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Cotabato Province Headline Inflation decelerates at **-0.4** percent in April 2025

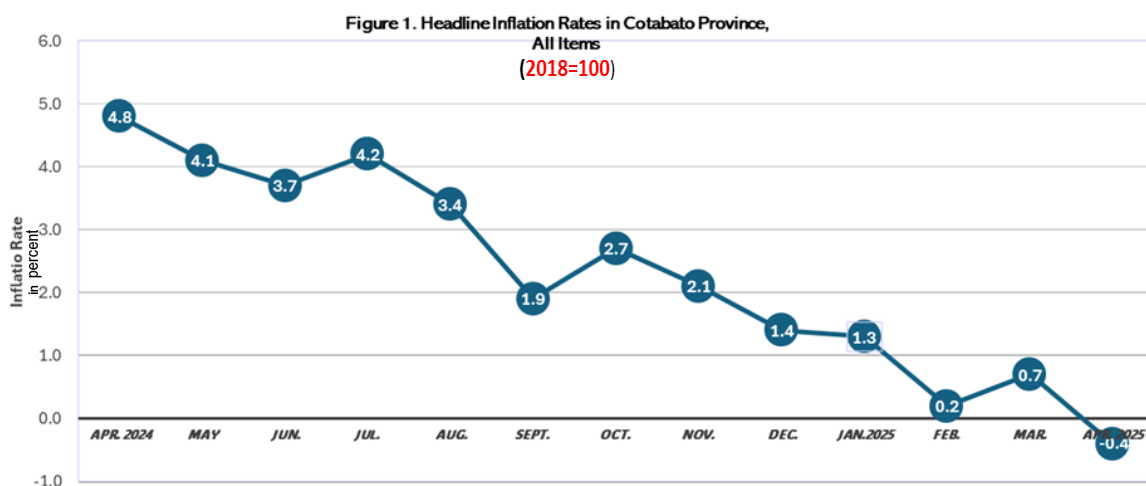
Table 1. Year on Year Inflation Rates, ALL Items in Percent
COTABATO PROVINCE,
(2018=100)

AREA	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	3.8	1.8	1.4	2.0
SOCCSKSARGEN	5.0	-0.2	-1.4	-0.2
COTABATO PROVINCE	4.8	0.7	-0.4	0.5

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

YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATES

The headline inflation rate or the year-on-year change in the prices of goods and services commonly purchased by people in the province of Cotabato Province decreased at **-0.4 percent** in April 2025 from 0.7 percent in March 2025. This was higher than the regional level but lower than the national level at **-1.4 percent** and **1.4 percent** respectively. A downtrend inflation rate was observed for this month. This brings the province average inflation from January to April 2025 at 0.5 percent. The inflation in April 2024 was recorded at 4.8 percent. (Table 1 and Figure 1).



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TABLE 2. YEAR - ON- YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: April 2024, March 2025 and April 2025 (2018=100)			
	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025
ALL ITEMS	4.8	0.7	-0.4
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	6.8	1.1	-1.0
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	7.4	2.2	2.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.4	0.3	0.4
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-1.1	1.6	1.5
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	3.2	-0.6	0.1
HEALTH	11.0	0.4	0.1
TRANSPORT	2.2	-1.9	-3.5
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.3	0.8	0.5
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	2.3	-0.3	0.8
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	10.2	0.4	0.4
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3.7	0.6	1.0

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A downtrend inflation rate in Cotabato Province for the month of April 2025 was primarily brought about by slower growth rate in the index of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages at **-1.0 percent from 1.1 percent in the previous month**; Transport at **-3.5 percent from 1.9 percent**; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels at **1.5 percent from 1.6 percent**; Health at **0.1 percent from 0.4 percent**; Information and Communication at **0.5 percent from 0.8 percent**.

Meanwhile, The commodity group that exhibited a higher inflation rates during the month of April 2025 are the following: Clothing and Footwear at **0.4 percent from 0.3 percent**; Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance at **0.1 percent from -0.6 percent**; Recreation, sport and Culture at **0.8 percent from -0.3 percent**; Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at **1.0 percent from 0.6 percent**.

Furthermore, the commodity groups maintained their previous month's inflation rates or had zero percent annual growth are the following: (See Table 2).

- A. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, **2.2 percent**;
- B. Education Services, **-0.3 percent**;
- C. Restaurants and Accommodation Services, **0.4 percent**;
- D. Financial Services, **0.0 percent**;



TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB, COTABATO PROVINCE: April 2024, March 2025 and April 2025 (2018=100)			
COMMODITY	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025
Food	7.3	1.1	-1.3
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	22.1	-11.9	-13.8
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	-3.6	6.3	6.3
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-1.8	9.3	3.3
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	9.4	6.1	5.9
Oils and fats (ND)	-0.3	0.5	0.5
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	4.9	11.5	8.1
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	2.3	15.0	12.1
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	9.0	4.5	2.5
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	7.5	3.4	1.7

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Philippine Statistics Authority**

In April 2025, the Food index decreased to **-1.3 percent** from **1.1 percent** in March 2025.

The following food groups exhibited downtrend during the month

1. Fish and other seafood (ND) at **3.3 percent**;
2. Cereals and cereal product (ND) at **-13.8 percent**;
3. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) at **12.1 percent**;
4. Fruits and nuts (ND) at **8.1 percent**;
5. Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND) at **2.5 percent**;
6. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) at **1.7 percent**;
7. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND) at **5.9 percent**.

On the contrary, the commodity groups maintained their previous month's inflation rates are the following:

1. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) at **6.3 percent**;
2. Fruits and nuts (ND) at **11.5 percent**;
3. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) at **3.4 percent**.

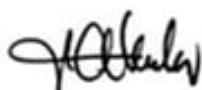


TABLE 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in COTABATO PROVINCE, All Items in Percent January 2019 - May 2025 (2018=100)							
MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	1.9	6.0	4.1	8.0	4.5	1.3
February	2.7	3.6	6.7	3.2	7.4	5.2	0.2
March	2.7	3.1	8.3	2.6	7.7	3.9	0.7
April	1.9	5.3	6.0	4.3	5.8	4.8	-0.4
May	1.8	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.5	4.1	
June	0.8	6.2	5.0	6.4	4.4	3.7	
July	0.9	5.8	5.4	7.0	3.5	4.2	
August	-1.3	5.0	6.1	6.9	4.6	3.4	
September	-1.2	6.7	4.4	7.8	5.1	1.9	
October	-1.6	7.1	4.2	7.5	4.6	2.7	
November	-0.6	7.8	4.2	7.6	4.4	2.1	
December	1.7	6.6	4.4	7.4	5.3	1.4	
Average	1.0	5.4	5.5	5.8	5.5	3.5	0.5

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

Technical Notes

Headline Inflation Rate	refers to the rate of change in the CPI, a measure of the average price of a standard basket of goods and services consumed by a typical family.
Base Period/Year	this refers to the period, usually a year, at which the index number/points is set to 100. The current base period is 2018.
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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