



CAR inflation accelerates to 4.1% in January 2025

The inflation rate in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) accelerated from 3.3% in December 2024 to 4.1% in January 2025. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - CAR Chief Statistical Specialist Aldrin Federico R. Bahit Jr. reported that the main sources of acceleration of the January 2025 inflation were Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 47.0% share; Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 30.2% share; and Transport with 10.7% share.

The major contributors to the January 2025 inflation rate of 4.1% were Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages with 50.0% share; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 30.1% share, and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 4.4% share.

The province of Abra had the highest inflation rate among the six provinces and one Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR with 6.9%. This was followed by Mountain Province with an inflation rate of 5.7%, Kalinga with 5.0%, the City of Baguio with 4.4%, Benguet with 3.0%, and Ifugao with 2.9%. The province of Apayao posted a deflation rate of 0.6%. The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in CAR with 2018 as base year went down to 78 centavos in January 2025. This means that one peso in 2018 was worth 78 centavos in January 2025.

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RSC-CAR approves DICT-CAR as its newest member



The Regional Statistics Committee-Cordillera Administrative Region (RSC-CAR) conducted its Second Quarter 2024 meeting last February 25, 2025 at Paragon Hotel, Baguio City.

One of the meeting highlights was the approval of the Department of Information and Communications Technology - CAR to sit as a regular member of the committee.

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Cordillera to develop and compile new series of environmental accounts



The Technical Working Group (TWG) on Environment Statistics and Task Force on Energy Flow and Solid Waste Accounts are set to account for energy and solid waste of the Cordillera region. This endeavor is under the Environment and Natural Resource Accounting (ENRA) Project which adopted the United Nations (UN) System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework, the international standard set by the UN Statistical Commission for environmental-economic accounting.

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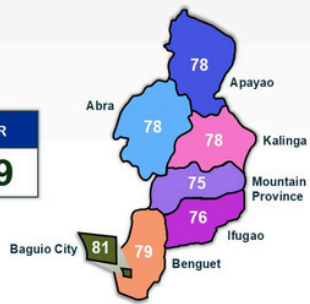
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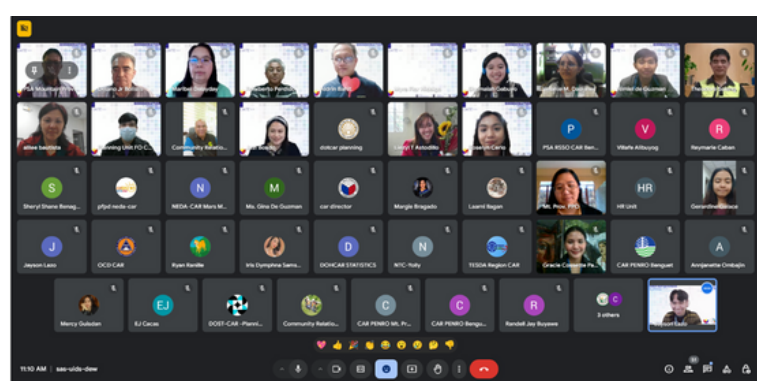
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The Chief Statistical Specialists of the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices in CAR presented the inflation report of their respective provinces. The online dissemination of the January 2025 Cordillera Inflation Report was conducted last 14 February 2025 via Google Meet. This was attended by 63 participants from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academe, and the media.



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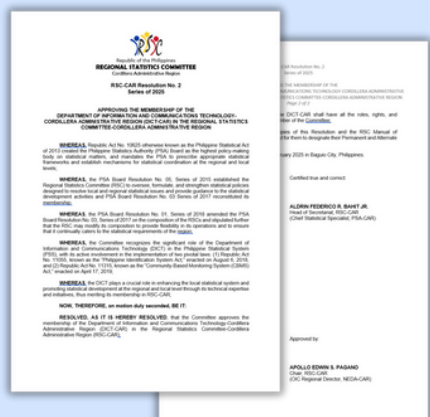


In reference to the guidelines for RSCs, the PSA Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2018 amended the PSA Board Resolution No. 03, Series of 2017 on the composition of the RSCs and stipulated further that the RSC may modify its composition to provide flexibility in its operations and to ensure that it continually caters to the statistical requirements of the region.

The Committee recognizes the significant role of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), with its active involvement in the implementation of two pivotal laws: (1) Republic Act No. 11055, known as the "Philippine Identification System Act," enacted on August 6, 2018, and (2) Republic Act No. 11315, known as the "Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Act," enacted on April 17, 2019.

The DICT plays a crucial role in enhancing the local statistical system and promoting statistical development at the regional and local level through its technical expertise and initiatives, thus meriting its membership in RSC-CAR.

DICT-CAR's membership was approved through RSC-CAR Resolution No. 02, Series of 2025.



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The meeting highlighted the preliminary estimates for the Solid Waste Accounts of Baguio City covering the period 2021 to 2023 and the compilation of the new series of environment statistics prescribed by the United Nations Framework on the Development of Environment Statistics (UN FDES) covering the years 2019 to 2023.

PSA-CAR Statistical Analyst Jayson P. Lazo discussed the development of a new series of land and water accounts. His discussion covered the set activities for each account, the data and data sources, and the expected outputs.

He also provided updates on the energy flow accounts where data on electricity generation or purchase, consumption, and losses had already been collected from various electric cooperatives in the Cordilleras, including the Cagayan Electric Cooperative II of Cagayan Valley Region that serves the areas of Flora, Sta. Marcela, Luna, and Pudtol in Apayao.

Tentative schedules of activities for the compilation of environment statistics and development of environmental accounts that includes technical training/discussion/workshops and quarterly joint meetings of the TWG on Environment Statistics and task forces of subject-matter environmental accounts.

The compilation of environment accounts and statistics in the Cordillera region serves as the basis for policymaking as regards to a holistic approach to counter environmental degradation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and ensure environmental sustainability and preservation.

GANGSA



A *gangsa* (gong) is an indigenous musical instrument of the Igorots ("people of the mountain") of the Cordillera region. It is usually played during cultural celebrations, rituals and festivities. It is a cultural symbol of fellowship and unity among the Igorots.

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