8	2.1	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6	2.4	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	1.6	1.5	1.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	5.6	1.0	1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.9	1.8	1.3
Health	3.7	1.8	1.7
Transport	(1.2)	(2.8)	(3.4)
Information and Communication	1.9	23.7	23.7
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	5.0	1.1	1.0
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.5	8.4	8.4
Financial Services	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.1	3.3	3.5

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Moreover, lower inflation rates as compared with the previous month were also recorded in the indices of the following commodity groups;

- a) Clothing and footwear, 1.3 percent from 1.5 percent;
- b) Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 2.3 percent from 2.4 percent;
- c) Health, 1.7 percent from 1.8 percent; and
- d) Recreation sport and culture, 1.0 percent from 1.1 percent.

In contrast, higher annual growth rates were noted in the indices of Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 1.9 percent from 1.0 percent and Transport at 3.5 percent from 3.3 percent.

Meanwhile, the indices of Information and communication, 23.7 percent; Education services, 0.0 percent; Restaurants and accommodation services, 8.4 percent; and Financial services, 0.0 percent, retained their previous months levels.

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		
	May '24	Apr '25	May '25
Food	6.0	1.8	(0.1)
Cereals and cereal products	11.4	(7.0)	(8.0)
Cereals	13.1	(8.1)	(9.2)
Rice	13.3	(8.3)	(9.5)
Corn	(1.8)	15.2	18.8
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	1.0	0.7	0.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	2.6	12.0	12.5
Fish and other seafood	(2.1)	23.7	12.7
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	0.6	3.4	3.8
Oils and Fats	(3.9)	20.0	19.1
Fruits and Nuts	3.4	10.3	11.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	8.0	2.3	1.3
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(8.5)	0.2	(0.1)
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products	2.3	3.3	3.3
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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 recorded a decline at 0.1 percent in May 2025 from 1.8 percent in the previous month. In May 2024, the inflation was higher at 6.0 percent. (Table C)

The downtrend in the food inflation in the province was mainly due to the slower growth in the Fish and other seafood at 12.7 percent from 23.7 percent, Cereals and cereal


products at a decline of 8.0 percent from an annual decline of 7.0 percent, and Vegetables tubers and plantains cooking bananas and pulses at 1.3 percent from 2.3 percent.

Meanwhile, the indices in Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, Milk, other dairy products and eggs and Fruits and nuts recorded faster annual rates in May 2025 at 12.5 percent, 3.8 percent and 11.6 percent, consecutively.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Palawan, All Items, In Percent
January 2022 – May 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	1.9
April	6.9	7.1	4.3	2.1
May	7.9	6.9	4.4	1.3
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 goods and services commonly purchased by consumers whose per capita income fall below the bottom 30%.