

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Cotabato Province Headline Inflation retains at **-0.4 percent** in May 2025

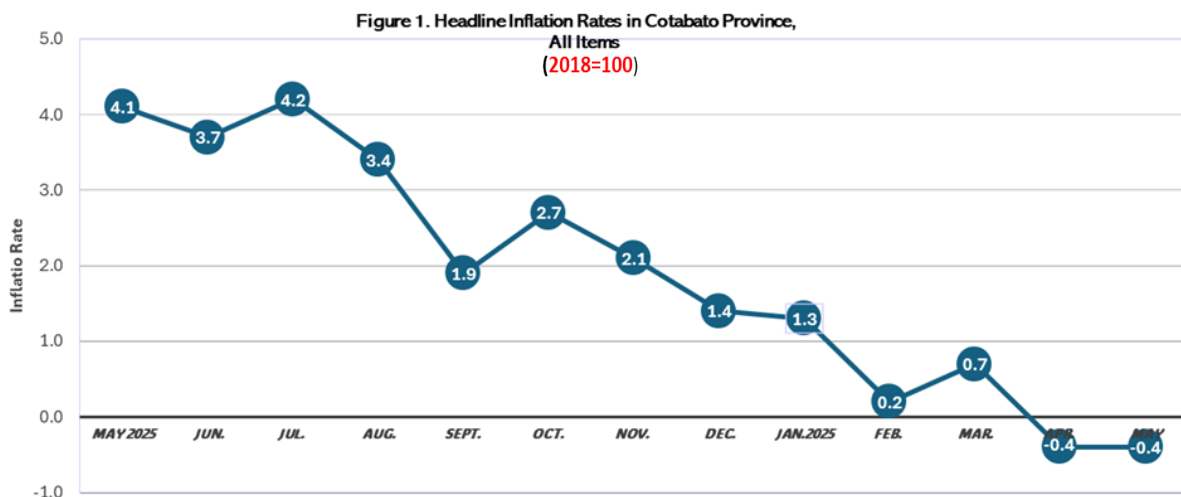
Table 1. Year on Year Inflation Rates, ALL Items in Percent  
COTABATO PROVINCE,  
(2018=100)

AREA	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	3.9	1.4	1.3	1.9
SOCCSKSARGEN	4.4	-1.2	-1.1	-0.4
COTABATO PROVINCE	4.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.3

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 retained at **-0.4 percent** in May 2025 from April 2025. This was higher than the regional level but lower than the national level at **-1.1 percent** and **1.3 percent** respectively. A downtrend inflation rate was observed for this month. This brings the province average inflation from January to May 2025 at 0.3 percent. The inflation in May 2024 was recorded at 4.1 percent. (Table 1 and Figure 1).



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<b>TABLE 2. YEAR - ON - YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: May 2024, April 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)</b>			
	May 2024	Apr. 2025	May 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	6.2	-1.0	-1.3
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	9.0	2.2	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.8	0.4	1.1
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-2.5	1.5	2.8
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	2.5	0.1	0.2
HEALTH	6.3	0.1	0.2
TRANSPORT	3.1	-3.5	-4.2
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.7	0.5	0.1
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	1.8	0.8	0.3
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	10.2	0.4	0.4
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	2.5	1.0	1.0

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The retained inflation rate in Cotabato Province for the month of May 2025 was primarily brought about by maintained growth rate from the previous month in the index of Education Services at **-0.3 percent**; Restaurants and Accommodation Services at **0.4 percent** ; Financial Services at **0.0 percent** and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at **0.1 percent**.

Meanwhile, The commodity group that exhibited a higher inflation rates during the month of May 2025 are the following: Clothing and Footwear at **1.1 percent from 0.4 percent**; Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at **2.8 percent from 1.5 percent**; Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance at **0.2 percent from 0.1 percent**.

On the other hand, the commodity groups that showed slower inflation rates in May 2025 are as follow: Food and non-alcoholic beverages at **-1.3 percent from -1.0 percent**; **Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco** at **0.1 percent from 2.2 percent**; **Transport** at **-4.2 percent** from **-3.5 percent**; **Information and Communication** at **0.1 percent from 0.5 percent** and **Recreation, sport and culture** at **0.3 percent from 0.8 percent**.



<b>TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB, COTABATO PROVINCE: May 2024, Apr. 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)</b>			
COMMODITY	May 2024	Apr. 2025	May 2025
<b>Food</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	20.5	-13.8	-14.7
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	-3.7	6.3	6.0
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-1.9	3.3	5.2
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	5.4	5.9	5.7
Oils and fats (ND)	-0.2	0.5	5.2
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	3.3	8.1	10.7
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	1.6	12.1	8.0
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	-6.5	2.5	2.1
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	9.0	1.7	0.9

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Philippine Statistics Authority

In May 2025, the Food index decreased to **-1.5 percent** from **-1.3 percent** in April 2025.

The following food groups exhibited downtrend during the month:

1. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) at **8.0 percent**;
2. Cereals and cereal product (ND) at **-14.7 percent**;
3. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) at **6.0 percent**;
4. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) at **0.9 percent**;
5. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND) at **5.7 percent**;
6. Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND) at **2.1 percent**.

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

1. Fish and other seafoods (ND) at **5.2 percent**;
2. Oils and Fats (ND) at **5.2 percent**;
3. Fruits and nuts (ND) at **10.7 percent**.

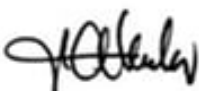


<b>TABLE 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in COTABATO PROVINCE, All Items in Percent January 2019 - May 2025 (2018=100)</b>							
MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	1.9	6.0	4.1	8.0	4.5	1.3
February	2.7	3.6	6.7	3.2	7.4	5.2	0.2
March	2.7	3.1	8.3	2.6	7.7	3.9	0.7
April	1.9	5.3	6.0	4.3	5.8	4.8	-0.4
May	1.8	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.5	4.1	-0.4
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	0.3

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

### Technical Notes

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

  
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