



SPECIAL RELEASE

SUMMARY INFLATION REPORT CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OF BULACAN (2018=100)

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The inflation rate of Bulacan increases to 2.2 percent in April 2025

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 Bulacan increased to 2.2 percent in April 2025 from 2.0 percent in March 2025. However, compared to April last year, it was lower by 3.8 percentage points, dropping from 6.0 percent to 2.2 percent. The provincial average inflation for the year 2025 was 2.2 percent.

Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate for All Items: Philippines, Central Luzon, and Bulacan in Percent (2018=100)

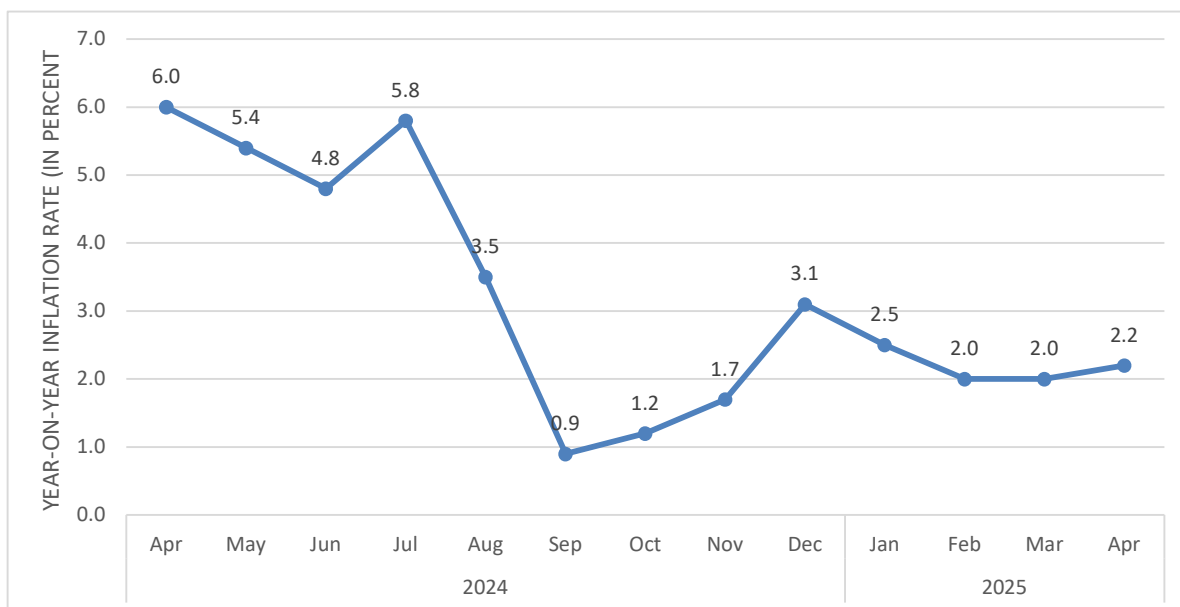
Area	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Average* (Year-to-Date)
Philippines	3.8	1.8	1.4	2.0
Central Luzon	4.9	2.0	1.3	2.3
Bulacan	6.0	2.0	2.2	2.2

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

*Year-on-year change to average CPI from January to April 2025



Figure 1. Monthly Inflation Rate for All Items, Bulacan: April 2024 to April 2025



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Among the 13 commodity groups, the major contributors to the year-on-year acceleration in inflation from March to April 2025 were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 5.6 percent from 1.4 percent. This was followed by Health with 1.9 percent from 1.1 percent; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 8.7 percent from 8.6 percent; and Recreation, Sport and Culture with 2.3 percent from 2.1 percent.

On the other hand, the commodity groups that exhibited a decline in inflation compared to the previous month were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 1.8 percent from 3.7 percent; and Personal Care Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 2.4 percent from 2.7 percent. Meanwhile, Transport contracted to -2.2 percent from -1.6 percent.

However, six commodity groups recorded no change in their inflation rates during the month. Clothing and Footwear at 1.4 percent; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance at 1.0 percent; Information and Communication with 0.3 percent; Education Services group at 2.2 percent; Restaurants and Accommodation Services group at 0.8 percent; and Financial Services group at 0.0 percent.

Table 2. Year-on-Year Percent Changes by Sub-Group, Bulacan: April 2024, March 2025, and April 2025

Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
ALL ITEMS	6.0	2.0	2.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.9	3.7	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.5	8.6	8.7
Clothing and Footwear	9.1	1.4	1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	9.3	1.4	5.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.0	1.0	1.0
Health	2.8	1.1	1.9
Transport	2.2	-1.6	-2.2
Information and Communication	-0.3	0.3	0.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	6.2	2.1	2.3
Education Services	9.0	2.2	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	9.7	0.8	0.8
Financial Services	-1.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.9	2.7	2.4

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Food Inflation declines to 1.7 percent

During the month, Food inflation in the province declined further to 1.7 percent compared to 3.8 percent from the previous month. The commodity groups that showed a downward trend were the following:

- Rice with -8.8 percent from -7.1 percent;
- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals with 6.8 percent from 10.3 percent;
- Oils and Fats with 0.4 percent from 0.5 percent;
- Fruits and Nuts with 2.3 percent from 5.6 percent;
- Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with -3.4 percent from 12.8 percent;
- Sugar, confectionery and desserts with -4.2 percent from -4.1 percent; and
- Ready-made food and other food products N.E.C. with 4.2 percent from 5.1 percent.

Meanwhile, the following food groups exhibited an upward trend during the month:

- Corn with 2.0 percent from -8.6 percent;
- Fish and other seafood with 9.9 percent from 8.2 percent; and
- Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs with 4.2 percent from 3.8 percent.

In contrast, the food group Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals remained the same at 2.6 percent.

Table 3. Provincial Year-on-Year Inflation Rates of Selected Food Items, Bulacan:
March 2025 and April 2025

Commodity/Sub-Commodity Group	March 2025	April 2025
FOOD	3.8	1.7
Rice	-7.1	-8.8
Corn	-8.6	2.0
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.6	2.6
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	10.3	6.8
Fish and Other Seafood	8.2	9.9
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	3.8	4.2
Oils and Fats	0.5	0.4
Fruits and Nuts	5.6	2.3
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	12.8	-3.4
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	-4.1	-4.2
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	5.1	4.2

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Consumer Price Index (CPI) declines to 130.1

The CPI of the Province of Bulacan declined to 130.1 in April 2025 from 130.3 in March 2025. The CPI value of 130.1 implies that an average typical Filipino household in the province of Bulacan needs an average of PhP 130.10 to buy and avail the same amount of commonly purchased basket of goods and services worth PhP 100.00 in the year 2018. There was an increase of PhP 30.10 equivalent to a 30.1 percent increase within seven years.

Table 4. Year-on-Year Consumer Price Index by Commodity Groups, Bulacan: April 2024, March 2025 and April 2025

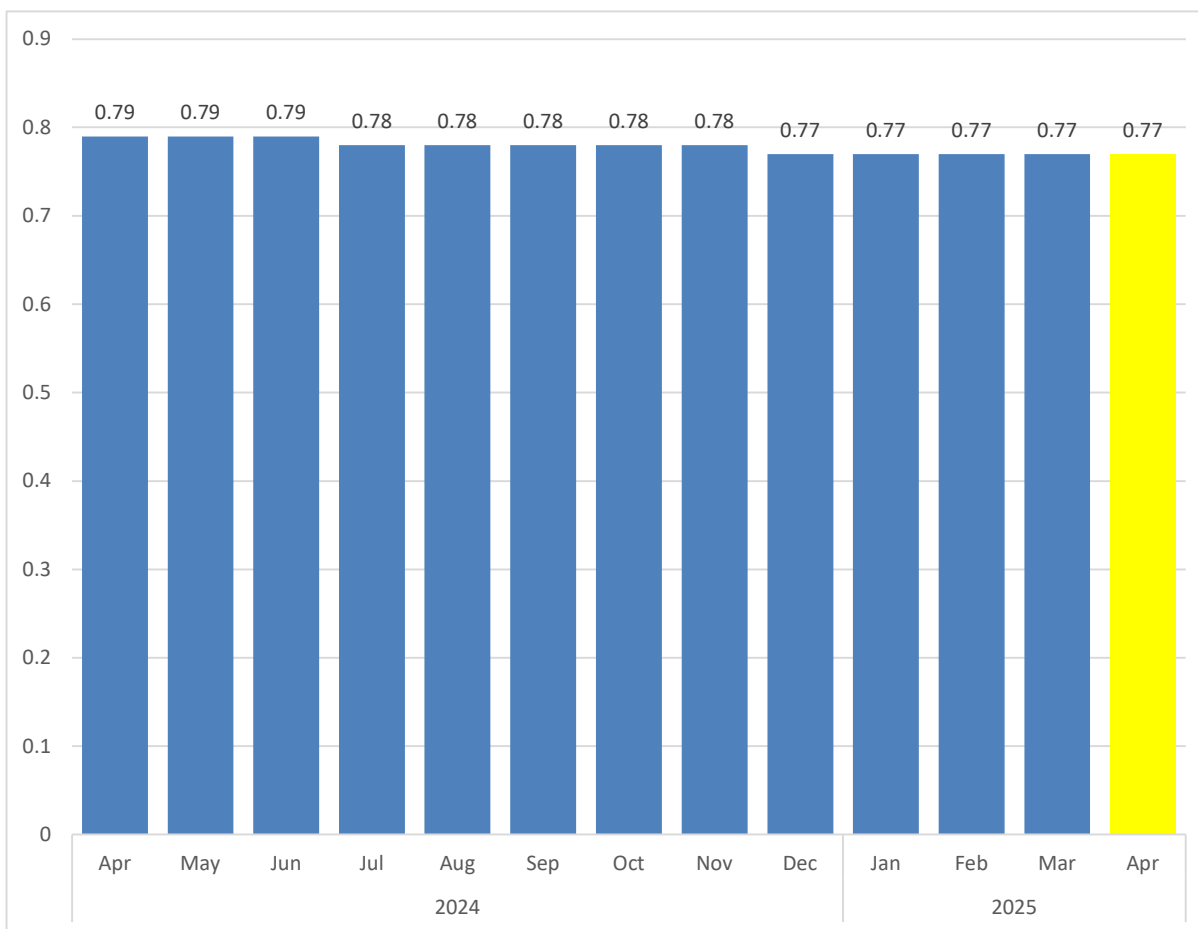
Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
ALL ITEMS	127.3	130.3	130.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	127.2	131.6	129.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	217.0	235.6	235.8
Clothing and Footwear	126.3	128.1	128.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	126.7	131.6	133.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	114.7	115.8	115.8
Health	122.6	124.9	124.9
Transport	128.3	125.6	125.5
Information and Communication	101.9	102.2	102.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	122.7	125.6	125.5
Education Services	106.3	108.6	108.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	127.4	128.4	128.4
Financial Services	141.8	141.8	141.8
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	125.1	128.1	128.1

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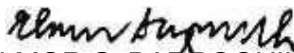
The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) remains at 0.77

The PPP remained at 0.77 in April 2025. This means that a peso in 2018 was only worth 77 centavos during the month.

Figure 2. Purchasing Power of Peso, Bulacan: April 2024- April 2025 (2018=100)



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


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TECHNICAL NOTES

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The CPI is a measure of the changes in the average price level of goods and services that most people buy for their day-to-day consumption. It measures the composite change in the consumer prices of various commodities over time.

Inflation Rate

The inflation rate is the annual or monthly rate of change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of the declining purchasing power of money.

Year-On-Year Inflation Rate

Year-On-Year Inflation Rate is the annual percentage change of CPI.

Purchasing Power of Peso

A measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period. It is computed by getting the reciprocal of the CPI and multiplying the result by 100.