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

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The inflation rate of Bulacan decreases to 1.8 percent in May 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 decelerated from 2.2 percent in April 2025 to 1.8 percent in May 2025. However, compared to May last year, it was lower by 3.6 percentage points, from 5.4 percent to 1.8 percent.

The provincial average inflation for the year 2025 was 2.1 percent.

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

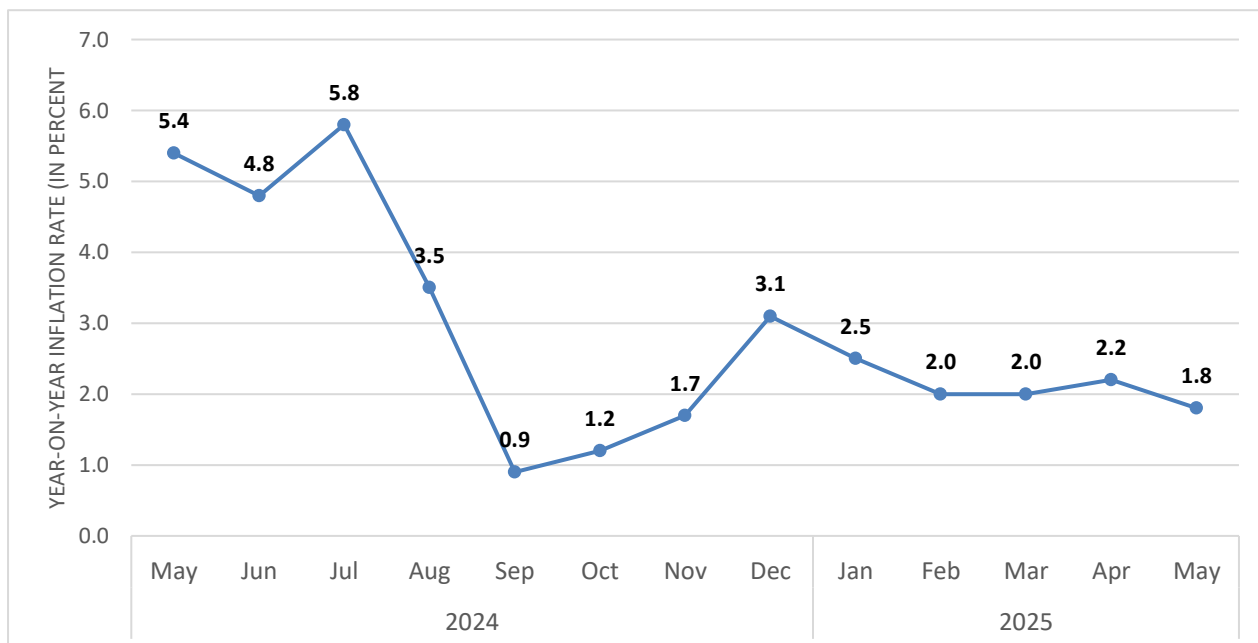
Area	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025	Average* (Year-to-Date)
Philippines	3.9	1.4	1.3	1.9
Central Luzon	4.5	1.3	1.6	2.1
Bulacan	5.4	2.2	1.8	2.1

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

*Year-on-year change to average CPI from January to May 2025 vs 2024



Figure 1. Monthly Inflation Rate for All Items, Bulacan:
May 2024 to May 2025 (2018=100)



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

Among the 13 commodity groups, the major contributors to the year-on-year deceleration in inflation from April to May 2025 were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 2.3 percent from 5.6 percent; and Information and Communication with 0.0 percent from 0.3 percent. Meanwhile, Transport further contracted to -3.0 percent from -2.2 percent.

On the other hand, the commodity groups that exhibited an acceleration in inflation compared to the previous month were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 2.9 percent from 1.8 percent; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 9.4 percent from 8.7 percent; Personal Care Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 2.5 percent from 2.4 percent; Clothing and Footwear with 3.3 percent from 1.4 percent; and Health with 2.0 percent from 1.9 percent.

However, five commodity groups recorded steady inflation rates during the month. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance at 1.0 percent; Recreation, Sport and Culture at 2.3 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:
May 2024, April 2025, and May 2025 (2018=100)

Commodity Group	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025
ALL ITEMS	5.4	2.2	1.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.7	1.8	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8	8.7	9.4
Clothing and Footwear	6.3	1.4	3.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	9.4	5.6	2.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.9	1.0	1.0
Health	2.8	1.9	2.0
Transport	3.6	-2.2	-3.0
Information and Communication	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	4.6	2.3	2.3
Education Services	9.0	2.2	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.8	0.8	0.8
Financial Services	-1.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.1	2.4	2.5

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

Food Inflation increases to 2.7 percent

During the month, food inflation in the province accelerated to 2.7 percent compared to 1.7 percent from the previous month. The food groups that showed an upward trend were the following:

- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals with 7.9 percent from 6.8 percent;
- Fruits and Nuts with 2.9 percent from 2.3 percent; and
- Oils and Fats with 1.1 percent from 0.4 percent.

In addition, the food group that rebounded was Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with 8.6 percent from -3.4 percent; while the food group that improved was Sugar, confectionery and desserts with -2.0 percent from -4.2 percent.

Meanwhile, the food groups that exhibited a downward trend this month were Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs with 3.5 percent from 4.2 percent; and Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals with 1.7 percent from 2.6 percent.

On the other hand, the food groups that contracted were Corn with -4.1 percent from 2.0 percent; and Rice with -9.1 percent from -8.8 percent.

In contrast, the food groups that remained the same rate during the month were Fish and other seafood at 9.9 percent; and Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. at 4.2 percent.

Table 3. Provincial Year-on-Year Inflation Rates of Selected Food Items, Bulacan:
April 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)

Commodity/Sub-Commodity Group	April 2025	May 2025
FOOD	1.7	2.7
Rice	-8.8	-9.1
Corn	2.0	-4.1
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.6	1.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	6.8	7.9
Fish and Other Seafood	9.9	9.9
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	4.2	3.5
Oils and Fats	0.4	1.1
Fruits and Nuts	2.3	2.9
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	-3.4	8.6
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	-4.2	-2.0
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	4.2	4.2

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI) declines to 129.6

The CPI of the Province of Bulacan declined from 130.1 in April 2025 to 129.6 in May 2025. The CPI value of 129.6 implies that an average typical Filipino household in the province of Bulacan needs an average of PhP 129.60 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 29.60 equivalent to a 29.6 percent increase within seven years.

Table 4. Year-on-Year Consumer Price Index by Commodity Groups, Bulacan:
May 2024, April 2025 and May 2025 (2018=100)

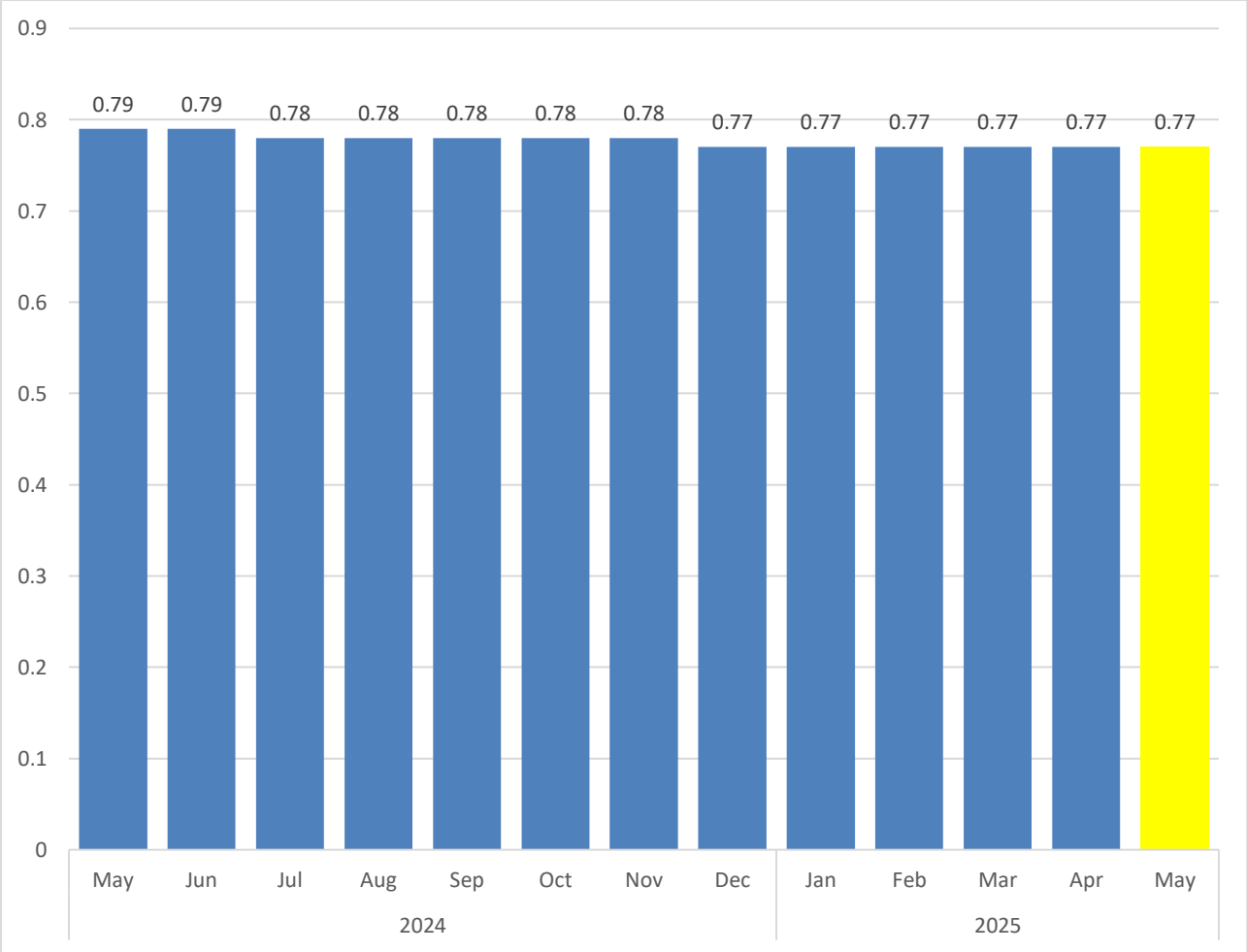
Commodity Group	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025
ALL ITEMS	127.3	130.1	129.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	126.4	129.5	130.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	217.0	235.8	237.4
Clothing and Footwear	124.7	128.1	128.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	128.1	133.8	131.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	114.6	115.8	115.7
Health	122.7	124.9	125.1
Transport	128.3	125.5	124.4
Information and Communication	102.2	102.2	102.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	123.0	125.5	125.8
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	125.0	128.1	128.1

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

The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) remains at 0.77

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

Figure 2. Purchasing Power of Peso, Bulacan: May 2024- May 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.