

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	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	Year-to-Date*
Philippines	5.8	-0.4	-0.8	0.5
Region XII	5.3	-2.0	-2.6	-1.5
South Cotabato	5.1	-2.6	-2.6	-2.2

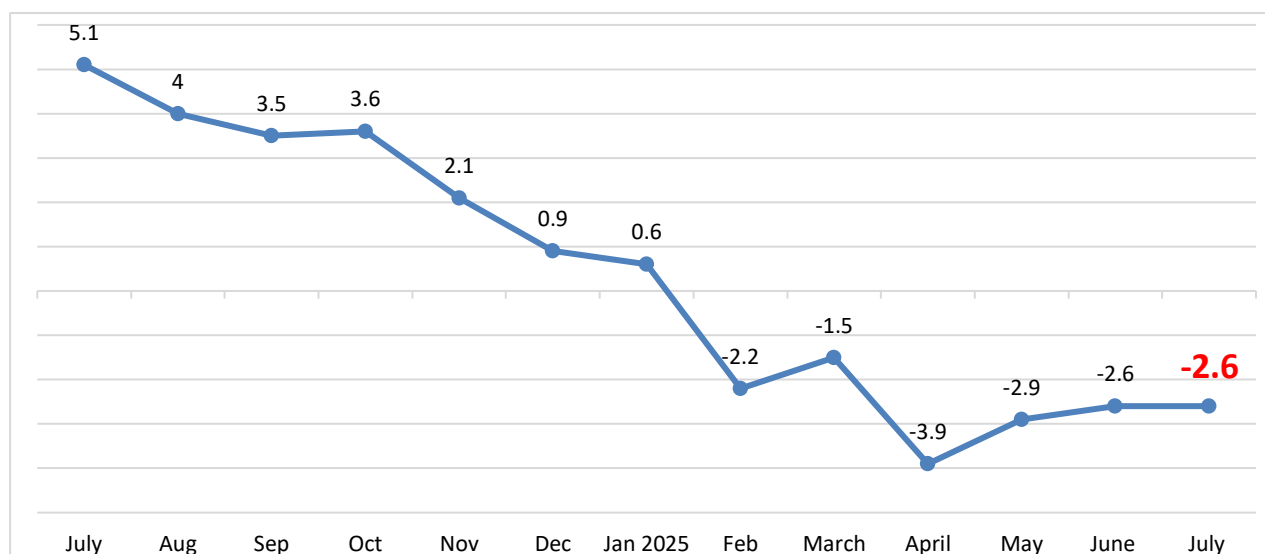
Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority

**Year-on-Year change of average CPI for July 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 remained constant at -2.6 percent in July 2025. It was lower by 7.7 percentage points from the same month last year at 5.1 percent. South Cotabato's inflation was lower by 1.8 percentage points compared to the national estimate. The year-to-date provincial average inflation stood at -2.2 percent (Table 1).

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



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

The major contributors in the province's inflation rate for Bottom 30% households for the month of July 2025 are Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, with -6.2 percent; and Transport, with -2.8 percent.

Lower annual increments was noted in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, from -6.1% to -6.2%.

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

- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, from 0.9% to 1.1%;
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, from 2.0% to 2.2%;
- Health, from 2.3% to 3.0%;
- Transport, from -3.0% to -2.8%;
- Education Services, from 6.2% to 10.6%; and
- Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, from 1.1% to 1.2%

Meanwhile, the rest of the commodity groups namely: Clothing and Footwear (0.7%), Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (0.6%), Information and Communication (0.0%), Recreation, Sport and Culture (5.7%), Restaurants and Accommodation Services (4.5%) 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
July 2024, June 2025, and July 2025 (2018=100),
In percent**

Commodity Group	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025
ALL ITEMS	5.1	(2.6)	(2.6)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.1	(6.1)	(6.2)
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.6	0.9	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	0.6	0.7	0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	3.1	2.0	2.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.9	0.6	0.6
Health	1.3	2.3	3.0
Transport	1.2	(3.0)	(2.8)
Information and Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	3.3	5.7	5.7
Education Services	6.0	6.2	10.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.5	4.5	4.5
Financial Services	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.6	1.1	1.2

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Meanwhile, inflation for food decreased to -6.9 percent in July 2025 from -6.7 percent in June 2025. In July 2024, food inflation was higher at 8.5 percent (Table 3).

The top three food groups that contributed to the decreased in food inflation were; Rice, -22.9 percent; Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, -10.3 percent; and Ready-made food and other food n.e.c. at -4.2%.

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

Commodity Group	June 2024	May 2025	June 2025
FOOD	8.5	(6.7)	(6.9)
Cereals and Cereal Products	20.1	(17.4)	(18.6)
Cereals	23.7	(20.7)	(22.1)
Rice	24.6	(21.6)	(22.9)
Corn	3.5	1.9	0.4
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.3	2.1	2.1
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.8	3.9	4.0
Fish and Other Seafood	(7.0)	4.8	9.6
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	3.7	13.2	12.7
Oils and Fats	(5.4)	(5.5)	(5.0)
Fruits and Nuts	12.7	8.2	3.0
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	2.4	(9.1)	(10.3)
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	(4.3)	(1.8)	(1.5)
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	16.2	(2.1)	(4.2)

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 2020 – June 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	-2.9
June	3.3	4.8	3.9	7.4	4.1	-2.6
July	3.3	4.6	5.5	5.2	5.1	-2.6
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	-2.2

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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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