

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for Bottom 30% Income Household, Cotabato Province

May 2025  
(2018=100)

Table 1. Year on Year Headline Inflation Rates, for the Bottom 30% Income Household, ALL Items in  
Percent  
(2018=100)

AREA	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	5.3	0.1	0.0	1.0
SOCCSKSARGEN	4.9	-2.3	-1.9	-1.1
COTABATO PROVINCE	4.8	-1.1	-1.0	-0.2

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

Philippine Statistics Authority

\*Year-on-year change of average CPI for May 2024 to April 2025 vs 2023

### Inflation in Cotabato Province

#### 1. Overall Inflation

The overall inflation in the Province of Cotabato for the Bottom 30% of Income Households increased to **-1.0 percent** in May 2025 from **-1.1 percent** in April 2025. In May 2024 inflation was higher at **4.8 percent** (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Figure 1: Inflation Rate for Bottom 30% Income Households in Cotabato Province, ALL ITEMS  
May 2024 to May 2025

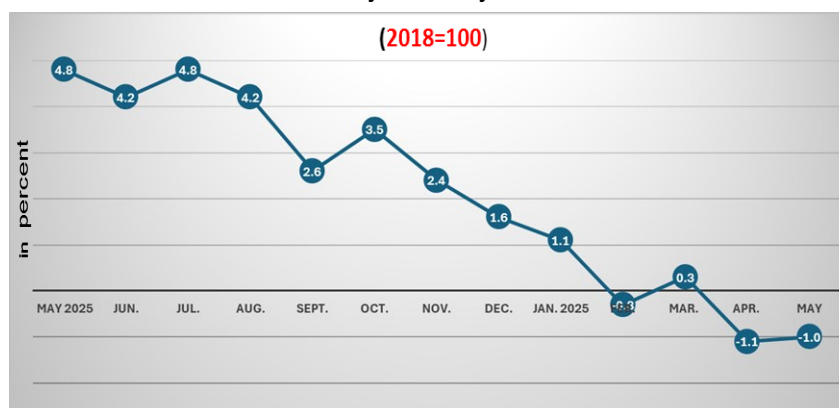


TABLE 2. YEAR - ON- YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR THE BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: May 2024, April 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)			
	May 2024	Apr. 2025	May 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	7.4	-2.8	-2.9
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	9.5	2.3	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.9	0.4	1.1
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-4.8	2.7	4.4
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	3.1	0.6	0.8
HEALTH	5.5	0.2	0.3
TRANSPORT	2.9	-2.9	-3.3
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	1.0	0.6	0.0
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	4.9	1.1	0.2
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	-1.1	-1.1
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	10.5	0.4	0.4
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	2.9	1.1	1.2

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### 1.1 Main Drivers to uptrend of Inflation Rate of the Bottom 30% Income Household

The main source of uptrend inflation in the bottom 30% income household in the province for month of May 2025 was brought about by the higher annual growth rate in the index of Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at **4.4 percent from 2.7 percent** ; Clothing and footwear at **1.1 percent from 0.4 percent**; Furnishing, Household equipment and routine household maintenance at **0.8 percent from 0.6 percent**; Personal Care, and Miscellaneous goods and services at **1.2 percent from 1.1 percent** and Health at **0.3 percent from 0.2 percent** .

In the contrast, lower annual increases were noted in the indices of the following:

- A.) Food and non-alcoholic Beverages at **-2.9 percent from -2.8 percent**;
- B.) Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at **1.0 percent from 2.3 percent**;
- C.) Transport at **-3.3 percent from -2.9 percent**;
- D.) Information and Communication at **0.0 percent from 0.6 percent**;
- E.) Recreation, Sport and Culture at **0.2 percent from 1.1 percent**.

Meanwhile, the indices of the following commodity groups retains their previous month's inflation rates

- A.) Education Services at **-1.1 percent**;
- B.) Restaurants and Accommodation Services at **-0.4 percent**;
- C.) Financial Services at **0.0 percent**.



<b>TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB FOR THE BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLD IN COTABATO PROVINCE: May 2024, April 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)</b>			
COMMODITY	May 2024	Apr. 2025	May 2025
<b>Food</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	21.0	-15.1	-15.9
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	-3.6	6.6	6.5
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-2.6	2.9	5.4
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	5.5	6.7	6.4
Oils and fats (ND)	-0.9	2.5	12.9
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	4.4	8.6	11.2
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	1.2	11.2	7.5
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	-5.9	1.5	1.3
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	9.4	1.7	0.6

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

## 2. FOOD INFLATION

The Food inflation for the bottom 30% income household in the Province decreased from **-3.1** percent in April 2025 to **-3.2** percent in May 2025. In May 2024, food inflation was higher at **7.7 percent**.

The following food groups showed downtrend during the month:

1. Cereals and cereal products (ND) at **-15.9 percent**;
2. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) at **7.5 percent**;
3. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) at **0.6 percent**;
4. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND) at **6.4 percent**;
5. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at **6.5 percent**;
6. Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND) at **1.3 percent**.

The food group that showed higher inflation are as follows:

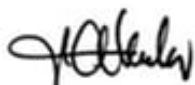
1. Fish and other seafoods (ND) at **5.4 percent**;
2. Oils and fats (ND) at **12.9 percent**;
3. Fruits and nuts at **11.2 percent**.

**TABLE 2. Year -on-Year Inflation Rates**  
**for the Bottom 30% Income Household in Cotabato Province in percent**  
**January 2019-May2025**  
**(2018=100)**

MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.8	1.1	7.5	4.2	8.9	4.9	1.1
February	2.3	3.3	8.1	3.3	8.3	5.8	-0.3
March	1.8	3.0	9.8	2.4	8.7	4.4	0.3
April	0.6	6.5	6.8	3.9	6.7	5.3	-1.1
May	0.5	7.3	5.9	4.5	6.2	4.8	-1.0
June	-0.4	8.3	4.5	6.3	5.0	4.2	
July	-0.3	7.8	5.3	7.2	3.9	4.8	
August	-3.2	6.8	6.2	7.1	4.9	4.2	
September	-3.1	8.6	4.4	8.0	5.6	2.6	
October	-3.3	9.2	4.2	8.0	4.7	3.5	
November	-1.8	9.9	4.3	8.2	4.6	2.4	
December	0.2	9.1	4.4	8.2	5.5	1.6	
Average	-0.2	6.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	4.0	-0.2

**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.



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