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Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Puerto Princesa City (2018=100)

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households:
Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Puerto Princesa City
All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Year-to-date*
Philippines	5.3	1.1	0.1	1.3
MIMAROPA	5.7	1.0	0.5	1.4
Puerto Princesa City	6.9	4.2	2.4	2.3

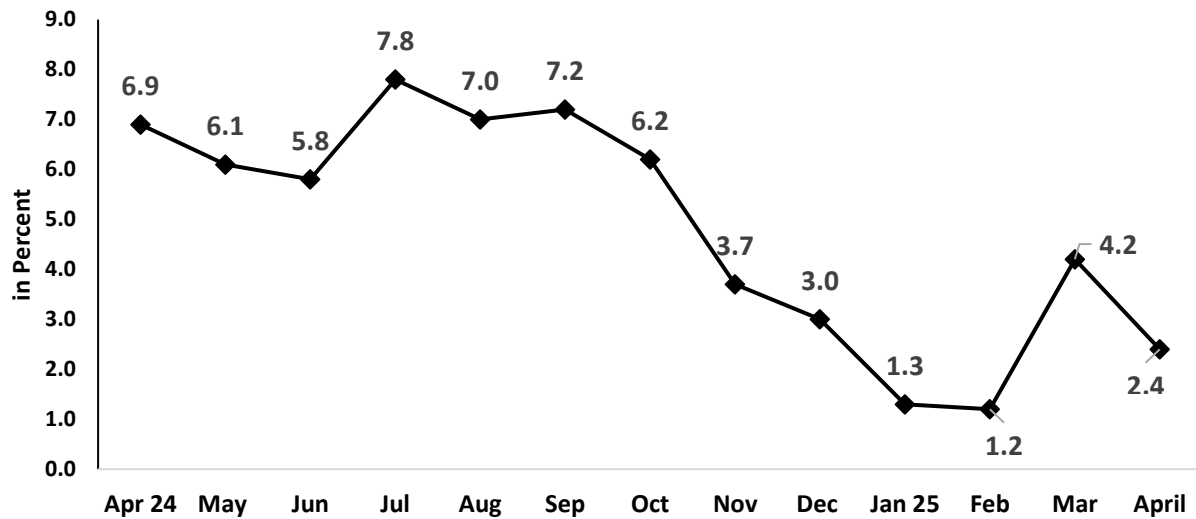
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

Inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households in Puerto Princesa City decreased to 2.4 percent in April 2025 from 4.2 percent in March 2025. In April 2024, inflation rate was posted at 6.9 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The main driver to the downward trend in the city's inflation for this income group in April 2025 was the higher year-on-year growth in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages at 1.9 percent from 5.6 percent in March 2025. Also contributed to the decrease in the overall inflation were the commodity groups of transport with a decline of 1.3 percent from an annual decline of 0.2 percent in the previous month, and health at 3.0 percent this month from 3.3 percent in March 2025.

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

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Apr '24	Mar '25	Apr '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	7.4	5.6	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.1	1.0	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	0.5	1.0	1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	15.8	2.0	3.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.8	1.7	1.7
Health	4.7	3.3	3.0
Transport	(1.6)	(0.2)	(1.3)
Information and Communication	(5.2)	(1.4)	(1.4)
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	4.2	4.8	4.8
Education Services	0.9	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	2.3	11.3	12.0
Financial Services	(0.3)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.4	2.4	2.6

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

In contrast, higher annual growth rates were noted in the indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 1.7 percent from 1.0 percent, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 3.1 percent from 2.0 percent, restaurants and accommodation services at 12.0 percent from 11.3 percent, and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 2.6 percent from 2.4 percent.

Further, the indices of the clothing and footwear, furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, information and communication, recreation, sport, and culture, education services, and financial services retained their March 2025 rates.

Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Puerto Princesa City, By Food Group, In Percent (2018=100)

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Apr '24	Mar '25	Apr '25
Food	7.8	5.6	1.7
Cereals and cereal products	15.8	(1.4)	(5.8)
Cereals	19.5	(2.3)	(7.4)
Rice	19.5	(2.3)	(7.5)
Corn	19.4	4.5	4.0
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	(1.8)	3.1	3.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	4.4	9.1	9.8
Fish and other seafood	4.1	24.2	12.8
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	0.6	3.1	3.2
Oils and Fats	(9.3)	6.0	9.5
Fruits and Nuts	7.2	12.9	11.4
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(2.8)	7.6	6.0
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(4.4)	1.6	0.1
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	1.9	4.5	4.0

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 Puerto Princesa City moved at a slower pace of 1.7 percent in April 2025 from 5.6 percent in the previous month. In April 2024, inflation rate was observed at 7.8 percent. (Table C)

The downtrend in the food inflation in the city was mainly due to the slower growth in the rice index at an annual decline of 7.5 percent from an annual decline of 2.3 percent in the previous month. Lower inflation rates were also noted in April 2025 for fish and other seafood at 12.8 percent from 24.2 percent, and vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with 6.0 percent from its previous month inflation rate of percent 7.6 percent.


Moreover, lower annual decreases were also noted in the following food groups:

- a. Fruits and nuts, 11.4 percent from 12.9 percent;
- b. Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 0.1 percent from 1.6 percent; and
- c. Ready-made food and other food products at 4.0 percent from 4.5 percent.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households
in Puerto Princesa City, All Items, In Percent
January 2022 – April 2025
(2018=100)**

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	8.2	4.9	1.3
February	4.2	8.8	4.8	1.2
March	4.8	6.8	5.1	4.2
April	5.5	5.2	6.9	2.4
May	7.4	4.8	6.1	
June	8.2	5.2	5.8	
July	10.4	3.5	7.8	
August	10.5	3.4	7.0	
September	9.9	4.2	7.2	
October	10.0	5.1	6.2	
November	10.0	5.3	3.7	
December	9.7	5.6	3.0	
Average	7.9	5.5	5.7	

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 good and services commonly purchased by consumers whose per capita income fall below the bottom 30%.

