

SPECIAL RELEASE

Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for Bottom 30% Households South Cotabato (2018=100)

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

Area	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Year-to- Date*
Philippines	5.3	1.1	0.1	1.3
Region XII	5.8	-1.0	-2.5	-0.9
South Cotabato	7.8	-1.5	-3.9	-1.8

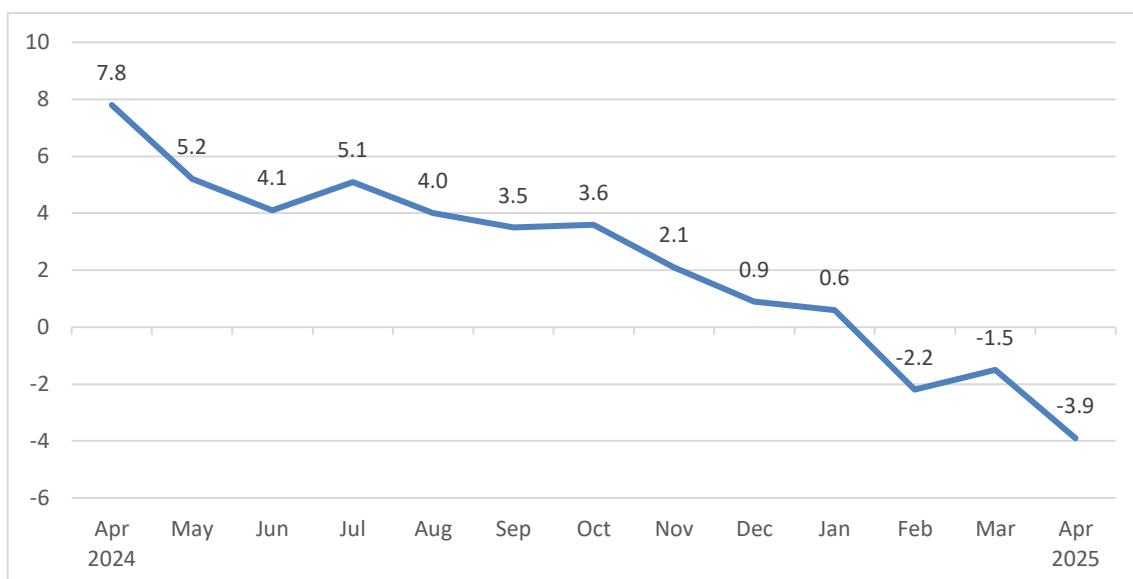
*Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index,
Philippine Statistics Authority*

**Year-on-Year change of average CPI for April 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 decreased to -3.9 percent in April 2025. It was lower by 3.9 percentage points from the same month last year at 7.8 percent and -2.4 percentage point lower from March 2025 at -1.5 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by -3.8 percentage points compared to the national estimate and -1.4 percentage point lower compared to the regional estimate, respectively. The year-to-date provincial average inflation stood at -1.8 percent (Table 1).

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in South Cotabato, Bottom 30% 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 downtrend in the province's inflation rate for the month of April 2025 is Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages with -7.9 percent inflation; Transport with -4.0 percent inflation and Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance with 1.5 percent inflation.

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

- Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages, from -3.2% to -7.9%
- Transport, from -3.3% to -4.0%
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, from 2.4% to 1.5%
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, from 0.6% to 0.4%
- Recreation, Sport and Culture, from 5.1% to 5.0%

Meanwhile, higher inflation rates were noted in the following commodity groups:

- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, from 0.4% to 1.4%

The rest of the commodity groups: Clothing and Footwear (1.1%), Health (2.1%), Information and Communication (0.7%), Education Services (3.0%), Restaurants and Accommodation Services (2.2), Financial Services (0.0%) and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (1.0%) maintained their previous month's inflation rates. (Table 2)

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

Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2024	April 2025
ALL ITEMS	7.8	(1.5)	(3.9)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.6	(3.2)	(7.9)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.9	0.6	0.4
Clothing and Footwear	1.7	1.1	1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	11.8	0.4	1.4
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.4	2.4	1.5
Health	1.3	2.1	2.1
Transport	0.7	(3.3)	(4.0)
Information and Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	8.9	5.1	5.0
Education Services	5.8	3.0	3.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.3	2.2	2.2
Financial Services	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.2	1.0	1.0

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Philippine Statistics Authority

Meanwhile, inflation for food decreased to -8.4 percent in April 2025 from -3.6 percent in March 2025. In March 2024, food inflation was higher at 11.2 percent (Table 3).

The top three food groups that contributed to the decreased in food inflation were; Fish and other seafood (ND), -7.9 percent; Cereals and cereal products (ND), -15.0 percent and Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND), -14.7 percent.

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

Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2024	April 2025
FOOD	11.2	(3.6)	(8.4)
Cereals and Cereal Products	22.8	(12.1)	(15.0)
Cereals	27.1	(14.4)	(17.8)
Rice	28.3	(15.1)	(18.7)
Corn	0.3	5.1	5.6
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.6	1.9	1.9
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	(2.3)	6.4	3.1
Fish and Other Seafood	3.9	5.2	(7.9)
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	(1.0)	6.4	10.9
Oils and Fats	(0.7)	(9.6)	(10.4)
Fruits and Nuts	7.3	1.6	1.3
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	8.4	(2.5)	(14.7)
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	(4.5)	2.2	(1.6)
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	19.2	4.2	(0.1)

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
March 2020 – March 2025 (2018=100), In percent


Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	2.3	2.7	5.2	7.4	6.0	0.6
February	2.4	4.1	3.8	8.2	7.2	-2.2
March	1.9	6.1	2.3	8.4	6.9	-1.5
April	4.2	4.1	3.1	6.8	7.8	-3.9
May	3.8	4.8	2.8	8.1	5.2	
June	3.3	4.8	3.9	7.4	4.1	
July	3.3	4.6	5.5	5.2	5.1	
August	1.2	5.7	6.6	5.4	4.0	
September	1.8	6.1	6.7	6.5	3.5	
October	1.1	6.8	6.8	6.8	3.6	
November	0.7	6.2	7.4	6.6	2.1	
December	0.3	7.0	7.3	6.9	0.9	
Average	2.2	5.3	5.1	7.0	4.7	-7.0

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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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