

## Oriental Mindoro's Headline Inflation Continues to Slow Down to 3.4% in February 2025



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Headline inflation or the annual rate of change on the prices of goods and services in the market basket in Oriental Mindoro continued to slow down to 3.4 percent in February 2025 from 3.7 percent in January 2025.

The slower inflation rate in the province for the month of February 2025 was primarily influenced by the slower annual year-on-year growth in the index of food and non-alcoholic beverages at 4.2 percent from 4.8 percent in the previous month. The annual decrease of transport at 0.7 percent in February 2025 from a 1.0 percent increase in January 2025 also contributed to the downward trend.

The top five (5) main contributors to the downtrend overall inflation of the province in February 2025 are the following commodities:

1. Meat of pigs, fresh, chilled or frozen, 55.2 percent from 47.5 percent;
2. Electricity, 16.3 percent from 12.0 percent;
3. Rentals which retained its previous month's rate of 3.1 percent;
4. Meat of poultry, 11.4 percent from 12.9 percent; and
5. Offal, blood and others, 45.5 percent from 38.5 percent.

For food index in the province, it slowed down to 4.3 percent in February 2025 from 5.0 percent in January 2025. In February 2024, food inflation was registered at 1.9 percent.

The overall inflation for the Bottom 30% Income Households in February 2025 was recorded at 3.4 percent from 4.0 percent in the previous month.

The main sources of deceleration of the February 2025 inflation of Oriental Mindoro for the Bottom 30% Income Households are the slower annual increase in the index of food and non-alcoholic beverages at 1.8 percent during this month from 3.0 percent in January 2025, and the faster annual decrease of transport registered at 0.9 percent in February 2025 from an increase of 0.9 percent in the previous month.

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## **PSA Oriental Mindoro and DSWD Reinitiate National ID Registration and Authentication for 4Ps Beneficiaries**

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Provincial Statistical Office of Oriental Mindoro, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), has officially relaunched the National ID Registration and Authentication Program (4Ps). This initiative is designed to simplify the registration process and ensure that every 4Ps beneficiary is integrated into the National Identification System.

As of 29 January 2025, PSA Oriental Mindoro has begun National ID registration and authentication services across several municipalities and in Calapan City, including Puerto Galera, San Teodoro, Baco, Naujan, Victoria, Socorro, Bansud, Bongabong, and Bulalacao. These areas now offer accessible platforms for 4Ps Beneficiaries to register and authenticate their National IDs.



*PSA Oriental Mindoro and DSWD personnel during National ID Registration and Authentication of 4Ps Beneficiaries in Baco, Oriental Mindoro.*

"We are thrilled to continue this essential program that will enhance the delivery of government services to our 4Ps Beneficiaries," said PSO Oriental Mindoro Officer-in-Charge, Chief Administrative Officer, Charlyn Romero-Cantos, PhD. This initiative ensures that all eligible individuals are included in the National ID System, streamlining their access to various services and benefits.

The registration process is currently ongoing in the selected areas, with measures in place to guarantee a safe and convenient experience for beneficiaries. The public is encouraged to visit their local DSWD office or inquire at their Barangay Hall for additional details on schedules and required documents.

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## **PSA Oriental Mindoro conducts the First Quarter 2025 Consumer Expectations Survey (CES)**

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Oriental Mindoro will conduct the Consumer Expectations Survey (CES) for the First Quarter of 2025 this March. While the conduct of CES is a joint undertaking between the PSA and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), PSA has the primary responsibility and authority of collecting the data for the survey.

Conducted on a quarterly basis, the CES aims to capture the consumers' viewpoints on their family income, financial situation, and the economic condition of the country. These shall serve as the basis for BSP to generate forecasts in the direction of the economy for the current quarter, the next quarter, and the next 2 months. Additionally, the results of CES will guide the policymakers to project the trend in the change of behavior of key indicators including inflation rate, interest rate, and exchange rates.

The Province of Oriental Mindoro has a total sample of about 49 households located in the city of Calapan and municipalities of Puerto Galera, Victoria, Gloria, Pinamalayan, and Bulalacao, which were scientifically selected through a stratified multi-stage random sampling method. Two (2) statistical researchers (SRs) will be involved in the data collection from 07 to 19 March 2025 and five (5) days each will be allotted for the Chief Administrative Officer/Officer-in-Charge, Provincial Focal Person (PFP), and Alternate Provincial Focal Person (APFP) to supervise interviews in sample households.

The PSA is committed to deliver relevant and reliable statistics. Hence, the agency encourages the public, especially the sample households, to participate in the various censuses and surveys conducted by the PSA.

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