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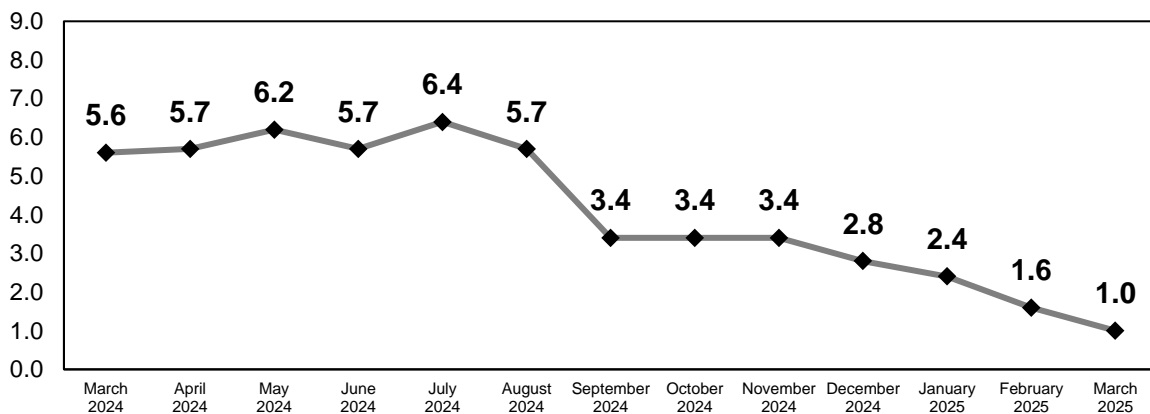
MARCH 2025 INFLATION REPORT FOR BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE MIMAROPA REGION (BASE YEAR: 2018)

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Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in the Philippines and MIMAROPA Region (2018=100)

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
Philippines	4.6	1.5	1.1
MIMAROPA Region	5.6	1.6	1.0

Figure 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in MIMAROPA: March 2024 to March 2025 (2018=100)

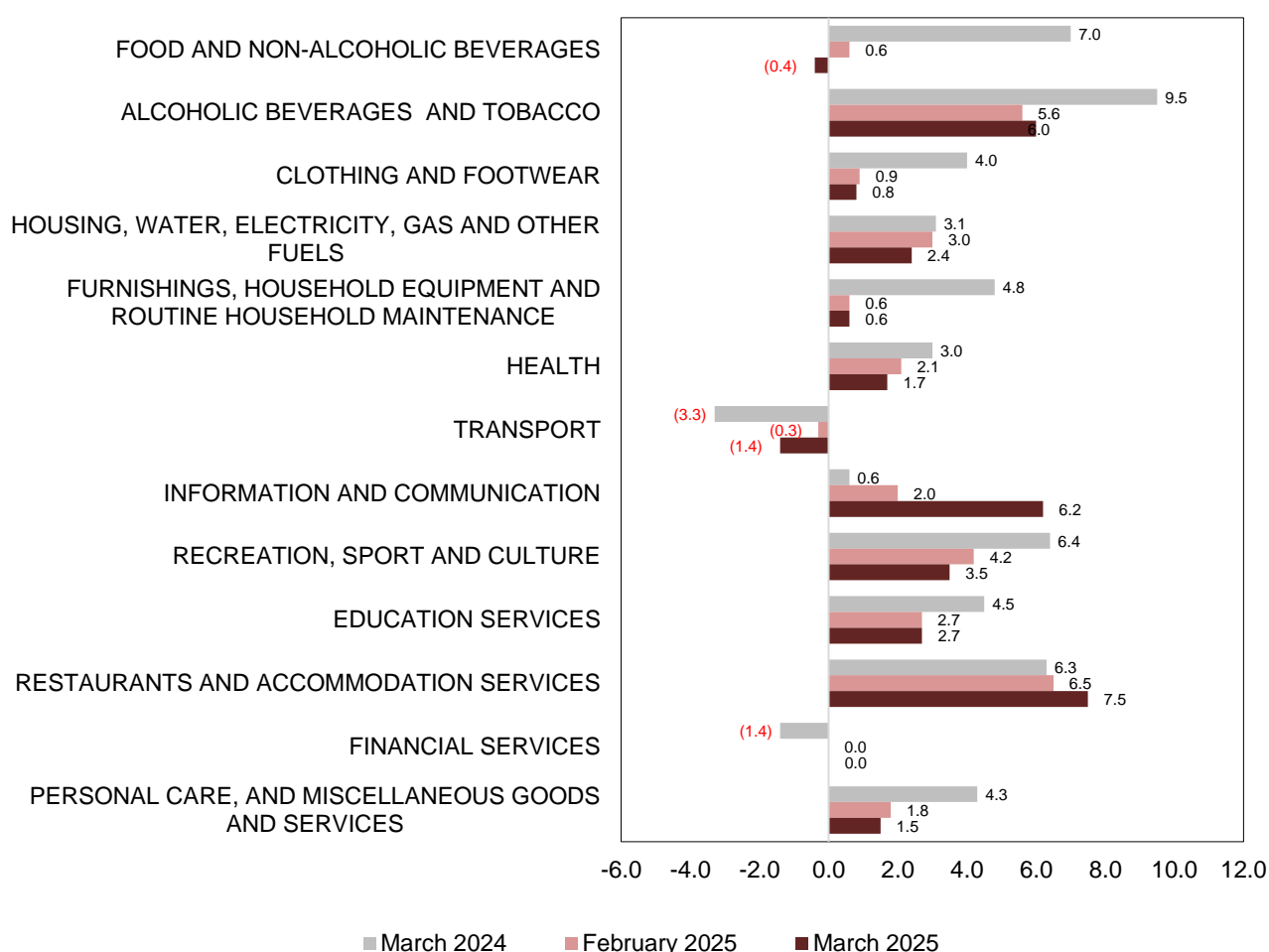


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), *Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

The inflation rate at the regional level, for the bottom 30% income households decelerated to 1.0 percent in March 2025 or a 0.6 percentage point decrease from the February 2025 inflation. The index was recorded at 5.6 percent in the same reference month of the previous year. The main contributors to the downtrend of inflation were food and non-alcoholic beverages (-0.4 percent inflation), housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (2.4 percent inflation), and transport (-1.4 percent inflation).

INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP

Figure 2. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in MIMAROPA, by Commodity Group (2018=100)



Source: PSA, *Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

Moreover, lower annual gains were observed in the inflation rates of recreation, sport and culture (3.5% inflation), health (1.7% inflation), personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services (1.5% inflation), and clothing and footwear (0.8% inflation).

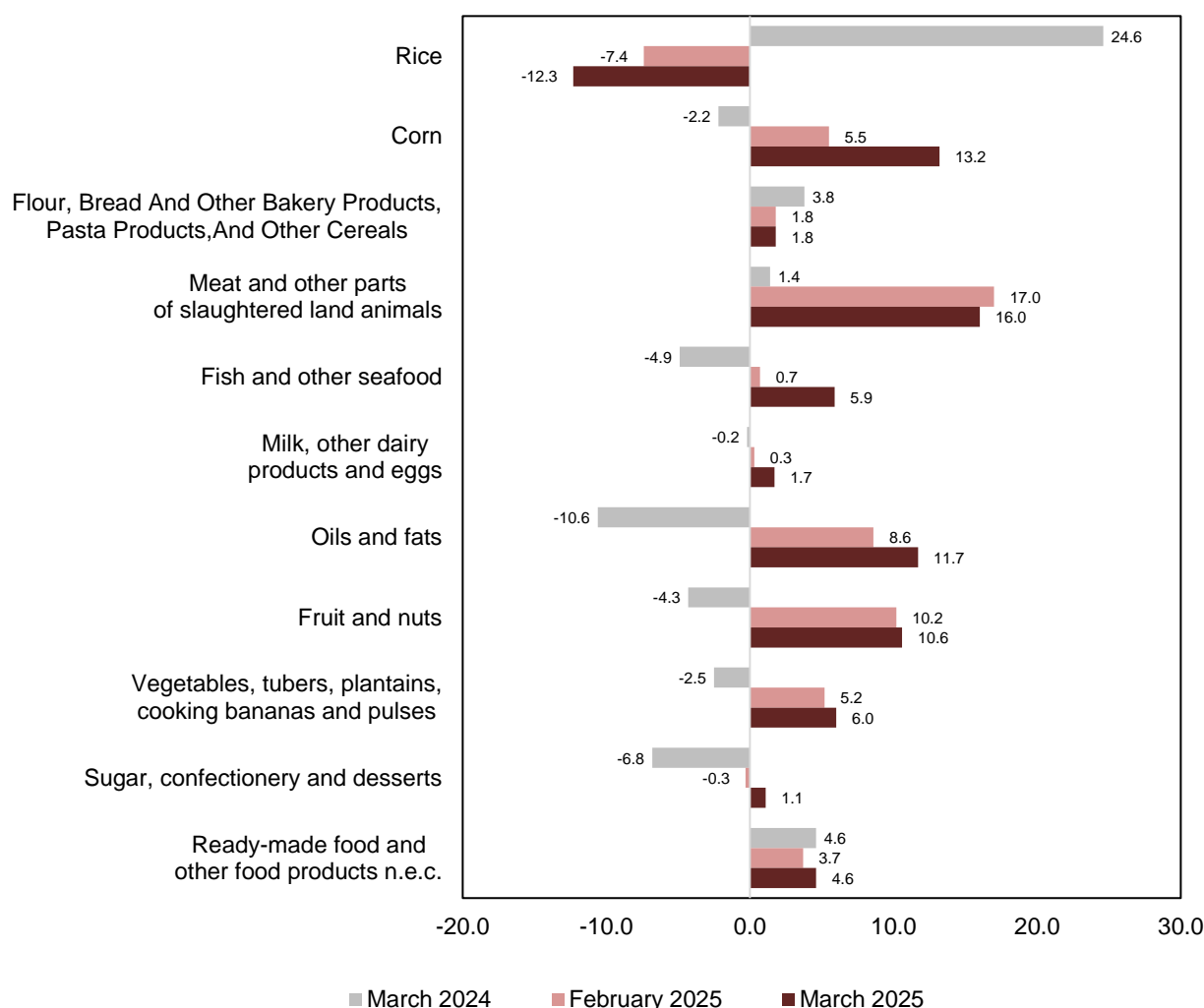
On the other hand, the following commodity groups recorded a higher annual increment in March 2025, compared with the indices in the previous month:

- Restaurants and Accommodation Services (7.5% inflation)
- Information and Communication (6.2% inflation); and
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (6.0% inflation)

Meanwhile, the commodity groups of education services (2.7% inflation), furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (0.6% inflation), and financial services (0.0% inflation) retained their previous month's inflation rate.

INFLATION RATE BY FOOD GROUP

Figure 3. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in MIMAROPA, by Food Group (2018=100)



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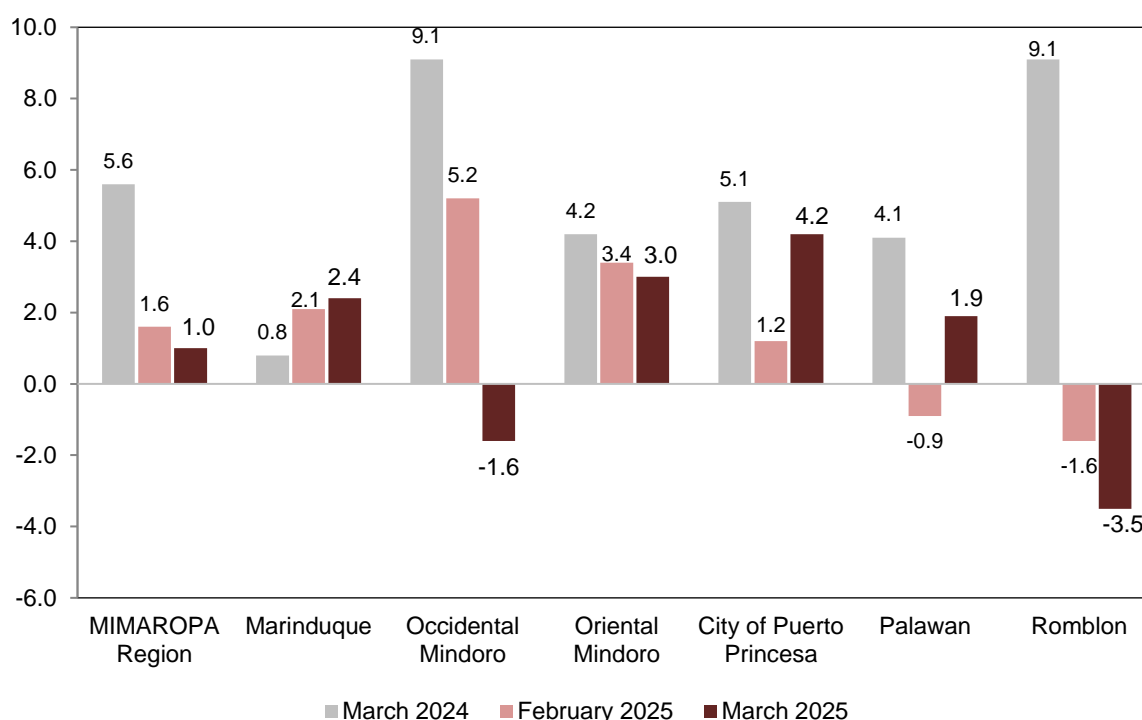
The region's food index decreased to -0.6 percent in March 2025, from 0.6 percent in the previous month, and 7.4 percent in March 2024. Moreover, the decline in food inflation was mainly contributed by rice with -12.3 percent inflation.

Additionally, meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (16.0% inflation) posted a lower annual index in March 2025.

In contrast, seven food groups registered faster growths in their March 2025 inflation rate, while flour, bread, and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals retained its previous month's 1.8 percent inflation rate.

INFLATION RATE BY PROVINCE

Figure 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in MIMAROPA, by Province and Highly Urbanized City (2018=100)



Among the provinces and highly urbanized city in the region, the City of Puerto Princesa had the highest inflation for the bottom 30 percent income households, with 4.2 percent, while Romblon posted the lowest, with -3.5 percent.

Additionally, the provinces of Marinduque (2.4% inflation) and Palawan (1.9% inflation) recorded higher growth in March 2025, compared with their previous month's inflation rate.

The province of Oriental Mindoro showed an ease in its inflation, while Occidental Mindoro registered a contraction of 1.6 percent in March 2025, from the 5.2 percent growth in the previous month.

The average price of goods and services in the province of Palawan recorded a general increase, with 1.9 percent inflation in March 2025, from the -0.9 percent inflation recorded in the previous month.

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 April 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).
- Purchasing Power of Peso is a measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period. It is computed by getting the reciprocal of the CPI and multiplying the result by 100.

Inflation Rate (reference month, reference year)

$$= [(CPI_{(\text{reference month, reference year})} - CPI_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}) / CPI_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}] \times 100\%$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{INFLATION RATE (March 2025)} &= [(CPI_{(\text{March 2025})} - CPI_{(\text{March 2024})}) / \\ &\quad CPI_{(\text{March 2024})}] \times 100\% \\ &= [(135.6 - 134.3) / 134.3] \times 100\% \\ &= (1.3 / 134.3) \times 100\% \\ &\approx 1.0\% \end{aligned}$$

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Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households of MIMAROPA, by Commodity Group (2018=100)

Division	Commodity Group	Year-on-Year Inflation (%)		
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
	ALL ITEMS	5.6	1.6	1.0
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.0	0.6	(0.4)
	* Food	7.4	0.6	(0.6)
	Cereals and cereal products	21.1	(6.0)	(10.2)
	Cereals	24.3	(7.3)	(12.1)
	Rice	24.6	(7.4)	(12.3)
	Corn	(2.2)	5.5	13.2
	Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals	3.8	1.8	1.8
	Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	1.4	17.0	16.0
	Fish and other seafood	(4.9)	0.7	5.9
	Milk, other dairy products and eggs	(0.2)	0.3	1.7
	Oils and fats	(10.6)	8.6	11.7
	Fruit and nuts	(4.3)	10.2	10.6
	Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	(2.5)	5.2	6.0
	Sugar, confectionery and desserts	(6.8)	(0.3)	1.1
	Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c.	4.6	3.7	4.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.5	5.6	6.0
03	Clothing and Footwear	4.0	0.9	0.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.1	3.0	2.4
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	4.8	0.6	0.6
06	Health	3.0	2.1	1.7
07	Transport	(3.3)	(0.3)	(1.4)
08	Information and Communication	0.6	2.0	6.2
09	Recreation, Sport and Culture	6.4	4.2	3.5
10	Education Services	4.5	2.7	2.7
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.3	6.5	7.5
12	Financial Services	(1.4)	0.0	0.0
13	Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.3	1.8	1.5

Note: Values enclosed in parentheses () are negative

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, *Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) for the Bottom 30% Income Households in the MIMAROPA Region, by Province/Highly Urbanized City (HUC) (2018=100)

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
Marinduque	0.8	2.1	2.4
Occidental Mindoro	9.1	5.2	(1.6)
Oriental Mindoro	4.2	3.4	3.0
Palawan	4.1	(0.9)	1.9
City of Puerto Princesa	5.1	1.2	4.2
Romblon	9.1	(1.6)	(3.5)

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