

# Press Release

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## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for Bottom 30% Income Household, Cotabato Province

April 2025

(2018=100)

**Table 1. Year on Year Headline Inflation Rates, for the Bottom 30% Income Household,  
ALL Items in Percent  
(2018=100)**

AREA	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	5.3	1.1	0.1	1.3
SOCCSKSARGEN	5.8	-1.0	-2.5	-0.9
COTABATO PROVINCE	5.3	0.3	-1.1	0.0

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 2024 to March 2025 vs 2023

### Inflation in Cotabato Province

#### 1. Overall Inflation

The overall inflation in the Province of Cotabato for the Bottom 30% of Income Households decelerated to **-1.1 percent** in April 2025 from 0.3 percent in March 2025. In April 2024 inflation was higher at **5.3 percent** (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Figure 1: Inflation Rate for Bottom 30% Income Households in  
Cotabato Province, ALL ITEMS

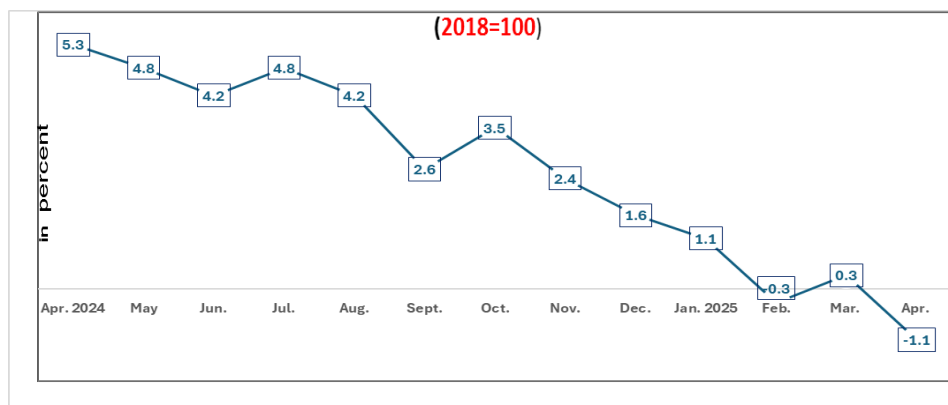


TABLE 2. YEAR - ON- YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR THE BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: April 2024, March 2025 and April 2025 (2018=100)			
	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	8.2	-0.4	-2.8
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	7.7	2.4	2.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.4	0.3	0.4
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-4.6	3.1	2.7
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.2	-0.2	0.6
HEALTH	9.9	0.4	0.2
TRANSPORT	2.2	-1.4	-2.9
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.4	1.0	0.6
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	4.3	0.2	1.1
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	-1.1	-1.1
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	10.5	0.4	0.4
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	4.4	0.9	1.1

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index  
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### 1.1 Main Drivers to downtrend of Inflation Rate of the Bottom 30% Income Household

The main source of downtrend inflation in the bottom 30% income household in the province for month of April 2025 was brought about by the lower annual growth rate in the index of Food and non-alcoholic beverages at **-2.8 percent from -0.4 percent** ; Transport at **-2.9 percent from -1.4 percent**; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels at **2.7 percent from 3.1 percent**; Health at **0.2 percent from 0.4 percent**; Information and Communication at **0.6 percent from 1.0 percent** and Alcoholic, Beverages and Tobacco at **2.3 percent from 2.4 percent**.

In the contrast, higher annual increases were noted in the indices of the following:

- A.) Clothing and Footwear at **0.4 percent from 0.3 percent**;
- B.) Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance at **0.6 percent from -0.2 percent**;
- C.) Recreation, Sport and Culture at **1.1 percent from 0.2 percent**;
- D.) Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at **1.1 percent from 0.9 percent**.

Meanwhile, the indices of the following commodity groups retains their previous month's inflation rates

- A.) Education Services at **-1.1 percent**;
- B.) Restaurants and Accommodation Services at **-0.4 percent**;
- C.) Financial Services at 0.0 percent.



<b>TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB FOR THE BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLD IN COTABATO PROVINCE: April 2024, March 2025 and April 2025 (2018=100)</b>			
COMMODITY	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025
<b>Food</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	22.7	-13.0	-15.1
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	-3.6	6.6	6.6
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-2.5	9.4	2.9
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	10.4	6.9	6.7
Oils and fats (ND)	-1.7	2.5	2.5
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	5.8	11.8	8.6
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	2.2	14.1	11.2
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	-8.2	4.4	1.5
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	7.5	3.4	1.7

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

## 2. FOOD INFLATION

The Food inflation for the bottom 30% income household in the Province decreased from **-0.5** percent in March 2025 to **-3.1** percent in April 2025. In April 2024, food inflation was higher at **8.7 percent**.

The following food groups showed downtrend during the month:

1. Fish and other seafood (ND) at **2.9 percent**;
2. Cereals and cereal products (ND) at **-15.1 percent**;
3. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) at **11.2 percent**;
4. Fruits and nuts (ND) at **8.6 percent**;
5. Sugar, confectionary and desserts at **1.5 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 **6.7 percent**.

For the month of April 2025, there has no food group that showed higher inflation.

The food groups that retain their previous month inflation are as follows:

1. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) at **6.6 percent**;
2. Oils and Fats (ND) at **2.5 percent**.




**TABLE 2. Year -on-Year Inflation Rates  
for the Bottom 30% Income Household in Cotabato Province in PERCENT  
January 2019-April 20 (2018=100)**

MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.8	1.1	7.5	4.2	8.9	4.9	1.1
February	2.3	3.3	8.1	3.3	8.3	5.8	-0.3
March	1.8	3.0	9.8	2.4	8.7	4.4	0.3
April	0.6	6.5	6.8	3.9	6.7	5.3	-1.1
May	0.5	7.3	5.9	4.5	6.2	4.8	
June	-0.4	8.3	4.5	6.3	5.0	4.2	
July	-0.3	7.8	5.3	7.2	3.9	4.8	
August	-3.2	6.8	6.2	7.1	4.9	4.2	
September	-3.1	8.6	4.4	8.0	5.6	2.6	
October	-3.3	9.2	4.2	8.0	4.7	3.5	
November	-1.8	9.9	4.3	8.2	4.6	2.4	
December	0.2	9.1	4.4	8.2	5.5	1.6	
Average	-0.2	6.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	4.0	0.0

#### 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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