

SPECIAL RELEASE

Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for All Income Households South Cotabato (2018=100)

MARCH 2025

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Table 1. Year – on – Year Inflation Rates, All Items (2018 = 100)
In percent

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Year-to- Date*
Philippines	3.7	2.1	1.8	2.2
Region XII	4.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
South Cotabato	5.7	-1.1	-0.6	-0.2

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

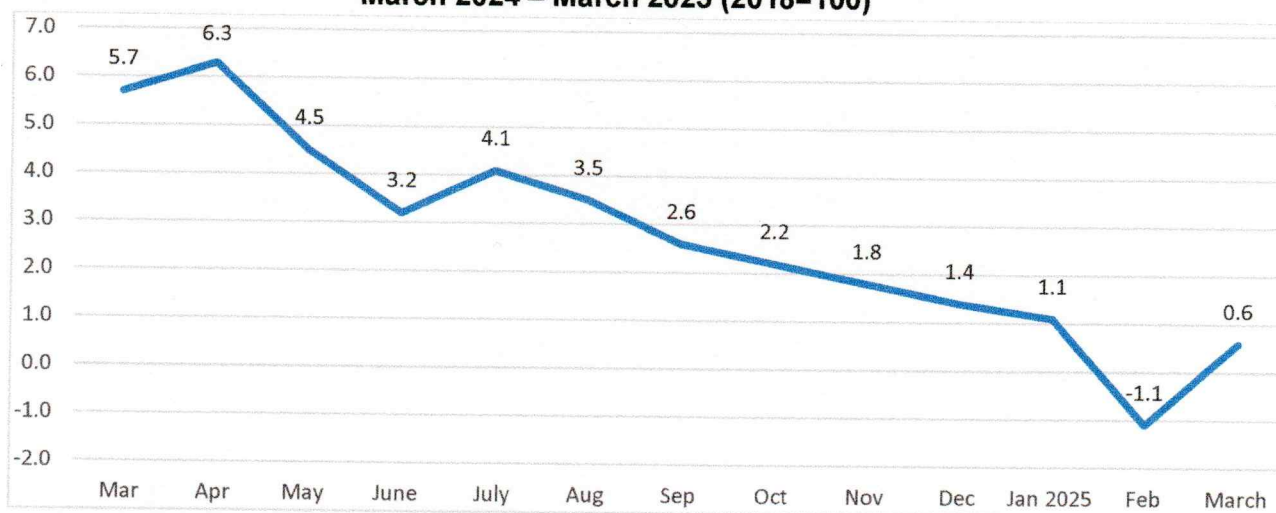
*Year-on-Year change of average CPI for March 2025

YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATES

The headline inflation or the annual rate of change on the prices of goods and services in the market basket of South Cotabato increased to -0.6 percent in March 2025. It was lower by 6.3 percentage points from the same month last year at 5.7 percent and 0.5 percentage point higher from February 2025 at -1.1 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by 1.2 percentage points compared to the national estimate and 0.4 percentage points to the regional estimate. The year-to-date provincial average inflation rate stood at -0.2 percent (Table 1).



**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in South Cotabato, All Income Households
March 2024 – March 2025 (2018=100)**



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

The major contributors to the uptrend in the province's inflation rate for the month of March 2025 were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at -2.0 percent, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels at -0.5 percent; and Restaurants and Accommodation Services at 2.1 percent.

Higher annual increments were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups:

- Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, from -3.0% to -2.0%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, from 0.8% to 0.9%;
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and other Fuels, from -1.7% to -0.5%;
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household, from 1.4% to 1.5%; and
- Restaurants and Accommodation Services, from 1.9% to 2.1%.

Lower annual increments were noted in the following commodity groups:

- Health, from 4.2% to 3.8%;
- Transport, from -2.5% to -3.3%; and
- Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, from 1.6% to 1.5%.

The rest of the commodity groups: Clothing and Footwear (0.7%), Information and Communication (0.0%), Recreation Sport and Culture (2.0%), Education Services (3.1%), and Financial Services (0.0%) maintained their previous month's inflation rates (Table 2).

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**Table 2. Year-on-year Inflation by Commodity Group, South Cotabato
March 2024, February 2025, and March 2025 (2018=100), In percent**

Commodity Group	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
ALL ITEMS	5.7	-1.1	-0.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.9	(3.0)	(2.0)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.5	0.8	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	2.5	0.7	0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	12.7	(1.7)	(0.5)
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.1	1.4	1.5
Health	2.7	4.2	3.8
Transport	(0.2)	(2.5)	(3.3)
Information and Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	5.1	2.0	2.0
Education Services	4.7	3.1	3.1
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.3	1.9	2.1
Financial Services	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4	1.6	1.5

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Philippine Statistics Authority

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Meanwhile, inflation for food increased to -2.2 percent in March 2025 from -3.3 percent in February 2025. In February 2024, food inflation was higher at 7.2 percent (Table 3).

The top three food groups that contributed to the increased in food inflation were Cereals and cereal products (from -9.3% to -11.0%), Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (from -12.4 to -1.9%), and Oils and fats (from -4.3% to -5.9%).

**Table 3. Year-on-year Inflation Rates on Food Items, South Cotabato
March 2024, February 2025, and March 2025 (2018=100), In percent**

Commodity Group	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
FOOD	7.2	-3.3	-2.2
Cereals and Cereal Products	24.6	(9.3)	(11.0)
Cereals	31.4	(12.2)	(14.1)
Rice	32.4	(12.6)	(14.6)
Corn	1.1	2.8	5.1
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	3.3	1.7	1.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	(3.0)	4.1	5.8
Fish and Other Seafood	(2.2)	(0.2)	1.9
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	1.4	3.7	6.2
Oils and Fats	(3.0)	(4.3)	(5.9)
Fruits and Nuts	9.4	0.6	1.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(5.1)	(12.4)	(1.9)
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	(4.1)	2.2	1.9
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	9.5	4.0	2.9

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

**Table 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in South Cotabato on All Items,
South Cotabato
January 2019 – March 2025 (2018=100), In percent**

Month	Inflation Rates						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	5.3	2.6	2.0	5.6	7.3	4.9	1.1
February	4.8	2.2	3.4	4.3	7.6	6.0	-1.1
March	4.7	1.9	5.5	2.9	7.6	5.7	-0.6
April	4.2	2.8	4.8	3.7	6.2	6.3	
May	4.0	2.3	5.4	6.2	6.8	4.5	
June	3.3	2.0	5.5	4.8	6.5	3.2	
July	2.7	2.0	5.2	6.0	4.9	4.1	
August	1.1	0.8	6.2	6.6	4.9	3.5	
September	0.1	1.1	6.3	6.9	5.8	2.6	
October	0.1	0.8	6.9	6.4	6.3	2.2	
November	2.1	0.7	6.5	6.9	5.7	1.8	
December	3.1	0.2	7.1	7.1	5.4	1.4	
Average	2.9	1.6	5.4	5.4	6.2	3.9	-0.2

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Base Period/Year	this refers to the period, usually a year, at which the index number/points is set to 100. It is the point of the index number series
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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