

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## 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	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	Year-to-date*
<b>Philippines</b>				
Headline	3.9	1.4	1.3	1.9
<b>MIMAROPA</b>				
Headline	4.6	1.7	1.1	1.9
<b>Palawan</b>				
Headline	4.1	2.9	2.3	1.8

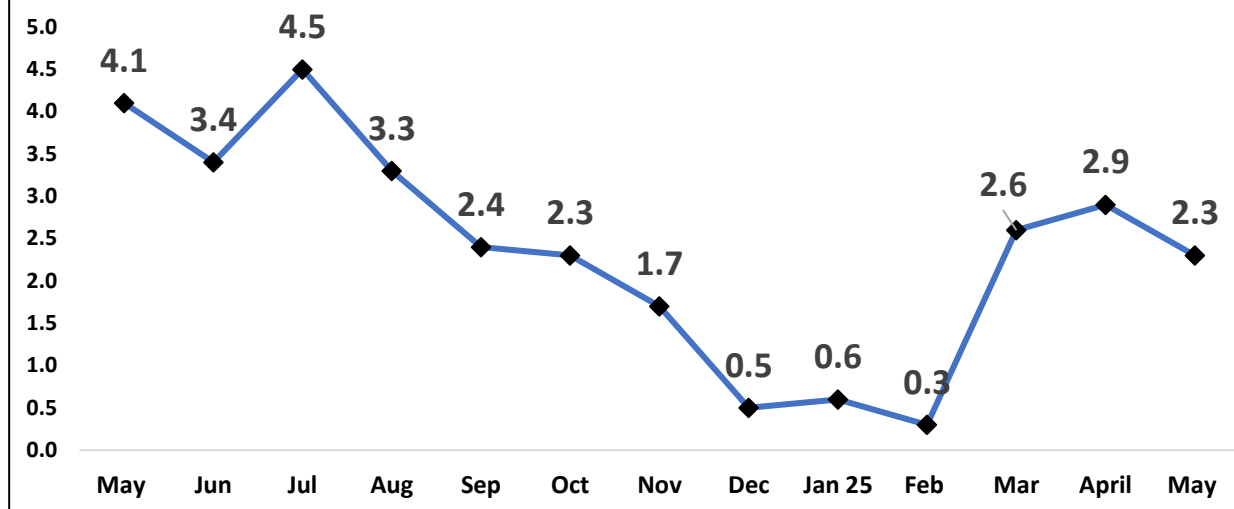
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

The headline inflation in the province of Palawan decelerated to 2.3 percent in May 2025, from 2.9 percent in the previous month. In May 2024, inflation rate was recorded at 4.1 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The downtrend in the provincial inflation during the month was primarily brought by the lower index for Food and non-alcoholic beverages, posted at 1.6 percent from 2.9 percent in April 2025. This was followed by Transport, with a recorded decline of 1.8 percent from an annual decline of 1.6 percent in April 2025. Also contributing to the deceleration was Clothing and footwear which registered a 1.3 percent inflation in May 2025 from 1.6 percent in the past month.

**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		
	May '24	April '25	May '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	4.8	2.9	1.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.0	2.8	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	1.7	1.6	1.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	7.5	1.8	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.8	3.1	2.8
Health	1.6	6.0	5.8
Transport	(0.8)	(1.6)	(1.8)
Information and Communication	0.2	15.3	15.3
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	6.6	0.8	1.0
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.5	8.3	8.3
Financial Services	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.8	3.0	2.9

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

Meanwhile, annual increments were also observed in Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and Recreation, sport and culture at 2.9 percent and 1.0 percent in May 2025, respectively from their corresponding April 2025 inflation rates of 1.8 percent and 0.8 percent.

On the other hand, Information and Communication, Education Services, Restaurants and accommodation services, and Financial Services retained their May 2025 rates.

**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		
	May '24	Aril '25	May '25
Food	4.9	2.7	1.2
Cereals and cereal products	10.9	(6.0)	(7.0)
Cereals	13.2	(7.5)	(8.6)
Rice	13.4	(7.8)	(9.0)
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	12.3	12.8
Fish and other seafood	(2.5)	20.4	10.6
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	(0.3)	2.0	2.3
Oils and Fats	(3.0)	7.4	7.3
Fruits and Nuts	3.5	10.0	11.5
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	8.3	1.8	1.0
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(9.4)	(1.1)	(1.4)
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.1	3.7	3.7

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

Food index for May 2025 in Palawan decelerated to 1.2 percent inflation rate from 2.7 percent in the previous month. In May 2024, the food index was higher at 4.9 percent inflation rate (Table C).

The downtrend in the food inflation for the month was brought about by the lower index of Fish and other seafood at 10.6 percent inflation rate during the month from 20.4 percent, Cereals and cereal products at a decline of 7.0 percent inflation rate from an annual decline of 6.0 percent last month. This was followed by Vegetables, tubers,

plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 1.0 percent in the current month from 1.8 percent during the past month.

Furthermore, lower inflation rates were also observed in May 2025 for Sugar, confectionery and desserts at a decline of 1.4 from an annual decline of 1.2 percent in April 2025 and Oil and fats at 7.3 percent this month from 7.4 percent in the previous month.


On the other hand, higher increment was observed in Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals at 12.8 percent, Milk other dairy products and eggs at 2.3 percent, and Fruits and Nuts at 11.5 percent.

Meanwhile, Flour bread and other bakery products pasta products and other cereals as well as Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified retained their previous months levels.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for All Income households in Palawan,  
All Items, In Percent, January 2022 – May 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	2.9
May	7.6	6.5	4.1	2.3
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).