

## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

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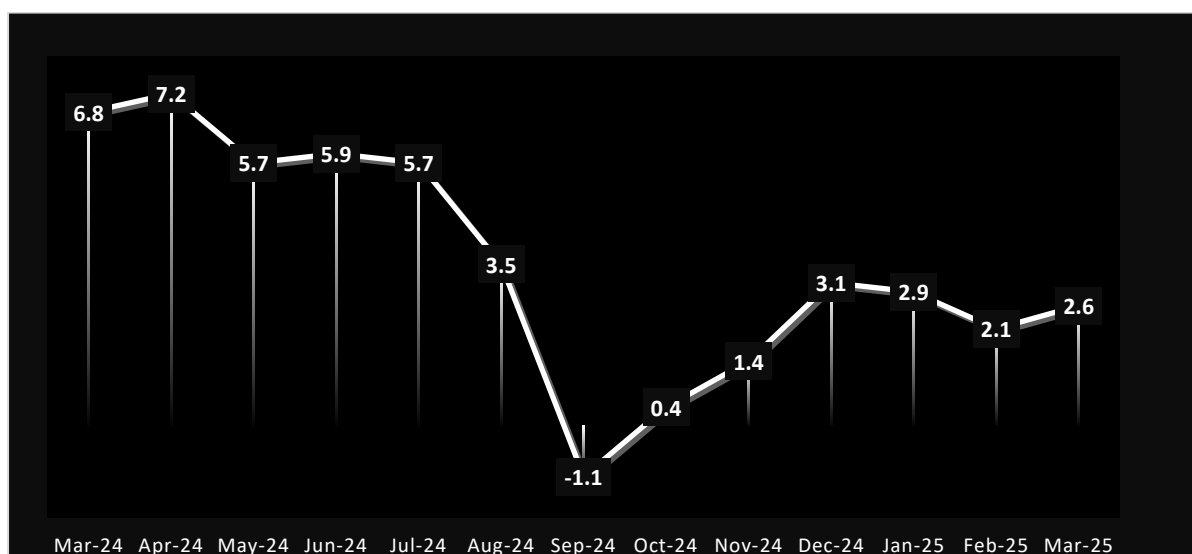
### I. INFLATION RATE (IR)

Inflation in Ifugao increased to 2.6 percent in March 2025 from 2.1 percent in February 2025. In addition, March 2025 inflation was lower by 4.2 percentage points from 6.8 percent in March 2024 and 0.5 percentage points higher from 2.1 percent in February 2025. (Table 1)

**Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items, Ifugao**  
In percent  
(2018=100)

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
<b>CAR</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>IFUGAO</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Figure 1. Inflation Rates, Ifugao, All Items (2018=100)**



**Table 2. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Group: Ifugao (2018 = 100)**  
(In Percent)

Area/Commodity Group	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	6.8	2.1	2.6
<b>Restaurants and Accommodation Services</b>	3.5	14.2	12.4
<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	11.9	4.1	4.4
<b>Recreation, Sport and Culture</b>	1.6	2.2	1.9
<b>Education Services</b>	6.9	1.4	1.4
<b>Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	1.4	1.0	0.8
<b>Health</b>	3.5	0.6	0.8
<b>Information and Communication</b>	0.0	0.9	0.8
<b>Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	5.8	1.0	0.7
<b>Clothing and Footwear</b>	6.3	1.1	0.6
<b>Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	4.5	2.0	0.6
<b>Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	2.9	-2.7	0.2
<b>Financial Services</b>	-25.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Transport</b>	-0.6	-0.9	-1.5

#### **A. Main Contributors to the Headline Inflation**

The top three commodity groups contributing to the March 2025 overall inflation was the following:

- Restaurants and Accommodation Services, 12.4%;
- Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, 4.4%;
- Recreation, Sport and Culture, 1.9%.

#### **B. Main Drivers to the Downward Trend**

In addition, contributing to the downtrend in overall inflation during the period March 2025 to February 2025 was the lower growth in the indices of the following commodity groups:

- Restaurants and Accommodation Services, -1.8 percentage points;
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, -1.4 percentage points;
- Transport, -0.6.



## II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

The Survey of Retail Prices of Commodities, conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), has produced a Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 131.0.4 in Ifugao as of March 2025, with 2018 serving as the base year. This figure indicates that the overall cost of a typical basket of goods and services commonly purchased by a Filipino household in various municipalities of Ifugao remained stable during the reference month.

Table 2 illustrates that all commodity groups either maintained their Consumer Price Index or experienced an increase, except for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels.

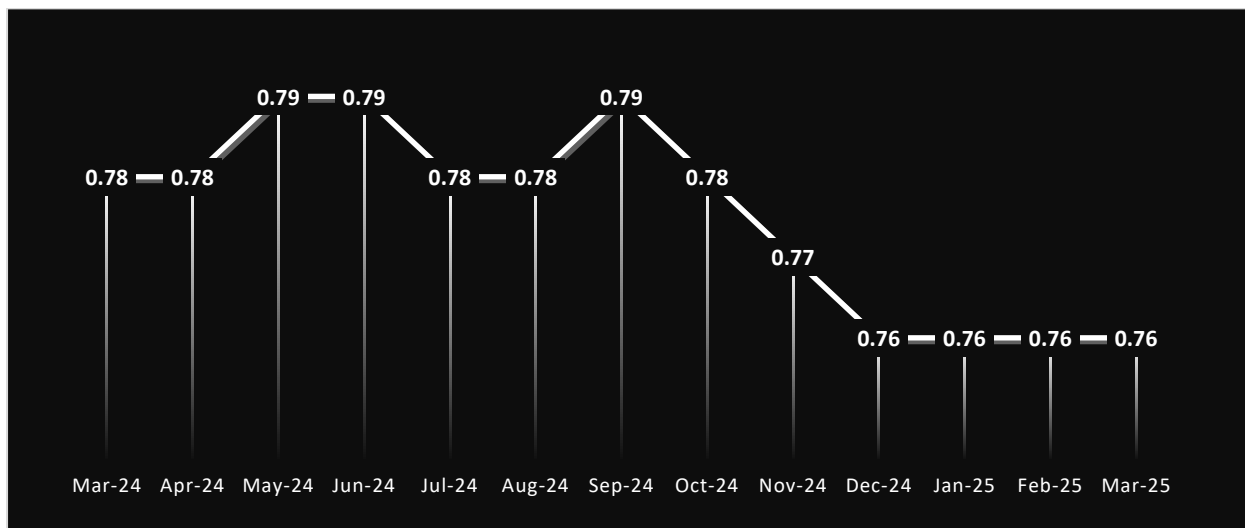
**'Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes**

Area/Commodity Group	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	127.7	131.1	131.0
<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	128.4	134.2	134.0
<b>Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	135.3	136.4	136.4
<b>Clothing and Footwear</b>	139.0	139.9	139.9
<b>Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	122.6	123.0	122.9
<b>Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	124.9	125.7	125.7
<b>Health</b>	131.0	131.7	132.0
<b>Transport</b>	128.7	127.6	126.8
<b>Information and Communication</b>	100.0	100.8	100.8
<b>Recreation, Sport and Culture</b>	129.8	132.3	132.3
<b>Education Services</b>	118.8	120.5	120.5
<b>Restaurants and Accommodation Services</b>	151.2	169.9	169.9
<b>Financial Services</b>	75.0	75.0	75.0
<b>Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	121.5	122.4	122.4



### III. PURCHASING POWER OF PESO (PPP)

**Figure 4. Monthly Purchasing Power of Peso in Ifugao (2018 = 100)**



The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) is intricately tied to the Inflation Rate, albeit in an inverse manner. As the Inflation Rate rises, the PPP declines. To illustrate, consider 1 peso in 2018: in March 2025, its value dwindles to 76 centavos, marking a decrease of 2 centavos from March 2024 when it stood at 0.78 centavos. Similarly, a hundred pesos from 2018 would translate to just 76 pesos by March 2025.

This consistent drop in the purchasing power of peso underscores the profound impact of inflation on consumers. With the diminishing purchasing power of the peso, maintaining the usual standard of living and managing expenses becomes increasingly challenging.

A decline in the purchasing power of the peso implies that each peso can procure fewer goods and services than before.



## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The CPI is an indicator of the changes in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services that most people buy for their day-to-day consumption relative to a base year.

### Uses of CPI

The CPI is most widely used to calculate inflation rate and the purchasing power of peso. It is a major statistical series used for economic analysis and as monitoring indicator of government economic policy. It is also used to adjust other economic series for price changes. For example, CPI components are used as deflators for most personal consumption expenditures (PCE) in the calculation in the Gross National Product (GNP). Another major importance of the CPI is its use as basis to adjust wages in labor management contracts as well as pensions and retirement benefits. Increases in wages through collective bargaining agreements used the CPI as one of their bases.

### Computation of the CPI

The computation of the CPI involves consideration of the following important points:

#### Base Period.

The reference date or period is the benchmark or reference date or period at which the index is taken as equal to 100

#### Market Basket

A sample of the thousands of varieties of goods purchased for consumption and services availed by the households in the country was selected to represent the composite price behavior of all goods and services purchased by consumers.

#### Weighting System

The weighting pattern uses the expenditures on various consumer item purchased by households as proportion to total expenditure.

#### Formula

The formula used in computing the CPI is the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives, the Laspeyre's formula with a fixed base year period (2012) weights.

#### Geographic Coverage

CPI values are computed at the national, regional, and provincial levels, and for selected cities.





### **Inflation Rate (IR)**

The Inflation Rate is the rate of change or the year-on-year change of the CPI. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of peso.

### **Headline Inflation**

Headline inflation refers to the rate of change in CPI. It captures the changes in the cost of living based on the movements of prices of items in the basket of commodities and services consumed by the typical Filipino households.

### **Core Inflation**

Core inflation measures the change in average consumer prices after excluding from the CPI certain items with volatile price movements. By stripping out the volatile components of the CPI, core inflation allows us to see the broad underlying trend in consumer prices. Core inflation is often used as an indicator of the long-term inflation trend and as indicator of future inflation. It is usually affected by the amount of money in the economy relative to production, or by monetary policy.

### **Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP)**

The purchasing power of the peso (PPP) shows how much peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

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