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Summary Inflation Report for May 2025 All Income Households, Benguet (2018=100)

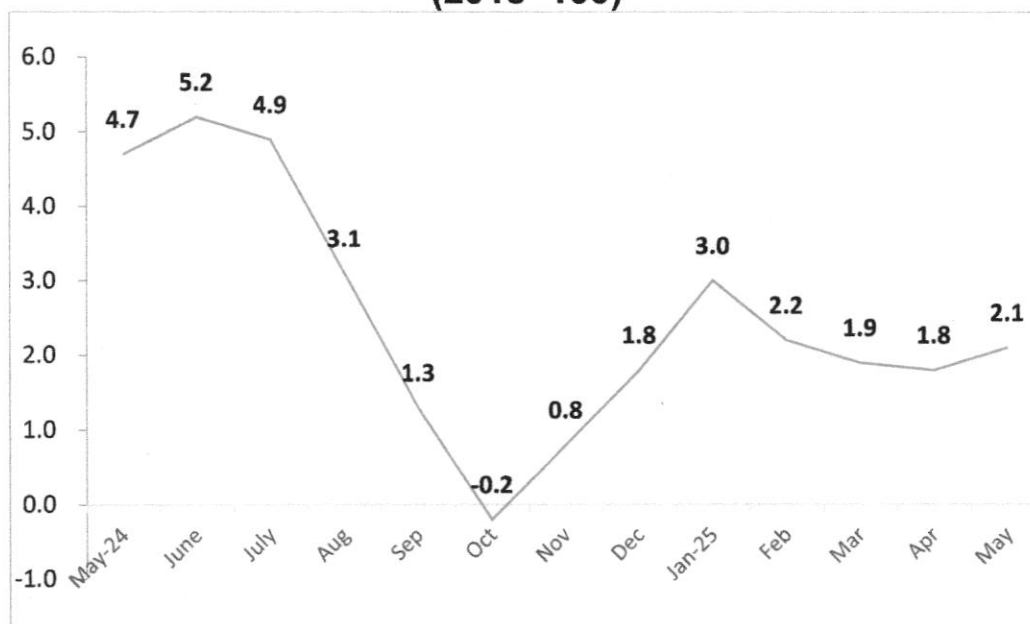
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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items
In percent
(2018=100)**

	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025
Phil	3.9	1.4	1.3
CAR	4.4	2.0	2.5
Benguet	4.7	1.8	2.1

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation Rates in Benguet, All Items
(2018=100)**



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

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

Commodity Groups	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025
ALL ITEMS	4.7	1.8	2.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.6	1.1	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.8	5.2	5.4
Clothing and Footwear	0.0	0.4	0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	3.3	4.3	4.5
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.1	1.3	1.3
Health	9.0	2.3	2.1
Transport	13.3	(1.0)	(1.3)
Information and Communication	0.2	0.2	0.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.9	1.1	1.1
Education Services	4.1	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	6.3	2.1	2.1
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.5	3.5	3.5
Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority			

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

Commodity Groups	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025
FOOD	3.7	0.9	1.7
Cereals and cereal products (ND)	11.9	(1.0)	(2.1)
Cereals (ND)	14.7	(1.8)	(3.2)
Rice	15.1	(1.8)	(3.3)
Corn	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	4.6	1.1	1.1
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	(2.1)	7.5	10.0
Fish and other seafood (ND)	0.9	3.0	2.5
Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	2.4	1.8	1.3
Oils and fats (ND)	(6.0)	0.4	0.6
Fruits and nuts (ND)	0.9	5.5	5.4
Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	3.7	(8.2)	(3.7)
Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	(2.9)	0.1	0.5
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	5.0	2.6	2.4
Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority			

Benguet

Headline Inflation

The headline inflation or overall inflation of the province increased to 2.1 percent in May 2025 from 1.8 percent in April 2025. In May 2024, the inflation rate was higher at 4.7 percent. (Figure 1, and Tables A and B)

Main Drivers to the Upward Trend of the Headline Inflation

The upward trend in the overall inflation in May 2025 was primarily brought about by food and non-alcoholic beverages at 1.9 percent from 1.1 percent in the previous month. Also contributing to the upward trend was housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 4.5 percent from a 4.3 percent, and alcoholic beverages and tobacco with 5.4 percent from 5.2 percent.

On the contrary, the following commodity groups exhibited a lower annual increase during the month:

- a. Health, 2.1 percent from 2.3 percent; and
- b. Transport, -1.3 percent from -1.0 percent.

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 May 2025 overall inflation were the following:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels;
- b. Food and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- c. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services.

Food Inflation

Food inflation at the provincial level increased to 1.7 percent in May 2025 from 0.9 percent in the previous month. In May 2024, food inflation was higher at 3.7 percent. (Table C)

Main Drivers to the Upward Trend of Food Inflation

The acceleration of food inflation in May 2025 was primarily brought about by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses -3.7 percent from -8.2 percent in the previous month. This was followed by meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals with 10.0 percent from 7.5 percent, and sugar, and confectionery and desserts with 0.5 percent from 0.1 percent

Higher annual increment was also noted in the index of oils and fats for the month with 0.6 percent from 0.4 percent.

In contrast, the following commodity groups registered lower inflation rates during the month:


- a. Cereals and cereal products, 2.1 percent from 1.0 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood, 2.5 percent from 3.0 percent;
- c. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, 1.3 percent from 1.8 percent;
- d. Fruits and nuts, 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent; and
- e. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c., 2.4 percent from 2.6 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. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals;
- b. Fruits and nuts; and
- c. Fish and other seafood.

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


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