

The National ID Personnel of Camarines Sur during the Refreshers Training on National ID Fron: Services held at Sundaze Conference Hall, Naga City on January 17to 18, 2025

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National ID Registration Resumes at LGU-Based Registration Centers in Camarines Sur

PSA Camarines Sur has officially reinstituted the National ID registration in the province with the vision of registering all unregistered individuals and provide them a valid proof of identity and age that will make both public and private transactions easier and more efficient. The resumption supports the government's continuous effort to ensure that every Filipino has access to secure and reliable identification system.

Camsureños can now visit the designated registration centers in their respective Local Govern Units to access the different National ID Frontline services which includes National ID Registration, National ID in Paper Form issuance and generation of the Digital National ID. PSA Camarines Sur has ensured that every resident will have equal access to registration by allocating registration kits to various registration centers in every district of the province. These registration kits will be routed to each municipality of the district to cater to unregistered individuals in the area. ...continue to page 3

CamSur Successfully Concludes January Labor Force Survey with 99.7% Response Rate



LFS CamSur Personnel locating sample HHs during the enumeration held on January 8-30, 2025.

The Provincial Office of Camarines Sur successfully conducted the January Labor Force Survey (LFS), achieving a 99.7% response rate from 386 sample households across the province. The survey was carried out by hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) and was met with full cooperation from the respondents. To ensure data accuracy and quality, SS II Joycell B. Estacion, SA Johanna H. Barcena and COSW Merry Grace Unciano supervised the data collection process.

The LFS is a nationwide initiative of the PSA aimed at providing a comprehensive statistical framework for labor market analysis. It gathers crucial data on employment, unemployment, and underemployment levels and trends, serving as a key resource for policy formulation and development planning at both regional and national levels.

Inflation Report

January 2025 Inflation in Camarines Sur Grows to 3.1 Percent

The headline inflation in Camarines Sur increased to 3.1 percent in January 2025 from 2.1 percent recorded in December 2024. This brings the provincial average inflation to 3.1 percent. In addition, the inflation rate in January 2025 was lower by 0.5 percentage points than the inflation rate recorded in December 2024 at 3.6 percent.

The uptrend in the overall inflation in January 2025 was primarily influenced by the faster year-on-year increase in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at 3.1 percent inflation from -0.5 percent in the previous month. The main contributor to the inflation in this commodity group is the Actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence which increased from 0 percent recorded in December 2024 to 5.5 percent in January 2025.

The second contributor in the uptrend of the inflation is the faster increase in Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages which recorded 3.2 percent inflation in January 2025 from 2.6 percent in December 2024.

In addition, inflation rate in the following commodity groups also recorded a faster increase in prices: Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 2.7 percent; Transport, 3.7 percent; Information and Communication, 0.8 percent; Recreation, Sport and Culture, 3.4 percent; Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 2.2 percent.

On the other hand, Health registered a slower increase during the month with 3.3 percent from 3.4 percent in December 2024.

Meanwhile, Financial Services recorded zero percent annual growth,

Year-on-Year Inflation Rates for All Income Households, Camarines Sur, in Percent:



Jan '24 Feb '24 Mar '24 Apr '24 May '24 June '24 July '24 Aug '24 Sep '24 Oct '24 Nov '24 Dec '24 Jan '25 Month/Year

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the changes in the average price level of goods and services that most people buy for their day-to-day consumption. It measures the composite change in the consumer prices of various commodities over time.

while the following commodities retained the previous month's inflation rate: Clothing and Footwear, 7.2 percent; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, 2.6 percent; Education Services, 2.7 percent; and Restaurants and Accommodation Services, 0.8 percent. The Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in the province of Camarines Sur decreased to 0.74 in January 2025. This means that a peso in 2018 is only worth 74 centavos in January 2025, or you need PhP136.00 to purchase the same volume of goods and services worth P100.00 in 2018.

COMPONENTS OF CPI

A. Base Period

The reference date or base period is the benchmark or reference date or period at which the index is taken as equal to 100. Starting January 2022, the base period is 2018.

B. Market Basket

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

C. Inflation Rate

The inflation rate is the annual or monthly rate of change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money.

YEAR-ON-YEAR INFLATION RATE

Year-On-Year Inflation Rate is the annual percentage change of CPI. For example, the percentage change of CPI between December 2023 and December 2024.

D. Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)

The purchasing power of 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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The National ID Registration process is conducted in the designated registration centers in the municipality and other areas during mobile and institutional registration. Registration to National ID is now open to all ages including children aged 0 to 4 years old. Registrants are encouraged to bring their valid IDs and other supporting documents such as the original copy of the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) to be used during registration. PSA Camarines Sur continues its efforts deliver the National ID services by conducting mobile and institutional registration in the province. The agency encourages all residents to enroll themselves to the National ID System and enjoy the benefits of being National ID registered.

PSA Camarines Sur Conducts QSPBI to Assess Economic Performance

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Camarines Sur has commenced the Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI) for the last round of 2024, covering 75 sample establishments across the province. Field operations began on January 2, 2025, with data collection ongoing until March 31, 2025.

As of January 31, 2025, the survey had already achieved a 49.3% collection rate, with all questionnaires successfully distributed to the selected establishments.

The QSPBI is a crucial establishment -based survey conducted quarterly by PSA. It gathers essential data on employment, compensation, revenue or sales, and inventories across various economic sectors classified under the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC).

Moreover, the QSPBI plays a key role in the compilation of the Quarterly National Accounts of the Philippines (QNAP), making it a vital tool in assessing the country's economic performance.

PSA Camarines Sur remains committed to ensuring the success of the survey and providing accurate, reliable data to support economic planning and policy-making.



Gift Giving and Feeding Program Brings Joy to Students in Gainza, Camarines Sur



Pupils of Dahilig Elementary School with PSA Camarines Sur personnel during the Gift Giving and Feeding Program held on January 25, 2025

In line with its commitment to social responsibility, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Camarines Sur organized a Gift Giving Activity and Feeding Program on January 23, 2025, benefiting 13 elementary students from Dahilig Elementary School in Gainza, Camarines Sur.

The initiative aimed to provide support and bring joy to under-privileged children, reinforcing PSA's dedication to helping marginalized sectors, including children, women, and the elderly.

The students received gifts and nutritious meals, making the event a heartwarming experience. Their smiles and excitement served as a testament to the program's impact, motivating PSA to continue its advocacy for community welfare.

PSA Camarines Sur remains committed to extending its outreach efforts, emphasizing the importance of giving back and uplifting those in need.

PSA Camarines Conducts 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Saturation and Data Processing

PSA Camarines Sur Provincial Statistical Office conducted a Saturation Drive in selected areas for the 2024 Census of Population and Community -Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS). To ensure that all areas are completely covered across the province, the saturation activities were conducted particularly on areas that has a noticeable decrease in the number of Housing Units and Households.

Meanwhile, the POPCEN-CBMS data processing began in November 2024. Hired data processors undertook the essential tasks of encoding and verifying the collected data and the geotagged points.

As of January 31, 2025, more than 60 percent of the total workload of Camarines Sur were processed.

The Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) plays a crucial role in government planning and decisionmaking. It provides accurate population data, helps identify marginalized sectors, and ensures the efficient delivery of social services such as health, education, and livelihood programs. The data gathered is essential for local and national development, guiding policies on poverty reduction, disaster preparedness, and economic growth. It also aids businesses in making informed investment decisions. With POPCEN-CBMS, the government can create targeted programs that address the real needs of communities, ensuring inclusive and sustainable progress.

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