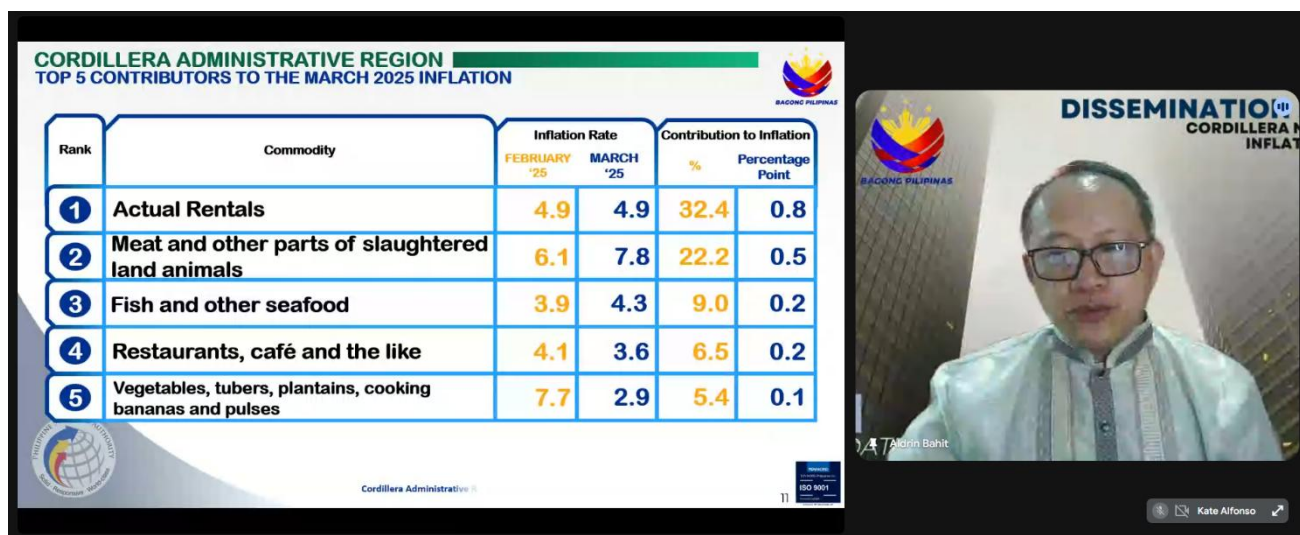


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CAR inflation slowed down to 2.3% in March 2025

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The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) eased from 2.5% in February 2025 to 2.3% in March 2025. According to Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr., Chief Statistical Specialist of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - CAR, the primary contributors to this slowdown were the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group, accounting for 55.3% of the deceleration; the Transport sector, with an 18.4% share; and the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels group, contributing 9.9%.

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group emerged as the leading contributor to the region's March 2025 inflation rate of 2.3%. This commodity group accounted for 42.7% of the overall inflation, contributing 1.0 percentage point. It was followed by the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels group, which held a 29.7% share, adding 0.7 percentage point. Meanwhile, Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services contributed a 7.2% share or 0.2 percentage point to the overall inflation.

In March 2025, four provinces and highly urbanized city (HUC) in the Cordillera reported lower inflation rates: Abra, with a significant deceleration from 2.7% to 0.7%; Baguio City, easing slightly from 3.4% to 3.2%; Benguet, slowing down from 2.2% to 1.9%; and Kalinga, from 1.8% to 1.5%. Conversely, two provinces registered higher inflation rates: Apayao, which rose from -1.2% to 0.7%; and Ifugao, accelerating from 2.1% to 2.6%. Mountain Province recorded the highest inflation rate in the region at 3.9%, unchanged from February 2025, while Abra and Apayao recorded the lowest rates, both at 0.7%.

The Chief Statistical Specialists of the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices in CAR, along with their representatives, delivered the inflation reports for their respective provinces during the online dissemination of the March 2025 Cordillera Inflation Report. Held via Google Meet on April 14, 2025, the event was attended by 57 participants, comprising representatives from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), the academe, and media organizations.



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