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Summary Inflation Report and Consumer Price Index (2018=100) for Bottom 30% Income Households of Romblon: December 2024

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Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates: Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Romblon:
Bottom 30% (2018=100)

Area	Dec. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2023	Year-to-Date
Philippines	2.5	2.9	5.0	4.2
MIMAROPA	2.8	3.4	5.3	4.7
Romblon	1.0	2.6	9.4	5.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities

Romblon's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households decelerated to 1.0 percent in December 2024 from 2.6 percent in the previous month. In December 2023, the inflation rate was posted at 9.4 percent (Table 1). Meanwhile, the average inflation for the year was computed at 5.0 percent.

The main contributors to the inflation trend of this income group in December 2024 includes the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 2.6 percent (with 95.3% contribution to overall inflation), from 3.9 percent in the previous month. It was followed by Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 2.1 percent (2.4% contribution to overall inflation), Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance with 0.9 percent (1.2% contribution to overall inflation) and Clothing and Footwear with 1.1 percent (1.2% contribution to overall inflation).

The following commodity groups showed accelerating year-on-year growth rate in December 2024.

- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, 5.7% (77.5% share to overall inflation)
- Health, 0.6% (0.6% share to overall inflation)
- Transport, -0.8% (-4.0% share to overall inflation)
- Recreation, Sports and Culture, 5.1% (4.8% share to overall inflation)



Meanwhile, Clothing and Footwear (0.6%), Information and Communication (0.0%), Education Services (0.0%), Restaurant and Accommodation Services (4.0%) and Financial Services (-11.1%) remained at their previous month's rate.

Main Contributor to the Overall Inflation

The following commodity groups were the top 3 contributors to the December 2024 overall inflation for the bottom 30% income households:

- a. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, 77.5% share or 0.77 percentage points
- b. Restaurant and Accommodation Services, 21.1% share or 0.21 percentage points
- c. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages, 5.2% or 0.05 percentage points

Food Inflation

Food inflation for the bottom 30% income households at the provincial level moved at a slower pace of 0.3 percent in December 2024 from 3.1 percent in the previous month. In December 2023, its annual increase was observed at 10.0 percent.


Main Drivers to Downward Trend of Food Inflation

The downtrend in food inflation was mainly due to slower annual increase of cereals and cereal products with 7.6 percent in December 2024 from 12.7 percent in the previous month.

Main Contributors to the Food Inflation

Among the commodity groups, the main contributors to the food inflation during December 2024 were the following:

- a. Cereal and cereal products, which include rice, corn, flour, bread and bakery products, pasta products and other cereals, 7.6% (0.88 percentage points)
- b. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, 5.4% (0.14 percentage points)


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Table 2. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Romblon, All Items: January 2019 to December 2024, in percent. (2018=100)

Month	Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	2.4	1.6	5.4	6.2	6.2	7.4
February	3.0	1.2	5.7	5.8	7.5	7.9
March	4.4	0.2	10.3	1.6	8.1	9.1
April	3.3	1.5	10.4	1.3	7.8	7.6
May	4.4	1.6	6.9	3.7	7.9	7.3
June	4.1	1.8	6.5	4.0	8.3	5.4
July	3.8	2.2	9.7	1.7	7.5	5.2
August	2.4	2.7	9.3	2.4	8.5	4.1
September	0.0	2.9	8.8	2.8	11.7	1.3
October	-0.1	3.3	8.0	4.0	9.1	1.5
November	0.1	4.1	7.9	4.3	7.4	2.6
December	1.2	6.1	6.1	3.6	9.4	1.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities

TECHNICAL NOTES

Consumer Price Index (CPI)



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- is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services
- commonly purchased by households relative to a base year.
- is widely used in the calculation of the inflation rate and purchasing power of the peso.
- is used to adjust other economic series for price changes. Example, CPI components are used as deflators for most personal consumption expenditures (PCE) in the calculation of the Gross National Product (GNP).
- is used as basis to adjust wages in labor management contracts as well as pensions and retirement benefits. Thus, increases in wages through collective bargaining agreements use the CPI as one of their bases.

Inflation Rate (IR)

- interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of peso.
- is the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change of the CPI expressed in percent.

Inflation Rate (reference month, reference year)

$$= \left[\frac{\text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, reference year})} - \text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}}{\text{CPI}_{(\text{reference month, previous year})}} \right] \times 100\%$$

Purchasing Power of Deso

- shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period.
- computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

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.



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