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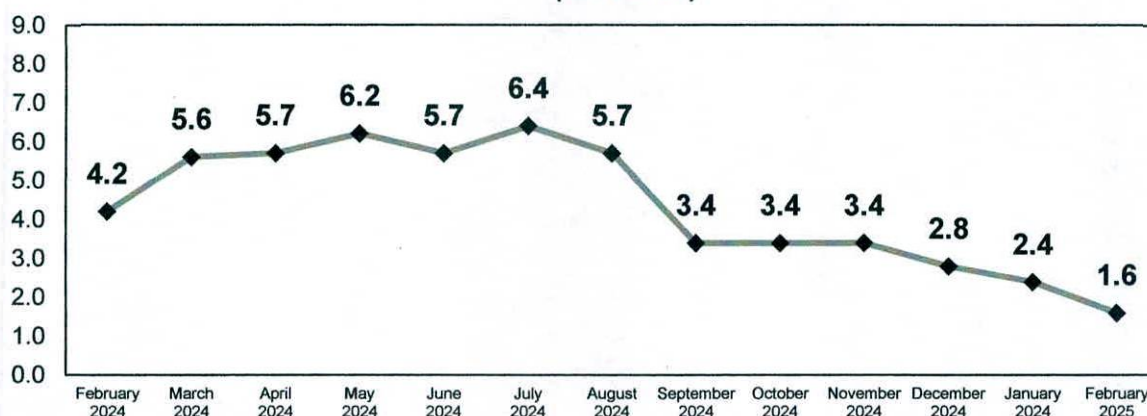
FEBRUARY 2025 INFLATION REPORT FOR BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE MIMAROPA REGION (BASE YEAR: 2018)

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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	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Philippines	4.2	2.4	1.5
MIMAROPA Region	4.2	2.4	1.6

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

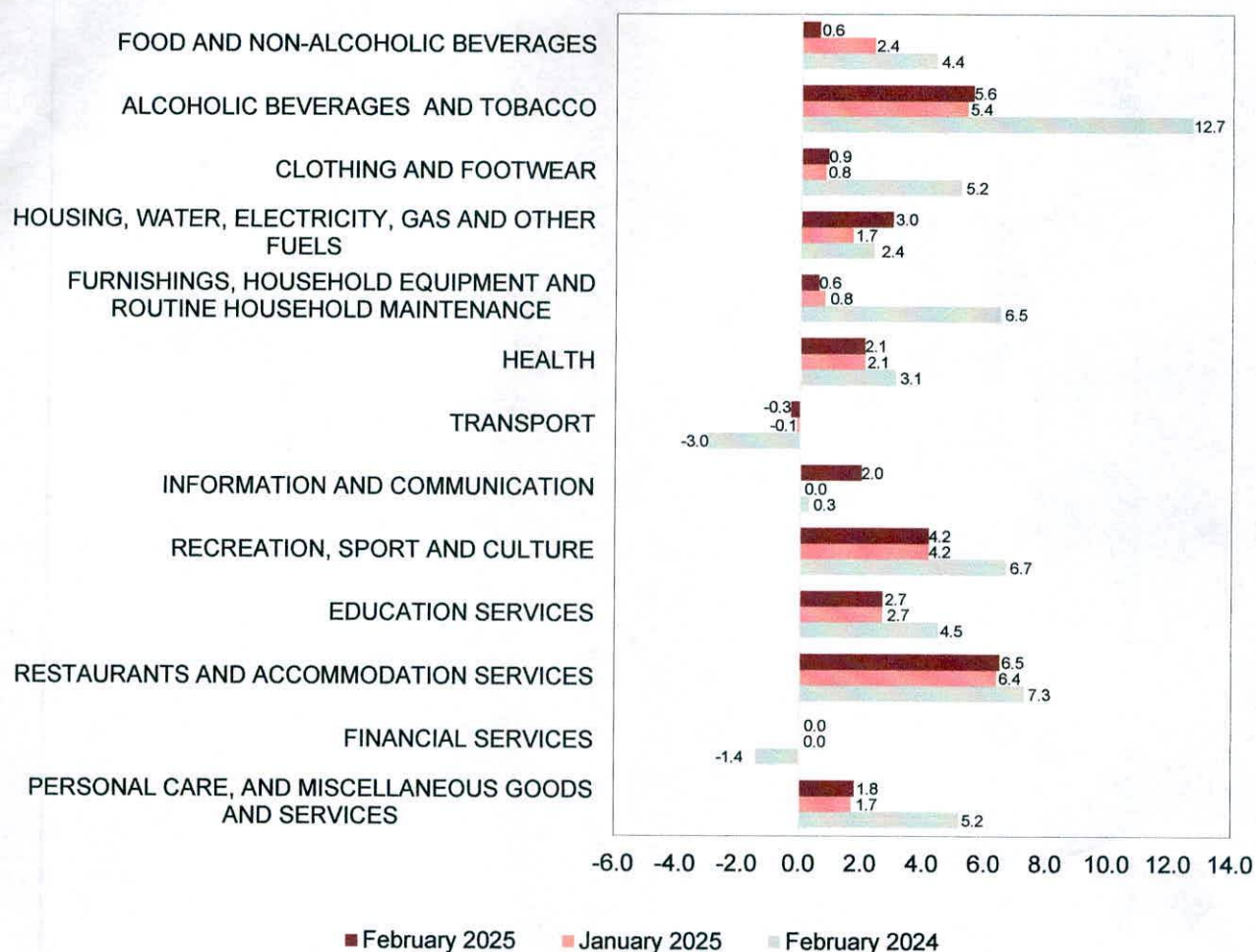


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), *Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

The inflation rate at the regional level, for the bottom 30 percent income households decelerated to 1.6 percent in February 2025 or a 0.8 percentage point decrease from January 2025 inflation. The index was recorded at 4.2 percent in the same reference month of the previous year. The main contributors to the downtrend of inflation were food and non-alcoholic beverages (0.6 percent inflation), transport (-0.3 percent inflation), and furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (0.6 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)



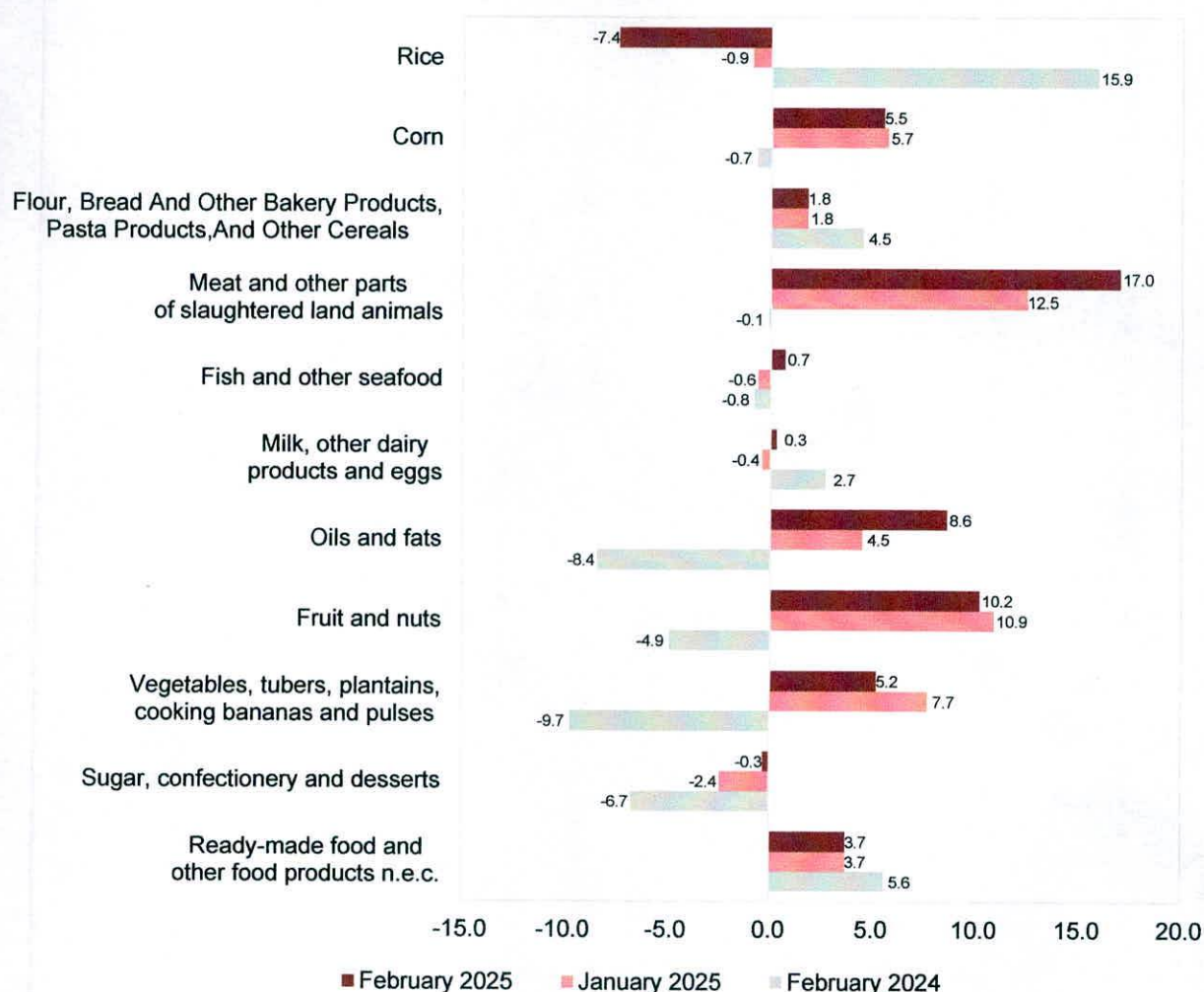
Source: PSA, Retail Price Survey (RPS) of Selected Commodities and Services for the Generation of Consumer Price Index (CPI)

On the other hand, the commodity groups which recorded a higher annual increment in February 2025 were the following: restaurants and accommodation services (6.5% inflation), alcoholic beverages and tobacco (5.6% inflation), housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel (3.0% inflation), information and communication (2.0% inflation), personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services (1.8% inflation), and clothing and footwear (0.8% inflation).

Meanwhile, health (2.1% inflation), recreation, sport and culture (4.2% inflation), education services (2.7% inflation), and financial services (0.0% inflation) retained their previous month's inflation rate.

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

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



The region's food index further decelerated to 0.6 percent in February 2025, from 2.4 percent in the previous month, and 4.3 percent in February 2024. Moreover, the downtrend in food inflation were contributed by rice (-7.4 percent inflation), corn (5.5% inflation), fruits and nuts (10.2% inflation), and vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (5.2% inflation).

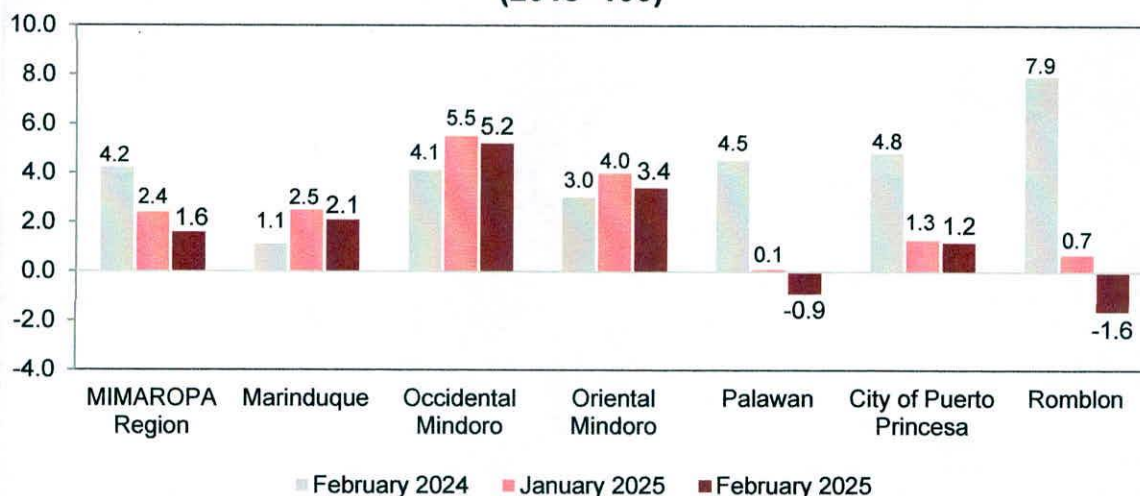
On the other hand, the following food groups posted higher annual indices in February 2025:

- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animal (17.0% inflation)
- Oils and fats (8.6% inflation)
- Fish and Other seafoods (0.7% inflation),
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs (0.3 % inflation), and
- Sugar, confectionary and desserts (-0.3%) inflation

Meanwhile, the flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products and other cereals (1.8% inflation) and ready-made food and other food products (3.7% inflation) retained their previous month's 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, Occidental Mindoro had the highest inflation for the bottom 30 percent income households, with 5.2 percent, while Romblon posted the lowest with -1.6 percent.

The provinces of Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, and the City of Puerto Princesa showed an ease in their inflation. Meanwhile, the average price of goods and services for the bottom 30 percent income households in the province of Palawan recorded a 0.1 percent inflation in February 2025, from the -0.1 percent inflation in the previous month.