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January 2025 Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

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Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)

Area and Income Class	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025						
All Income Households									
Philippines	2.8	2.9	2.9						
Cagayan Valley	1.5	4.6	5.1						
Batanes	3.1	3.6	3.9						
Bottom 30% Income Households									
Philippines	3.6	2.5	2.4						
Cagayan Valley	1.5	4.8	5.4						
Batanes	3.5	4.0	3.6						

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

The inflation rate for all income households in the province of Batanes accelerated further in January 2025 at 3.9 percent from 3.6 percent in December 2024. Inflation in the province in January 2024 is relatively lower by 0.8 percentage points at 3.1 percent (Table A and Figure 1). In the region, inflation in Cagayan Valley accelerated to 5.1 percent in January 2025 from 4.6 percent in December 2024. Nationwide, the inflation remained at 2.9 percent during the reference period, the same as the one recorded in the previous month. (Table A)

For the bottom 30 percent income households, or the household whose per capita income falls below the bottom 30 percent of the cumulative per capita distribution, inflation decelerated at 3.6 percent in January 2025. Meanwhile, the regional year-on-year change in price index for the low-income group accelerated from its previous month's annual rates at 5.4 percent while decelerated in national level at 2.4 percent (Table A). Figure 1 shows that the inflation for the bottom 30 percent income household in the province is generally higher than the inflation for all income household. This means that the commonly purchased goods and services of the low-income group moved at a faster rate than the commodities in the market basket for all income households. However, during the reference month, inflation for the low-income group recorded a lower rate (3.6%) than all income households (3.9%).

Figure 1. Inflation Rates for the All Income and Bottom 30% Households, Batanes, All Items (2018=100)



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

The major driver of trend in the province's inflation for all income households was the higher year-on-year change in the index of food and non-alcoholic beverages which increased from 5.4 percent in

December 2024 to 5.9 percent in January 2025. Other commodity which contributed to the uptrend of this month's inflation are:

- a. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuel, 1.3 percent;
- b. Information and Communication, 0.3 percent;
- c. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 7.3 percent; and
- d. Personal Care, Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 3.4 percent.

Table B. Inflation Rates by Commodity Group, Batanes, All Items, In Percent (2018=100)

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Commondia Cuarra	All Income		Bottom 30% Income						
Commodity Group	Households		Households						
	December	January	December	January					
	2024	2025	2024	2025					
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.4	5.9	4.3	4.3					
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5.7	7.3	6.9	8.9					
Clothing and footwear	1.5	1.5	0.6	0.4					
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7					
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	2.9	2.7	7.2	7.0					
Health	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1					
Transport	5.2	5.1	22.9	13.6					
Information and communication	-0.8	0.3	0.5	0.5					
Recreation, sport and culture	5.7	5.5	1.1	0.9					
Education services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Restaurants and accommodation services	14.5	10.5	14.5	10.6					
Financial services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services	3.2	3.4	-0.8	-1.0					

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

In contrast, furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (2.7%); transport (5.1%); recreation, sport and culture (5.5%); and restaurants and accommodation services (10.5%) exhibited a slower growth on the year-on-year change in their indices during the reference period. In addition, clothing and footwear, and health maintained their previous month's inflation at 1.5 percent, and 1.0 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, education services, and financial services remained at zero percent annual rate. (Table B)

For the bottom 30 percent income households, the deceleration of inflation was due to the decreased in transport (13.6%); restaurants and accommodation services (10.6%); clothing and footwear (0.4%), furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; recreation, sport and culture (0.9%); and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services (-1.0%). (Table B)

Table C. Inflation Rates by Food Subgroup, Batanes,
All Items, In Percent
(2018=100)

	Inflation			
Commodity Group	All Income Households		Bottom 30% Income Households	
	December 2024	January 2025	December 2024	January 2025
FOOD	5.6	6.1	4.4	4.5
Cereals and cereal products	3.6	3.1	2.1	0.9
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	15.7	16.0	16.0	16.2
Fish and other seafood	3.3	5.2	6.2	8.5
Milk, other dairy products and eggs	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Oils and fats	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.0
Fruits and nuts	-0.1	0.2	-11.4	-11.2
Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	6.3	8.7	7.2	8.9
Sugar, confectionery and desserts	-3.2	-4.1	-6.5	-7.8
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c.	7.0	6.1	10.2	9.1

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

Inflation for food for all income households accelerated to 6.1 percent during the reference month from 5.6 percent in the previous month. Food inflation for the low-income group also accelerated in January 2025 to 4.5 percent from 4.4 percent in December 2024. (Table C)

The main drivers of the higher inflation for food for all income households are the increased in the annual growth of indices in the food groups: vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (8.7%); fish and other seafood (5.2%); meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (16.0%); fruits and nuts (0.2%); and oils and fats (1.5%).

For the bottom 30 percent households, the main drivers were the higher inflation of vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (8.9%); fish and other seafood (8.5%); meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (16.2%); fruits and nuts (-11.2%).

Note:

CPIs and inflation rates by province and selected city are posted at the PSA website (https://www.psa.gov.ph/).

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