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Cotabato Province Headline Inflation down by -1.2 percent in July 2025

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

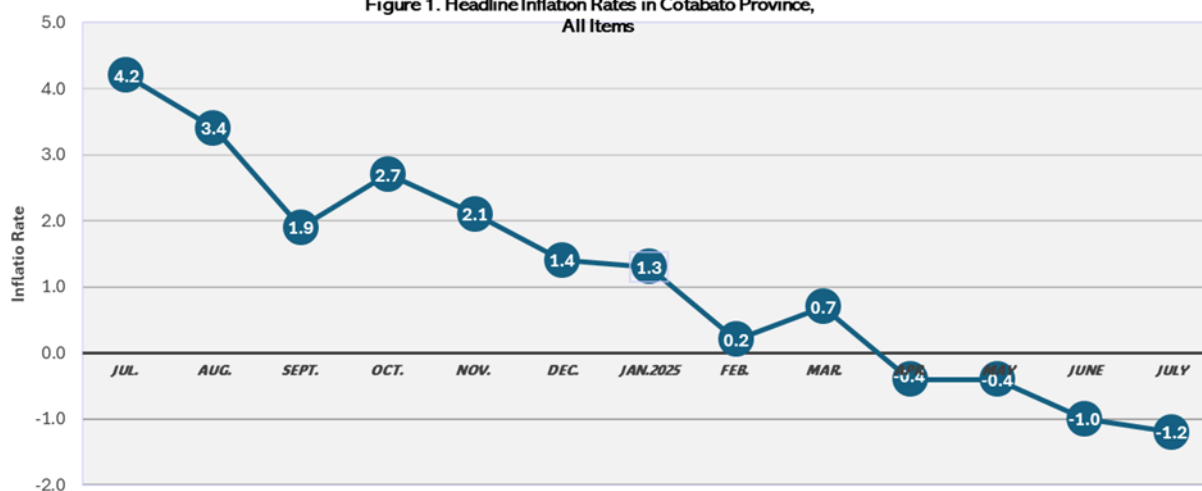
AREA	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025	Year-to-date
PHILIPPINES	4.4	1.4	0.9	1.7
SOCCSKSARGEN	4.5	-0.9	-1.3	-0.6
COTABATO PROVINCE	4.2	-1.0	-1.2	-0.1

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 down by **-1.2 percent** in July 2025 compared to June 2025. This was higher than the regional level but lower than the national level at **-1.3 percent** and **0.9 percent** respectively. This brings the province average inflation from January to July 2025 at **-0.1 percent**. The inflation in July 2024 was recorded at 4.2 percent. (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in Cotabato Province,
All Items



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TABLE 2. YEAR - ON- YEAR INFLATION RATES FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY COMMODITY GROUP, COTABATO PROVINCE: July 2024, June 2025 and July 2025 (2018=100)			
	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025
ALL ITEMS	4.2	-1.0	-1.2
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FNAB)	5.9	-2.4	-2.6
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	6.8	1.0	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.8	0.8	0.7
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	0.7	1.7	0.6
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	1.7	0.4	0.0
HEALTH	1.8	0.3	0.2
TRANSPORT	2.3	-2.5	-3.0
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.7	0.1	0.1
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	1.6	0.9	0.9
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.2	-0.3	4.0
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	10.2	0.4	1.0
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	1.5	0.9	0.9

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The downtrend inflation rate in Cotabato Province for the month of July 2025 was primarily brought about by the decreased in the index of Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels from **1.7 percent** to **0.6 percent** ; Food and non-alcoholic beverages at **from -2.4 percent to 2.6 percent**; Transport from **2.5 percent to 3.0 percent** ; Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance **from 0.4 percent to 0.0 percent** ; Clothing and Footwear **from 0.6 percent to 0.7 percent**; Health **from 0.3 percent to 0.2 percent** and Alcoholic beverages and tobacco **from 1.0 percent to 0.9 percent** .

The commodity two(2) group that exhibited an uptrend inflation rates during the month of July 2025. Education services **from - 0.3 percent to 4.0 percent** ; Restaurants and accommodation services **from 0.4 percent to 1.0 percent** .

On the other hand, the commodity groups that maintained their previous month's inflation rates or had zero percent annual growth prices were the following: (See Table 2).

- A. Information and communication at **0.1 percent**;
- B. Recreation, sport and culture at **0.9 percent** ;
- C. Financial Services at **0.0 percent**;
- D. Personal care, miscellaneous goods and services at **0.9 percent**.



TABLE 3. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE BY COMMODITY GROUP UNDER FNAB, COTABATO PROVINCE: July 2024, June 2025 and July 2025 (2018=100)			
COMMODITY	July 2024	June 2025	July 2025
Food	6.3	-2.8	-3.0
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	18.0	-15.8	-16.2
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	-3.3	7.1	7.0
Fish and other seafoods (ND)	-2.3	-0.2	1.3
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	6.0	6.1	8.6
Oils and fats (ND)	-0.5	4.1	3.9
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	2.8	12.7	13.2
Vegetable, Tubers, plantains, cooking bananas pulses (ND)	6.0	8.5	3.2
Sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND)	-7.2	2.6	2.6
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)	10.3	-0.9	-1.7

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index
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In July 2025, the Food index down to **-3.0 percent** from **-2.8 percent** in June 2025.

The following food groups exhibited downtrend during the month:

1. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND) **from 8.5 percent to 3.2 percent;**
2. Cereals and cereal product (ND) **from -15.8 percent to -16.2 percent;**
3. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND) **from -0.9 percent to -1.7 percent;**
4. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND) **from 7.1 percent to 7.0 percent;**
5. Oils and fats (ND) **from 4.1 percent to 3.9 percent.**

On the contrary, below are the food groups that exhibited uptrend inflation during the month:

1. Fish and other seafood (ND) **from 0.2 percent to 1.3 percent;**
2. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND) **from 6.1 percent to 8.6 percent;**
3. Fruits and nuts (ND) **from 12.7 percent to 13.2 percent.**

Furthermore, the only food commodity that retained its inflation was sugar, confectionary and desserts (ND) at **2.6 percent**.

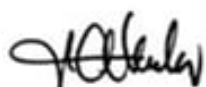


TABLE 4. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in COTABATO PROVINCE, All Items in Percent January 2019 - July 2025 (2018=100)							
MONTH	INFLATION RATES						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	4.5	1.9	6.0	4.1	8.0	4.5	1.3
February	2.7	3.6	6.7	3.2	7.4	5.2	0.2
March	2.7	3.1	8.3	2.6	7.7	3.9	0.7
April	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	-0.4
June	0.8	6.2	5.0	6.4	4.4	3.7	-1.0
July	0.9	5.8	5.4	7.0	3.5	4.2	-1.2
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	-0.1

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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