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Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for the Bottom 30 % Income Households in Ilocos Region (2018=100)

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items in Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Year-to-date
Philippines	4.2	2.4	1.5	2.0
Ilocos Region	3.9	3.0	2.4	2.7

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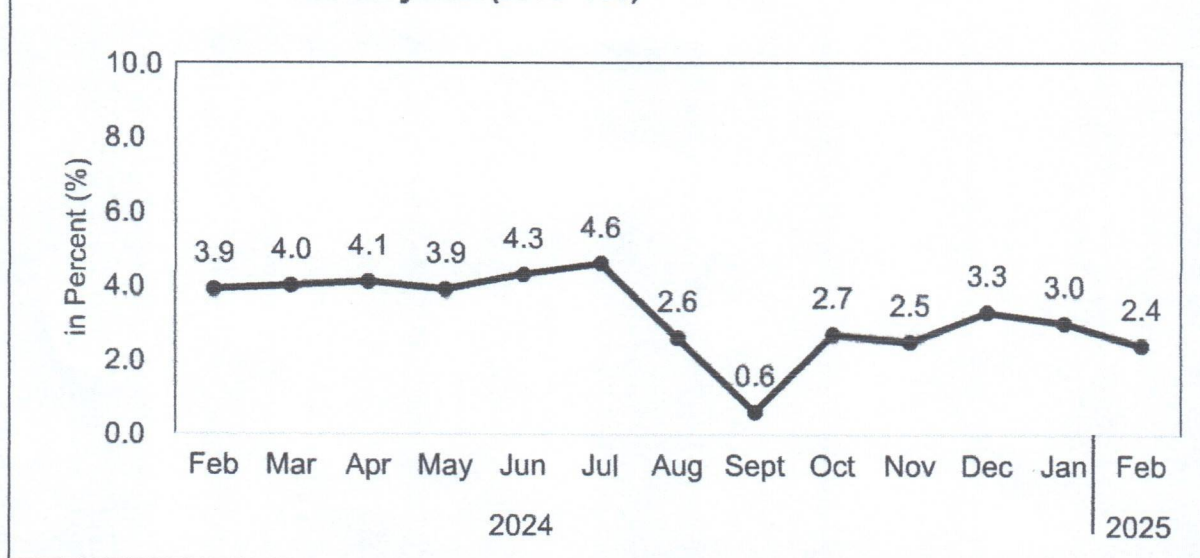
Ilocos Region

I. Overall Inflation

The inflation rate of the Ilocos Region for the bottom 30% income household declined to 2.4 percent in February 2025 from 3.0 percent in January 2025. It is lower by 1.5 percentage points from 3.9 percent in February 2024.



Figure 1. Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households in Ilocos Region, All Items February 2024 - February 2025(2018=100)



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Table B. Inflation Rate for Bottom 30 % Income Households by Commodity, Ilocos Region February 2024, January 2025 and February 2025 (2018=100)

Commodity Group	Inflation Rate		
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
All Items	3.9	3.0	2.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.1	3.9	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.1	2.2	1.5
Clothing and Footwear	3.3	3.8	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	(7.8)	1.5	3.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.8	2.3	1.9
Health	1.9	2.3	1.9
Transport	(0.6)	0.4	(0.1)
Information and Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	3.4	4.7	4.2
Education Services	7.7	0.6	0.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.8	2.1	2.7
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.3	4.8	4.5

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1.1 Main Drivers to the Downtrend of the Overall Inflation

The downward trend of the overall inflation for the bottom 30% income households in February 2025 was primarily contributed by food and non-alcoholic beverages. The index of this commodity group decreased to 2.3 percent from 3.9 percent in the previous month.

Lower indices were also observed in the following commodity groups during the month of February 2025:

- a. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 1.5 percent from 2.2 percent;
- b. Clothing and footwear, 3.0 percent from 3.8 percent;
- c. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 1.9 percent from 2.3 percent;
- d. Health, 1.9 percent from 2.3 percent;
- e. Transport, -0.1 percent from 0.4 percent;
- f. Recreation, sport and culture, 4.2 percent from 4.7 percent; and
- g. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 4.5 percent from 4.8 percent.

On the other hand, increased indices compared to their previous month's rates were observed in the following commodity groups:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 3.2 percent from 1.5 percent; and
- b. Restaurants and accommodation services, 2.7 percent from 2.1 percent.

The rest of the commodity groups retained their previous month's inflation rates or had zero percent annual growths. (Table B)

1.2 Main Contributor to the Overall Inflation

The following commodity groups were the top three contributors to the January 2025 overall inflation for the bottom 30% income households:

- a. Food and non-alcoholic beverages, 46.1 percent share or 1.11 percentage points;
- b. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 20.7 percent share or 0.50 percentage point; and
- c. Restaurants and accommodation services, 15.4 percent share or 0.37 percentage point.



II. Food Inflation

Food inflation for the bottom 30% income households at the regional level decelerated to 2.3 percent in February 2025 from 4.0 percent in January 2025. In February 2024, its annual increase was observed at 9.3 percent.

**Table C. Food Index Inflation Rate, Ilocos Region
February 2024, January 2025 and February 2025 (2018=100)**

Commodity Group	Inflation Rate		
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
Food	9.3	4.0	2.3
Cereals and Cereal Products	22.9	(2.1)	(2.9)
Cereals	27.2	(3.1)	(3.8)
Rice	27.4	(3.2)	(3.9)
Corn	6.2	12.3	8.0
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	6.0	2.2	1.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	2.4	4.9	8.6
Fish and Other Seafood	5.6	4.4	6.1
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	4.0	1.1	1.3
Oils and Fats	(3.2)	(2.0)	(2.5)
Fruits and Nuts	8.8	6.8	10.2
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	(12.4)	35.8	7.5
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	(7.7)	(1.5)	(1.3)
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	7.0	8.1	6.8

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

II.1 Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Food Inflation

The deceleration of food inflation was mainly contributed by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, with 7.5 percent annual decline in February 2025 from 35.8 percent annual increase in January 2025. Likewise, the following food groups contributed to the downtrend in food inflation in February 2025:

- Rice, -3.9 percent from -3.2 percent;
- Corn, 8.0 percent from 12.3 percent;
- Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals, 1.7 percent from 2.2 percent;
- Oils and fats, -2.5 percent from 2.0 percent; and
- Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND), 6.8 percent from 8.1 percent.



On the other hand, higher indices were observed in the following food groups during the month of February 2025 (Table B):

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND), 8.6 percent from 4.9 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood (ND), 6.1 percent from 4.4 percent;
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND), 1.3 percent from 1.1 percent;
- d. Fruits and nuts (ND), 10.2 percent from 6.8 percent; and
- e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND), -1.3 percent from -1.5 percent.

2.2 Main Contributors to the Food Inflation

Food inflation contributed 42.2 percent or 1.01 percentage points to the February 2025 overall inflation. The top three main contributors to the food inflation during the month were the following:

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND), 63.1 percent share or 1.45 percentage points;
- b. Fish and other seafood (ND), 40.9 percent share or 0.94 percentage point; and
- c. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND), 28.0 percent share or 0.64 percentage point.

Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for Bottom 30% Income Households in Ilocos Region, All Items In Percent: 2022-2025 (2018=100)

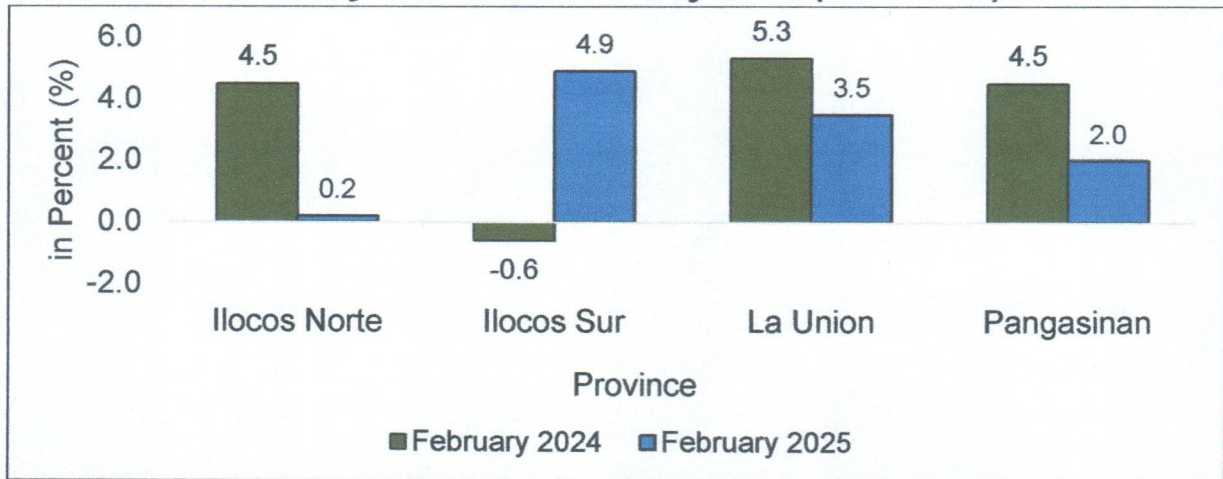
Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	3.2	10.5	3.1	3.0
February	2.6	9.3	3.9	2.4
March	3.9	8.1	4.0	
April	4.2	7.3	4.1	
May	5.0	6.7	3.9	
June	6.1	5.7	4.3	
July	5.9	5.3	4.6	
August	6.0	6.8	2.6	
September	6.1	8.1	0.6	
October	7.5	5.5	2.7	
November	7.8	4.7	2.5	
December	8.6	4.0	3.3	
Average	5.6	6.8	3.3	2.7

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Provinces

Figure 2. Inflation Rates for the Bottom 30% Income Households, by Province, Ilocos Region February 2024 and February 2025 (2018=100)



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Among the provinces, Ilocos Sur posted the highest inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households at 4.9 percent in February 2025. This was followed by La Union and Pangasinan with 3.5 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, Ilocos Norte registered a 0.2 percent annual growth.

Compared to their respective levels in February 2024, all provinces, except Ilocos Sur, posted lower inflation rates

Note: CPIs and inflation rates by province and selected city are posted at the PSA website (<https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/>).

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