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PSA-AURORA UPHOLDS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH COASTAL CLEAN-UP

As part of its continuing mission to serve the public and make a positive impact in the community, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Aurora reinforced its commitment to environmental sustainability through regular coastal clean-up drives.

On 30 April 2025, PSA-Aurora conducted a Beach Clean-Up Drive in Barangay Sabang, Baler, Aurora. The activity, which commenced at 6:00 AM, was actively participated in by PSA employees, including statistical researchers, and Contract of Service Workers (COSWs). This monthly initiative reflected the agency's strong sense of social responsibility and dedication to preserving the natural beauty and health of our coastal areas.

The clean-up effort was marked by a sense of unity and cooperation, not only among PSA personnel but also with local community members who eagerly joined and supported the cause. With calm seas and minimal debris from the ocean, the volunteers focused primarily on collecting plastic waste, bottles, and paper litter from the shoreline.

This collective effort underscored the dedication of PSA-Aurora staff and the broader community to fostering a cleaner and more sustainable environment. It is a testament to the agency's proactive role in environmental stewardship and its goal of helping restore and maintain the greatness of our coastal areas.

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PSA-AURORA PARTNERS WITH “FELSTAR NEWS” FOR WIDER PUBLIC REACH

In line with its goal to broaden the reach of its services and information, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Aurora entered into a collaboration with Central Luzon-based news agency Felstar. This partnership aims to regularly publish updates on PSA's activities, services, and important announcements, ensuring that more people are informed and engaged.

This initiative marked a significant step toward strengthening the agency's public information efforts and reaching a wider audience. By featuring PSA-related news in a regional publication, the agency hoped to make its programs more accessible and visible to the general public.

Mr. Ariel A. Avendaño, Editor-in-Chief of Felstar, personally visited the PSA-Aurora office to express his support for the initiative. He committed to including PSA content in their newspaper, which is published bi-weekly.

This collaboration not only highlighted PSA-Aurora's dedication to transparent and effective public service but also reinforced its mission to ensure that vital statistical data and government information are within everyone's reach.

PSA-AURORA CONDUCTS MAY 2025 LABOR FORCE SURVEY WITH RIDER QUESTIONS ON TOURISM EMPLOYMENT

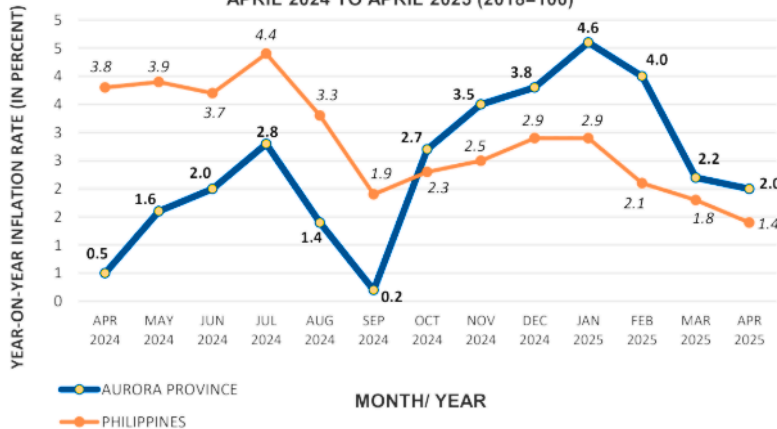
PSA - Aurora conducted the May 2025 Labor Force Survey (LFS) from April 8 to 31, 2025, which included rider questions on tourism employment.

The survey aims to gather essential data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population, providing key insights into labor market trends such as labor force participation, unemployment and underemployment rates, hours worked, and previous industries and occupations of the unemployed.

The inclusion of tourism employment questions—both paid and unpaid—will support efforts to measure the extent of volunteerism at the household level. The collected data serve as critical input for government planners and policymakers in crafting programs and policies focused on employment generation, reducing joblessness, and improving worker welfare.



FIGURE 1. YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATES BY MONTH:
PHILIPPINES AND AURORA
APRIL 2024 TO APRIL 2025 (2018=100)



Source: Survey of Retail Prices of Commodities for the Generation of CPI, PSA

AURORA'S INFLATION RATE SLOWS TO 2.0% IN APRIL 2025

Aurora's annual inflation rate slowed to 2.0 percent in April 2025, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from 2.2 percent in March 2025. However, it remained 1.7 percentage points higher than the recorded rate of 0.5 percent in April 2024.

The decline in inflation was mainly driven by the slower increase in the index of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, which dropped significantly to 1.2 percent from 4.4 percent in the previous month. This was followed by Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, which posted a lower rate of 1.1 percent.

Other commodity groups that recorded lower monthly increments include Clothing and Footwear (0.0% from 0.2%) and Restaurants and Accommodation Services (3.1% from 3.2%).

On the other hand, several indices posted higher month-on-month increases:

- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels (2.8% from -6.4%)
- Health (13.9% from 13.6%)
- Transport (-2.3% from -2.4%)
- Information and Communication (0.2% from 0.1%)
- Recreation, Sport, and Culture (2.6% from 2.5%)
- Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (2.8% from 2.4%)

Meanwhile, some indices remained unchanged compared to the previous month:

- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (2.9%)
- Education Services (22.9%)
- Financial Services (0.0%)

This latest data highlights the dynamic shifts in consumer prices across different commodity groups and offers valuable insights for both consumers and policymakers.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 2024 POPCEN-CBMS GEOTAGGING OF SFGP IN AURORA PROVINCE

The 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS), along with the Geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP), has been successfully completed in the province of Aurora.

Preparations for the Qfield Projects (QPs) began on 28 February 2025, and were finalized by 05 March 2025. The actual geotagging commenced on 03 March 2025. To ensure the completeness and timely submission of data, the Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) deployed a team comprising 6 Map Data Collectors, 1 Team Supervisor, 2 Map Data Processors, and 1 Map Data Reviewer.

Despite encountering several challenges particularly in geotagging facilities located within government compounds, such as military camps, due to strict access protocols, the team remained committed. Another hurdle was the availability of barangay officials and staffs, who were preoccupied with preparations for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) assessments, which affected the timely submission of their for SFGP listings.

Nevertheless, these challenges were effectively addressed through the unwavering dedication and collaboration of the field and office personnel.

Finally, the project was officially completed on 13 April 2025.



PSA-AURORA PHILSYS AND CIVIL REGISTRATION TEAMS CONTINUE ITS COMMITMENT TO INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND MOBILE REGISTRATION SERVICES

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Aurora continues to strengthen its commitment to delivering accessible and inclusive services through its ongoing efforts in information dissemination and mobile registrations under the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) and Civil Registration programs.

These initiatives are designed to bring government services closer to the people, especially in remote and underserved areas. By conducting mobile registration activities in collaboration with Municipal Civil Registrar's Offices and other partnered-agencies.

A key component of this outreach was the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP), which aimed to provide free birth registration for individuals who have not yet been registered—particularly the Indigenous Peoples, marginalized communities, and other priority groups. BRAP plays a vital role in promoting every citizen's right to identity and access to social services.


The following were the scheduled Information dissemination activities:

- April 3 - Brgy. Ramada, Maria Aurora, Aurora
- April 7 - Brgy. Diteki, San Luis, Aurora
- April 8 - Brgy. Ditumabo, San Luis, Aurora
- April 10 - Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Maria Aurora, Aurora
- April 11 - Brgy. Bagtu, Maria Aurora, Aurora
- April 22 - Brgy. San Isidro, San Luis, Aurora &
- Brgy. Bacong, San Luis, Aurora
- April 29 - Brgy. Dikildit, Maria Aurora, Aurora
- April 30 - Brgy. Suguit, Maria Aurora, Aurora

PSA-Aurora encouraged all residents—especially those without registered birth certificates or valid identification—to take advantage of these services. These initiatives are vital steps toward inclusive development and ensuring that no Filipino is left behind.



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