

PRESS RELEASE

Date of Release: 08 April 2025
Reference No. 47R12-PR-2025-031

Cotabato Province Headline Inflation increases at 0.7 percent in March 2025

Table 1. Year on Year Inflation Rates, ALL Items in Percent
COTABATO PROVINCE,
(2018=100)

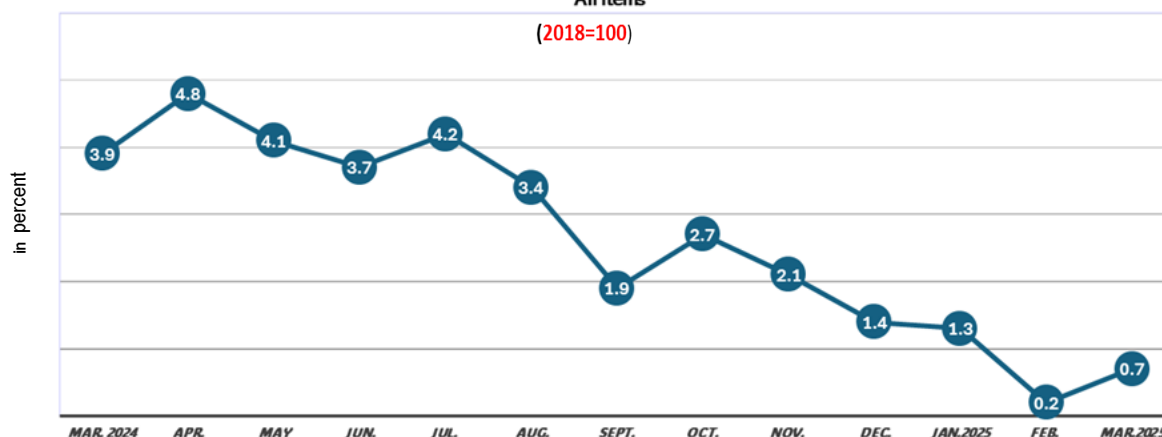
AREA	March. 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	3.7	2.1	1.8	2.2
SOCCKSARGEN	4.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
COTABATO PROVINCE	3.9	0.2	0.7	0.7

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

YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATES

The headline inflation rate or the year-on-year change in the prices of goods and services commonly purchased by people in the province of Cotabato Province increased at 0.7 percent in March 2025 from 0.2 percent in February 2025. This was higher than the regional level but lower than the national level at **-0.2 percent** and **1.8 percent** respectively. An uptrend inflation rate was observed for this month. This brings the province average inflation from January to March 2025 at 0.7 percent. The inflation in March 2024 was recorded at 3.9 percent. (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in Cotabato Province,
All Items
(2018=100)



Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index

Philippine Statistics Authority

TABLE 2. YEAR - ON- YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: March 2024, February 2025 and March 2025 (2018=100)			
	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025
ALL ITEMS	3.9	0.2	0.7
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	5.0	0.2	1.1
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	11.4	2.1	2.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.2	0.1	0.3
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-2.4	0.7	1.6
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	3.8	0.2	-0.6
HEALTH	11.2	0.4	0.4
TRANSPORT	0.1	-1.2	-1.9
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.0	0.7	0.8
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	3.0	0.1	-0.3
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	11.8	0.4	0.4
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3.9	0.6	0.6

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

The uptrend inflation rate in Cotabato Province for the month of March 2025 was primarily brought about by higher growth rate in the index of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at **1.1 percent from 0.2 percent in the previous month**; Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at **1.6 percent from 0.7 percent**; Clothing and Footwear at **0.3 percent from 0.1 percent**; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at **2.2 percent from 2.1 percent**; Information and Communication at **0.8 percent from 0.7 percent**.

The commodity group that exhibited a lower inflation rates during the month of March 2025 are the following: Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at **0.6 percent from 0.2 percent**; Transport at **-1.9 percent from -1.2 percent**; Recreation, sport and Culture at **-0.3 percent from 0.1 percent**.

On the other hand, the commodity groups maintained their previous month's inflation rates or had zero percent annual growth are the following: (See Table 2).

- A. Health, **0.4 percent**;
- B. Education Services, **-0.3 percent**;
- C. Restaurants and Accommodation Services, **0.4 percent**;
- D. Financial Services, **0.0 percent**;
- E. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, **0.6 percent**.

TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB, COTABATO PROVINCE: March 2024, February 2025 and March 2025 (2018=100)			
COMMODITY	March. 2024	February 2025	March 2025
Food	5.3	0.0	1.1
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	23.8	-9.9	-11.9
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	1.4	-0.2	6.3
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-0.5	5.3	9.3
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	11.4	4.4	6.1
Oils and fats (ND)	0.2	-0.5	0.5
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	5.5	12.9	11.5
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	-9.2	11.8	15.0
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	-13.3	2.8	4.5
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	6.1	4.6	3.4

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

In March 2025, the Food index increased to **1.1 percent** from **0.0 percent in** February 2025.

The following food groups exhibited uptrend during the month

1. Fish and other seafood (ND) at **9.3 percent**;
2. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) at **15.0 percent**;
3. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) at **6.3 percent**;
4. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND) at **6.1 percent**;
5. Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND) at **4.5 percent**;
6. Oils and fats (ND) at **0.5 percent**.

On the contrary, the food commodity that exhibited downtrend inflation during the month:

1. Cereals and cereal products (ND) at **-11.9 percent**;
2. Fruits and nuts (ND) at **11.5 percent**;
3. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) at **3.4 percent**.

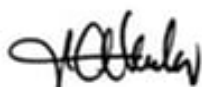


TABLE 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in COTABATO PROVINCE, All Items in Percent January 2019 - March 2025 (2018=100)							
MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	1.9	6.0	4.1	8.0	4.5	1.3
February	2.7	3.6	6.7	3.2	7.4	5.2	0.2
March	2.7	3.1	8.3	2.6	7.7	3.9	0.7
April	1.9	5.3	6.0	4.3	5.8	4.8	
May	1.8	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.5	4.1	
June	0.8	6.2	5.0	6.4	4.4	3.7	
July	0.9	5.8	5.4	7.0	3.5	4.2	
August	-1.3	5.0	6.1	6.9	4.6	3.4	
September	-1.2	6.7	4.4	7.8	5.1	1.9	
October	-1.6	7.1	4.2	7.5	4.6	2.7	
November	-0.6	7.8	4.2	7.6	4.4	2.1	
December	1.7	6.6	4.4	7.4	5.3	1.4	
Average	1.0	5.4	5.5	5.8	5.5	3.5	0.7

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

Technical Notes

Headline Inflation Rate	refers to the rate of change in the CPI, a measure of the average price of a standard basket of goods and services consumed by a typical family.
Base Period/Year	this refers to the period, usually a year, at which the index number/points is set to 100. The current base period is 2018.
Consumer Price Index	the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year.
Inflation Rate	the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the CPI expressed in percent.
Market basket	refers to a sample of goods and services that are commonly purchased and bought by an average Filipino household.
Weights	a system that considers the relevance of the components of the index.



NORHAYYAH A. TULA
(Supervising Statistical Specialist)
Officer-in-Charge
PSA COTABATO



Dizon J&A Bldg. Datu Icdang St. Cor Quirino Drive
City of Kidapawan, Cotabato, Philippines
Telephone: (064) 572-7835/521-0063