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

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households:
Philippines, MIMAROPA, and Palawan
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
Palawan	4.3	1.9	2.1	0.8

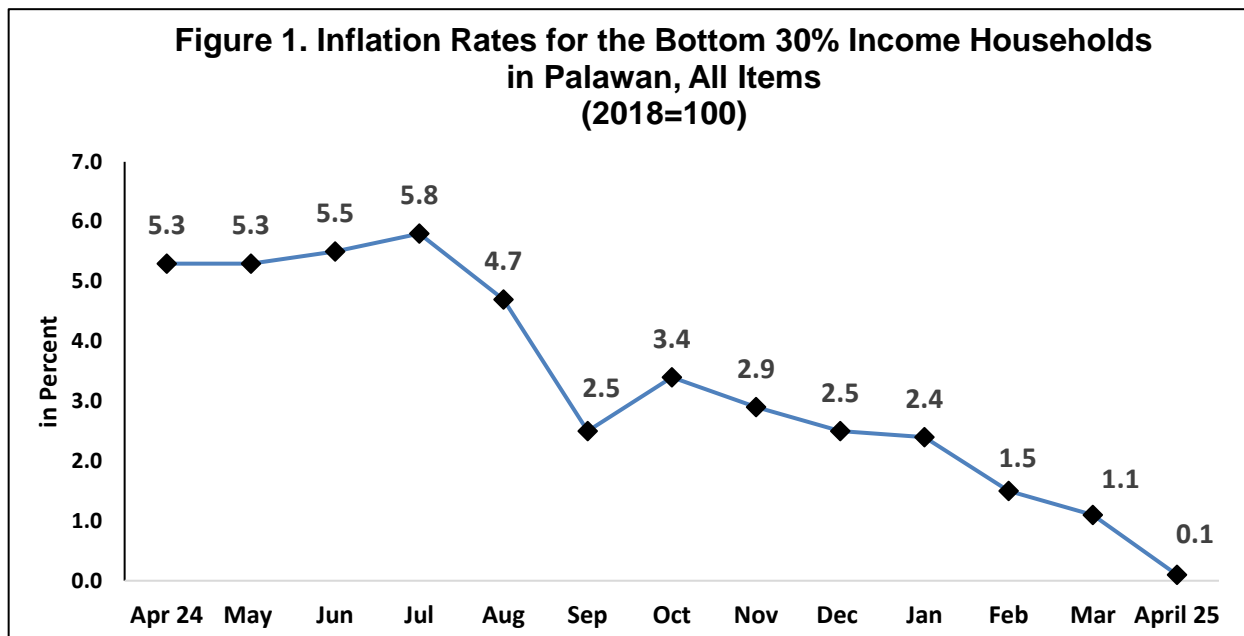
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

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

Palawan's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households increased to 2.1 percent in April 2025 from 1.9 percent in March 2025. In April 2024, inflation rate was posted at 4.3 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The primary driver behind the upward trend in provincial inflation for this income group in April 2025 was the notable increase in the year-on-year growth of the food and non-alcoholic beverages sector, which rose to 2.1 percent from 1.7 percent in March 2025. Additionally, contributions to the overall inflation rate came from the restaurants and accommodation services sector, which increased to 8.4 percent from 7.3 percent, and the housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels sector, rising to 1.0 percent from 0.8 percent.

Moreover, higher inflation rates were also noted in the indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 2.4 percent in April 2025 from 1.3 percent in March 2025, personal care, miscellaneous goods and services at 3.3 percent during the month from 3.1 percent in the previous month, and clothing and footwear at 1.5 percent in the current month from 1.4 percent in March 2025.



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 Palawan, All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	Apr '24	Mar '25	Apr '25
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	5.4	1.7	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.3	1.3	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.0	1.4	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	5.9	0.8	1.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.7	2.0	1.8
Health	3.9	2.3	1.8
Transport	(2.4)	0.3	(2.8)
Information and Communication	1.9	23.7	23.7
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	5.4	1.1	1.1
Education Services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.5	7.3	8.4
Financial Services	(1.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.5	3.1	3.3

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

In contrast, lower annual growth rates were noted in the indices of furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 1.8 percent in April 2025 from 2.0 percent in March 2025, health at 1.8 percent in the current month from 2.3 percent last month, and transport at 2.8 percent annual decline in April 2025 from 0.3 percent in the previous month.

Further, the indices of information and communication, recreation, sport and culture, education services, and financial services retained their respective March 2025 annual rates.

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

Food Commodity Group	Inflation Rates		
	April '24	March '25	April '25
Food	5.6	1.4	1.8
Cereals and cereal products	12.7	(6.1)	(7.0)
Cereals	14.7	(7.1)	(8.1)
Rice	14.9	(7.4)	(8.3)
Corn	(1.8)	21.4	15.2
Flour, Bread and other Bakery Products, Pasta Products and other Cereals	1.6	0.8	0.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	3.0	11.5	12.0
Fish and other seafood	(6.1)	10.6	23.7
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	0.9	3.6	3.4
Oils and Fats	(11.9)	19.1	20.0
Fruits and Nuts	4.4	8.9	10.3
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	4.8	9.6	2.3
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	(8.4)	2.0	0.2
Ready-made Food and Other Food Products n.e.c.	2.5	3.2	3.3

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Food inflation for the bottom 30% income households in Palawan grew at a slower rate of 1.8 percent in April 2025 from 1.4 percent the previous month. In April 2024, its annual increase was observed at 5.6 percent. (Table C)

The uptrend in the food inflation in the province was mainly due to the higher growth in the fish and other seafood index at 23.7 percent in April 2025 from 10.6 percent in March 2025, fruits and nuts at 10.3 percent in the current month from 8.9 percent in the previous month, and meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 12.0 percent in April 2025 from 11.5 percent during the past month.

Moreover, higher annual increases were also noted in the food groups of oils and fats and ready-made food and other food products n.e.c., at 20.0 percent and 3.3 percent during the month from their respective previous months rates of 19.1 percent and 3.2 percent.


On the other hand, the following food groups posted lower inflation rates in April 2025:

- a.) Rice, -8.3 percent from -7.4 percent;
- b.) Corn, 15.2 percent from 21.4 percent;
- c.) Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products and other cereals, 0.7 percent from 0.8 percent;
- d.) Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 3.4 percent from 3.6 percent;
- e.) Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, 2.3 percent from 9.6 percent, and
- f.) Sugar, confectionery and desserts, 0.2 percent from 2.0 percent.

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

Month	Inflation Rate			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	5.0	8.7	4.1	0.1
February	5.3	8.6	4.5	(0.9)
March	5.7	9.2	4.1	1.9
April	6.9	7.1	4.3	2.1
May	7.9	6.9	4.4	
June	8.6	7.4	3.6	
July	10.8	6.2	4.9	
August	11.2	6.2	3.8	
September	10.3	8.1	2.7	
October	11.3	6.8	2.5	
November	10.3	6.2	1.1	
December	10.2	5.5	(0.6)	
Average	8.6	7.2	3.3	

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