

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**

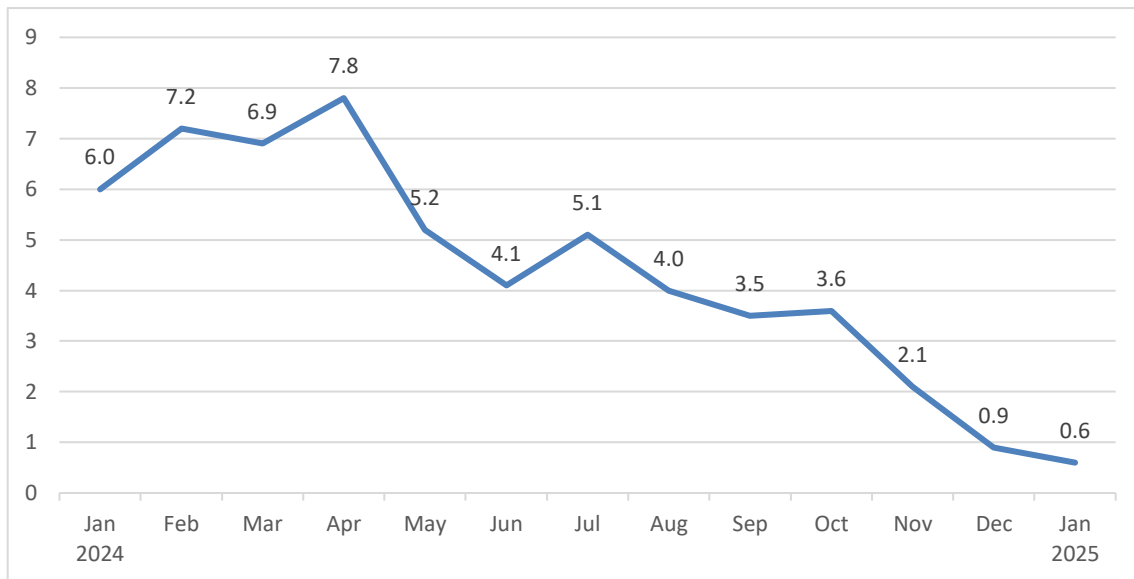
Area	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	Year-to-Date*
Philippines	3.6	2.5	2.4	2.4
Region XII	4.6	1.1	0.8	0.8
South Cotabato	6.0	0.9	0.6	0.6

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority
**Year-on-Year change of average CPI for January 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 0.6 percent in January 2025. It was lower by 5.4 percentage points from the same month last year at 6.0 percent and 0.3 percentage point lower from December 2024 at 0.9 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by 1.8 percentage points compared to the national estimate and 0.2 percentage point lower compared to the regional estimate, respectively. The year-to-date provincial average inflation stood at 0.6 percent (Table 1).

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in South Cotabato, Bottom 30% Households
January 2024 – January 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 January 2025 is Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 1.9 percent inflation; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance with 2.2 percent inflation; Transport with -0.7 percent inflation; and Restaurant and Accommodation Services with 2.0 percent inflation.

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

- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, from 4.5% to 1.9%
- Transport, from -0.6% to -0.7%
- Restaurant and Accommodation Services, from 2.1% to 2.0%
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, from 2.3% to 2.2%

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

- Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, from -0.2% to 0.1%
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, from 0.0% to 0.2%
- Clothing and Footwear, from 0.6% to 1.0%
- Health, from 1.6% to 3.1%
- Recreation, Sport and Culture, from 1.1% to 1.6%
- Financial Services, from -0.1% to 0.0%
- Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, from 1.3% to 1.4%

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

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

Commodity Group	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
ALL ITEMS	6.0	0.9	0.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.1	(0.2)	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.9	0.0	0.2
Clothing and Footwear	3.9	0.6	1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	11.6	4.5	1.9
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	2.3	2.2
Health	0.5	1.6	3.1
Transport	(2.2)	(0.6)	(0.7)
Information and Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	11.4	1.1	1.6
Education Services	5.8	3.0	3.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.3	2.1	2.0
Financial Services	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6	1.3	1.4

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

Meanwhile, inflation for food increased to 0.0 percent in January 2025 from -0.3 percent in December 2024. In January 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 Fish and other seafood, 2.9 percent; Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses, 6.4 percent; and Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals (ND), 5.9 percent.

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

Commodity Group	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
FOOD	7.2	(0.3)	0.0
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

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 – January 2025 (2018=100), In percent**

Month	Inflation Rates						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.6	2.3	2.7	5.2	7.4	6.0	0.6
February	4.0	2.4	4.1	3.8	8.2	7.2	
March	3.6	1.9	6.1	2.3	8.4	6.9	
April	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.1	6.8	7.8	
May	2.5	3.8	4.8	2.8	8.1	5.2	
June	2.1	3.3	4.8	3.9	7.4	4.1	
July	1.3	3.3	4.6	5.5	5.2	5.1	
August	(0.3)	1.2	5.7	6.6	5.4	4.0	
September	(1.6)	1.8	6.1	6.7	6.5	3.5	
October	(1.6)	1.1	6.8	6.8	6.8	3.6	
November	1.4	0.7	6.2	7.4	6.6	2.1	
December	2.8	0.3	7.0	7.3	6.9	0.9	
Average	1.8	2.2	5.3	5.1	7.0	4.7	0.6

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



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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