

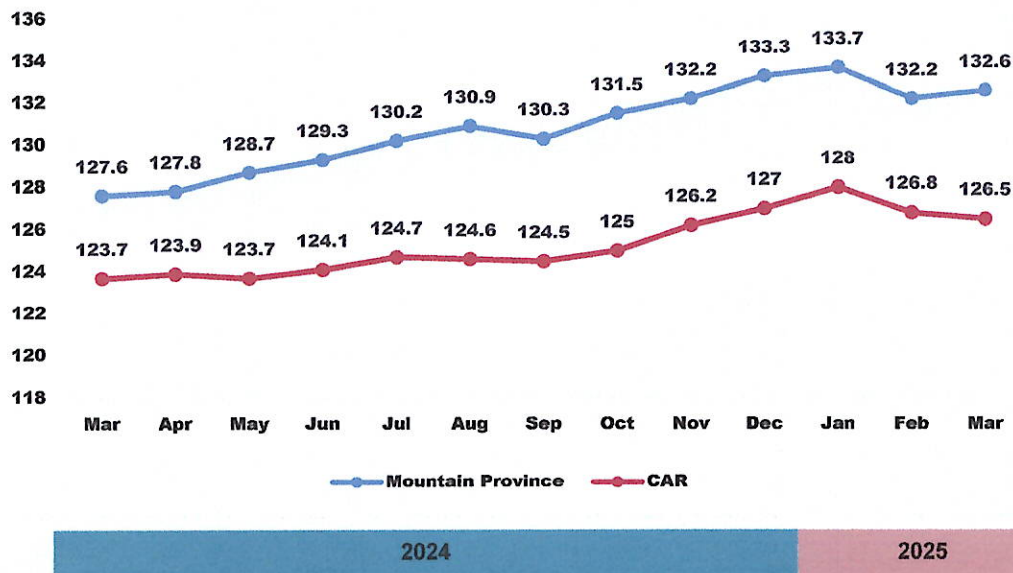
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Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Mountain Province: March 2025

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Figure 1: Consumer Price Index, All Items: Mountain Province and Cordillera Administrative Region, March 2024 - March 2025
(2018 = 100)



Consumer Price Index in Mountain Province increased to 132.6 percent

The Consumer Price Index for all items in Mountain Province was recorded at 132.6 index points this March 2025. It increased by 0.4 index points from the previous month's record at 132.2 index points.

On a year-on-year basis, the CPI increased by 5 percentage points during the

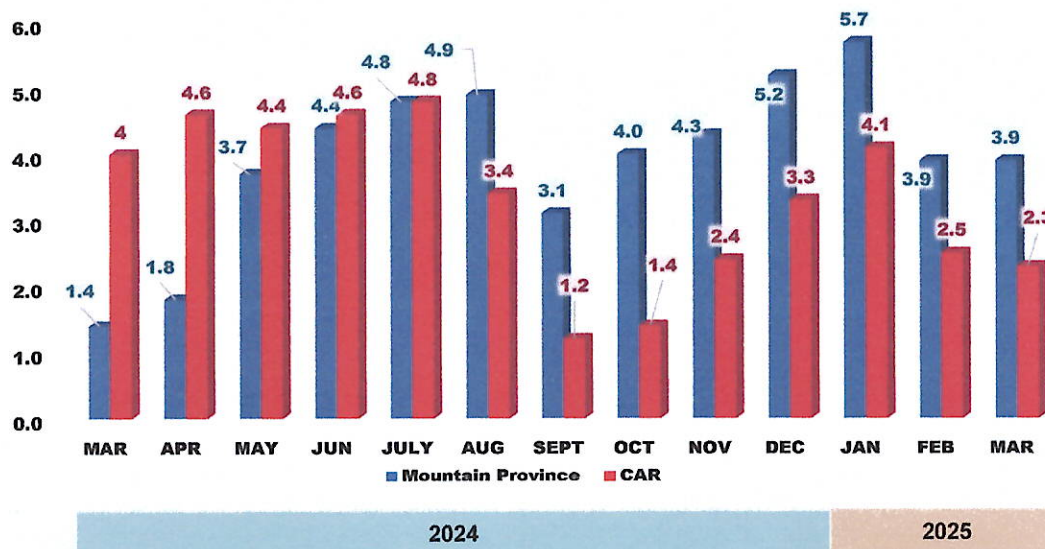


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month from 127.6 percent in March 2024. The CPI in Mountain Province consistently remains above the Cordillera Administrative Region's record settling at 126.5 percentage points.

The CPI of 132.6 percent in March 2025 means that using the year 2018 as the base year, there was an increase of 32.6 index points on the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households in the province (Figure 1).

Figure 2: Inflation Rates in Mountain Province and Cordillera Administrative Region, All Items, March 2024 – March 2025
(2018 = 100)



Inflation Rate in Mountain Province remains at 3.9 percent

The inflation rate in Mountain Province remained at 3.9 percent in March 2025, recording the same percentage points in February 2025. In March 2024, the inflation rate was lower at 1.4 percent. The inflation rate of the province is higher compared to the overall inflation rate of the Region at 2.3 percent.

Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages is the main contributory to the steady trend of the March 2025 Inflation Rate

The main contributory to the steady trend of the inflation rate based on weight of commodities was primarily due to the deflation of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages which decreased to 3.8 percent from its 4.6 percent inflation rate in February 2025. Additionally, a decrease in the inflation rate was noted in the following commodity group Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services; 3.0 percent during the month.

In contrast the commodities, Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; Restaurant and Accommodation Services; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Health; Transport; and Information and Communication; recorded an increase in their inflation rates at 8.0, 4.4, 4.2, 4.0, -0.7 and 0.0 percent in that order.

Meanwhile, inflation rates of the commodities Clothing and Footwear; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance; Recreation, Sport and Culture; Education Services and Financial Services remained at 0.9, 0.7, 0.4, 0.0 and 0.0 percent respectively when compared to their previous months' data (Table 1).

Table 1: Inflation Rate for All Income Households by Commodity Group,
Mountain Province: February 2024 – March 2025
(2018 = 100)

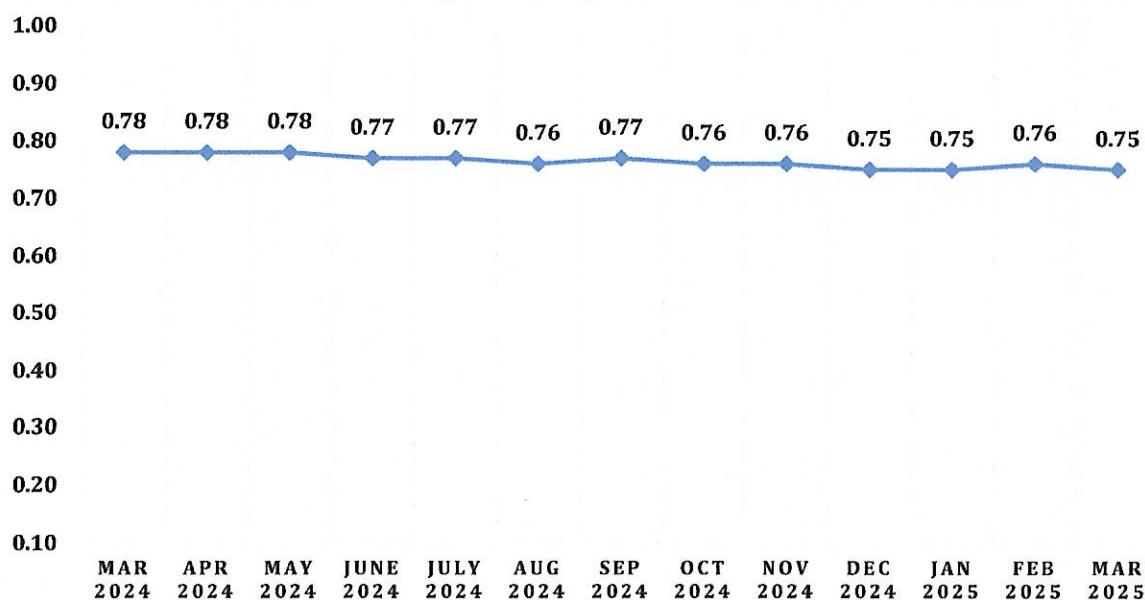
Commodity Group	February 2025	March 2025
All Items	3.9	3.9
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	4.6	3.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.8	4.2
Clothing and Footwear	0.9	0.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	7.7	8.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance	0.7	0.7
Health	2.8	4.0
Transport	-1.8	-0.7
Information and Communication	-0.1	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.4	0.4
Education Services	0.0	0.0

Restaurant and Accommodation Services	3.8	4.4
Financial Services	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1	3.0

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) increased 0.75

The PPP in Mountain Province decreased to 0.75 in March 2025 from the recorded PPP in February 2025 at 0.76. This means that a peso in 2018 was worth 75 centavos in March 2025. The PPP in March 2024 was at 0.78 (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) by Month,
Mountain Province: March 2024 – March 2025
(2018=100)




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