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### Summary Inflation Report for January 2025 All Income Households, Baguio City (2018=100)

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## Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items In percent

(2018=100)				
	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	
Phil	2.8	2.9	2.9	
CAR	2.1	3.3	4.1	
Baguio City	1.5	3.9r	4.4	

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Commodity Groups	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
ALL ITEMS	1.5	3.9	4.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.5	4.8	5.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.7	3.1	3.1
Clothing and Footwear	1.0	1.0	1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	0.3	5.8	6.0
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.3	3.1	4.7
Health	2.4	5.0	4.3
Transport	(0.2)	2.4	3.3
Information and Communication	0.4	0.4	0.5
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7	0.3	0.5
Education Services	12.7	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.8	1.4	5.6
Financial Services	(1.3)	(1.3)	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4	4.2	4.4

#### Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation in Baguio City, By Commodity Groups In percent (2018=100)

Table C.	Year-on-Year Food Inflation in Baguio City			
In percent				
	(2018=100)			

Commodity Groups	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Food	0.3	4.8	5.1
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	12.8	6.9	4.9
Cereals (ND)	17.1	7.5	4.7
Rice	16.9	7.7	5.0
Corn	22.6	1.9	(2.9)
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	4.8	5.5	5.4
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	0.2	5.5	4.6
Fish and other seafood (ND)	4.6	(0.8)	0.0
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	6.9	1.5	(0.4)
Oils and fats (ND)	(1.6)	2.9	3.1
Fruits and nuts (ND)	13.0	11.1	9.6
Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	(26.1)	6.0	14.6
Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	(4.7)	1.4	1.8
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	6.0	4.0	4.1

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#### **Baguio City**

#### Headline Inflation

The headline inflation or overall inflation of the city increased to 4.4 percent in January 2025 from 3.9 percent in December 2024. In January 2024, the inflation rate was 1.5 percent. (Figure 1, and Tables A and B)

#### Main Drivers to the Upward Trend

The uptrend in the overall inflation in January 2025 was primarily brought about by the higher annual increment of restaurants and accommodation services at 5.6 percent from 1.4 percent in the previous month. Also contributing to the uptrend was transport with 3.3 percent from 2.4 percent, and food and nonalcoholic beverages with 5.1 percent from 4.8 percent.

Higher annual increments were also noted in the index of the following:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 6.0 percent from 5.8 percent;
- b. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 4.7 percent from 3.1 percent;
- c. Information and communication. 0.5 percent from 0.4 percent;
- d. Recreation, sport and culture, 0.5 percent from 0.3 percent;
- e. Financial services, 0.0 percent from -1.3 percent; and
- f. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services, 4.4 percent from 4.2 percent.

On the contrary, the index of health exhibited a slower annual increase during the month with 4.3 percent from 5.0 percent. Meanwhile, the indices of the rest of the commodity groups retained their respective previous month's annual rates.

#### Main Contributors to the Headline Inflation

The top three commodity groups contributing to the January 2025 overall inflation were the following:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels;
- b. Food and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- c. Transport.

#### Food Inflation

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Food inflation at the city increased to 5.1 percent from 4.8 percent in the previous month. In January 2024, food inflation was higher at 0.3 percent. (Table C)

#### Main Drivers to the Upward Trend of Food Inflation

The acceleration of food inflation in January 2025 was primarily brought about by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with 14.6 percent from 6.0 percent. This was followed by fish and other seafood with 0.0 percent from -0.8 percent, and sugar, confectionery and desserts with 1.8 percent from 1.4 percent.

Moreover, higher inflation rate during the month were also noted on the following:

- a. Oils and fats, 3.1 percent from 2.9 percent; and
- b. Ready-made food and other food products, 4.1 percent from 4.0 percent.

In contrast, lower inflation rates were noted on the following:

- a. Cereals and cereal products, 4.9 percent from 6.9 percent;
- b. Meat and other parts of slaughtered animals, 4.6 percent from 5.5 percent;
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs, -0.4 percent from 1.5 percent; and
- d. Fruits and nuts, 9.6 percent from 11.1 percent.

#### Main Contributors to the Food Inflation

The top three food groups in terms of contribution to the food inflation during the month were the following:

- a. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses;
- b. Cereals and cereal products;
- c. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals.

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

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