

# 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                      | February<br>2024 | January<br>2025 | February<br>2025 | Year-to-<br>Date* |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Philippines</b>        | 4.2              | 2.4             | 1.5              | 2.0               |
| <b>Region XII</b>         | 5.8              | 0.8             | -1.1             | -0.2              |
| <b>South<br/>Cotabato</b> | 7.2              | 0.6             | -2.2             | -0.8              |

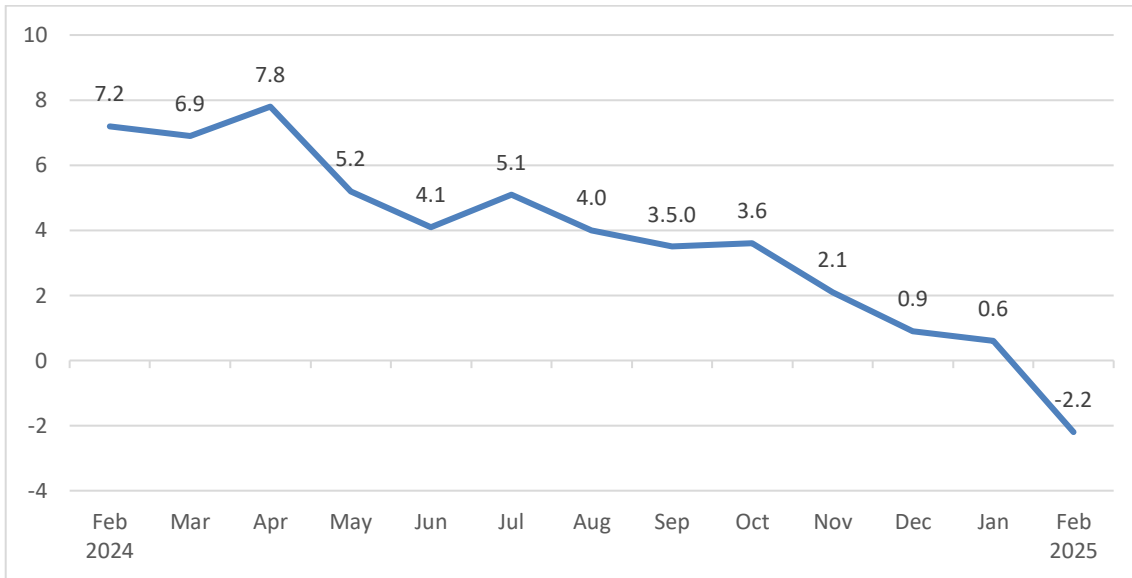
*Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index,  
Philippine Statistics Authority*

*\*Year-on-Year change of average CPI for February 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 -2.2 percent in February 2025. It was lower by 9.4 percentage points from the same month last year at 7.2 percent and -2.8 percentage point lower from January 2025 at 0.6 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by -3.7 percentage points compared to the national estimate and -1.1 percentage point lower compared to the regional estimate, respectively. The year-to-date provincial average inflation stood at -0.8 percent (Table 1).

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in South Cotabato, Bottom 30% Households  
February 2024 – February 2025 (2018=100)**



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The major contributors to the downtrend in the province's inflation rate for the month of February 2025 are: Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages with -4.3 percent inflation; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with -0.5 percent inflation and Transport with -2.4 percent inflation.

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

- Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages, from 0.1% to -4.3%
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, from 1.9% to -0.5%
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, from 2.2% to 2.1%
- Health, from 3.1% to 2.2%
- Transport, from -0.7% to -2.4%
- Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, from 1.4% to 1.2%

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

- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, from 0.2% to 0.5%
- Clothing and Footwear, from 1.0% to 1.1%
- Recreation, Sport and Culture, from 1.6% to 5.1%

The rest of the commodity groups: Information and Communication (0.0%), Education Services (3.0%), Restaurants and Accommodation Services (2.0%) and Financial Services (0.0%) maintained their previous month's inflation rates. (Table 2)

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

| Commodity Group                                                   | February 2024 | January 2024 | February 2025 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>                                                  | <b>7.2</b>    | <b>0.6</b>   | <b>(2.2)</b>  |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                                  | <b>8.8</b>    | <b>0.1</b>   | <b>(4.3)</b>  |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco                                   | <b>5.8</b>    | <b>0.2</b>   | <b>0.5</b>    |
| Clothing and Footwear                                             | <b>3.6</b>    | <b>1.0</b>   | <b>1.1</b>    |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels                 | <b>11.9</b>   | <b>1.9</b>   | <b>(0.5)</b>  |
| Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | <b>4.1</b>    | <b>2.2</b>   | <b>2.1</b>    |
| Health                                                            | <b>1.1</b>    | <b>3.1</b>   | <b>2.2</b>    |
| Transport                                                         | <b>(0.1)</b>  | <b>(0.7)</b> | <b>(2.4)</b>  |
| Information and Communication                                     | <b>0.0</b>    | <b>0.0</b>   | <b>0.0</b>    |
| Recreation, Sport and Culture                                     | <b>9.5</b>    | <b>1.6</b>   | <b>5.1</b>    |
| Education Services                                                | <b>5.8</b>    | <b>3.0</b>   | <b>3.0</b>    |
| Restaurants and Accommodation Services                            | <b>1.3</b>    | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>2.0</b>    |
| Financial Services                                                | <b>(0.1)</b>  | <b>0.0</b>   | <b>0.0</b>    |
| Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services               | <b>5.8</b>    | <b>1.4</b>   | <b>1.2</b>    |

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

Meanwhile, inflation for food decreased to -4.6 percent in February 2025 from 0.0 percent in January 2025. In February 2024, food inflation was higher at 9.0 percent (Table 3).

The top three food groups that contributed to the decreased in food inflation were Cereals and cereal products at -10.5 percent; Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at -12.1 percent; and Fish and other seafood at 0.4 percent.

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

| Commodity Group                                                           | January 2024 | December 2024 | January 2025 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>FOOD</b>                                                               | <b>7.2</b>   | <b>(0.3)</b>  | <b>0.0</b>   |
| Cereals and Cereal Products                                               | 22.6         | (1.3)         | (4.6)        |
| Cereals                                                                   | 26.4         | (1.8)         | (5.7)        |
| Rice                                                                      | 27.8         | (2.0)         | (6.0)        |
| Corn                                                                      | (2.0)        | 5.0           | 2.6          |
| Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals | 4.7          | 1.5           | 1.5          |
| Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals                          | 1.4          | 3.3           | 5.9          |
| Fish and Other Seafood                                                    | (5.6)        | (2.9)         | 2.9          |
| Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs                                      | 8.8          | 4.2           | 3.8          |
| Oils and Fats                                                             | 3.2          | (7.7)         | (7.1)        |
| Fruits and Nuts                                                           | 6.7          | 7.0           | 1.4          |
| Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses                            | (15.2)       | (1.2)         | 6.4          |
| Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts                                         | (8.6)        | (5.1)         | (1.2)        |
| Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.                            | 11.6         | 6.1           | 5.7          |

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**Table 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in South Cotabato on All Items, South Cotabato**



**February 2020 – February 2025 (2018=100), In percent**

| Month          | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       | 2025       |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                | January    | 2.3        | 2.7        | 5.2        | 7.4        | 6.0        |
| February       | 2.4        | 4.1        | 3.8        | 8.2        | 7.2        | -2.2       |
| March          | 1.9        | 6.1        | 2.3        | 8.4        | 6.9        |            |
| April          | 4.2        | 4.1        | 3.1        | 6.8        | 7.8        |            |
| 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        |            |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>5.1</b> | <b>7.0</b> | <b>4.7</b> | <b>0.1</b> |

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## **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

|                             |                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Base Period/Year</b>     | 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 |
| <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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