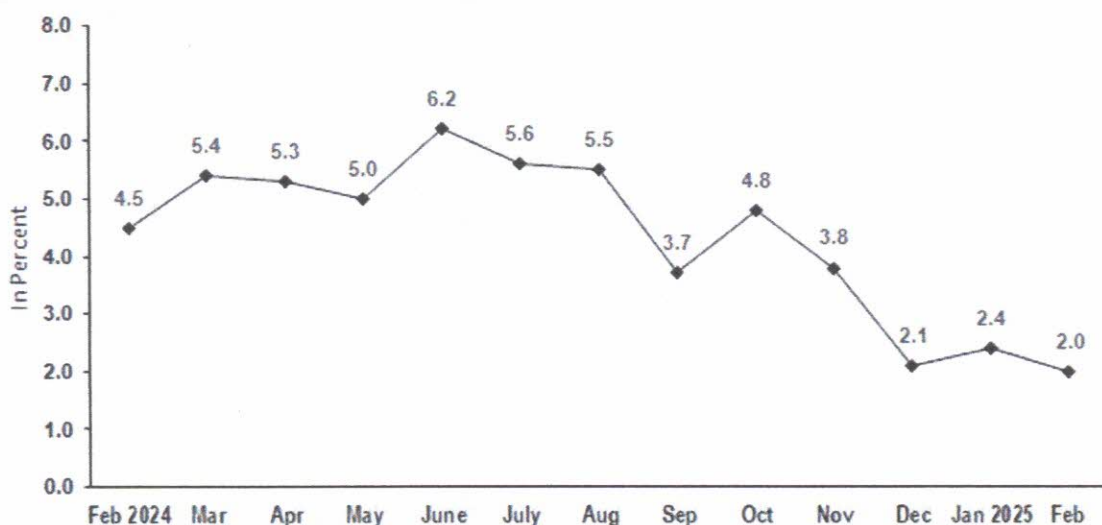


# SPECIAL RELEASE

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR BOTTOM 30% INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN REGION V FEBRUARY 2025 (2018=100)

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**Figure 1. Inflation Rates in Bicol Region, Bottom 30%  
(2018=100)**



### Overall Inflation

The region's inflation rate for the bottom 30% income households slowed down to 2.0 percent in February 2025 from 2.4 percent in January 2025. In February 2024, the inflation rate was posted at 4.5 percent

### *Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of the Overall Inflation*

The downtrend in the overall inflation for the bottom 30% income households in February 2025 was primarily influenced by the lower year-on-year growth in the heavily-weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages at 1.5 percent during the month from 2.4 percent in the previous month. Also contributing to the downward trend was transport at 0.3 percent during the month from 2.9 percent in January 2025, and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 3.3 percent during the month from 3.6 percent in January 2025.



Moreover, lower annual rates were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month:

- a. Clothing and Footwear, 4.0 percent from 4.2 percent;
- b. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, 3.5 percent from 3.7 percent; and
- c. Recreation, sport and culture, 7.7 percent from 8.9 percent.

In contrast, the following commodity groups registered higher annual growth rates during the month:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, 2.9 percent from 1.0 percent;
- b. Health, 1.9 percent from 1.6 percent; and
- c. Restaurants and accommodation services, 2.2 percent from 1.4 percent;

The indices of alcoholic beverages and tobacco, information and communication, education services, and financial services retained their respective previous month's inflation rates in February 2025.

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

The top three commodity groups contributing to the February 2025 overall inflation were the following:

- a. Food and non-alcoholic beverages with 43.5 percent share or 0.9 percentage point;
- b. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 22.4 percent share or 0.5 percentage point; and
- c. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services with 7.8 percent share or 0.2 percentage point.

#### **Food Inflation**

Food inflation at the regional level decreased to 1.3 percent in February 2025 from 2.2 percent in the previous month. In February 2024, food inflation was higher at 8.3 percent.

#### *Main Drivers to the Downward Trend of Food Inflation*

The deceleration of food inflation in February 2025 was primarily brought about by slower year-on-year increase in the index of vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 13.8 percent during the month from a 27.7 percent annual decline in January 2025 and milk, other dairy products and eggs at 1.4 percent from 2.9 percent in January 2025. Faster annual decline was also observed in the index of rice at 7.7 percent during the month from -6.6 percent.

Slower annual increments were also noted in the indices of the following food groups:

- a. Corn, 7.6 percent from 8.1 percent;
- b. Flour, bread and other dairy products, 4.1 percent from 4.6 percent;
- c. Fish and other seafood, 2.0 percent from 2.5 percent; and
- d. Ready-made food and other food products, 4.4 percent from 5.2 percent.

In contrast, higher annual increases were observed were noted in the following food groups:

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, 14.3 percent from 9.9 percent; and
- b. Fruit and nuts, 5.8 percent from 3.5 percent; and

Moreover, slower annual decline were observed in oils and fats at 1.3 percent from 2.3 percent and sugar, confectionery and desserts at 3.6 percent from 4.3 percent.

#### *Main Contributors to the Food Inflation*

Food inflation shared 33.7 percent or 0.7 percentage point to the overall inflation in February 2025. The top three food groups in terms of contribution to the food inflation during the month were the following:

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals, with a share of 149.9 percent or 2.0 percentage points;
- b. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, with a share of 85.4 percent or 1.1 percentage points; and
- c. Fish and other seafood with a share of 25.7 percent or 0.3 percentage point.

Commodity/ Service Group	February 2024	January 2024	February 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>
* Food	8.3	2.2	1.3
Cereals and Cereal Products	26.9	-4.3	-5.2
Cereals	33.6	-6.3	-7.4
Rice	34.3	-6.6	-7.7
Corn	8.9	8.1	7.6
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	4.4	4.6	4.1
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.2	9.9	14.3
Fish and Other Seafood	-4.4	2.5	2.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	2.5	2.9	1.4
Oils and Fats	-10.6	-2.3	-1.3
Fruits and Nuts	8.5	3.5	5.8
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	-15.2	27.7	13.8
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	-3.6	-4.3	-3.6
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	4.0	5.2	4.4
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	1.4	0.0	6.6



**Table 2. Inflation Rate (IR) and Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in Bicol Region, by Province: February 2024, January 2025 and February 2025 (2018=100)**

Region and Province	Inflation Rate (IR)		
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
<b>BICOL REGION</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Albay	4.4	3.5	2.8
Camarines Norte	4.8	2.4	1.9
Camarines Sur	4.9	1.9	1.6
Catanduanes	5.8	2.4	2.1
Masbate	5.6	2.6	2.1
Sorsogon	2.2	2.2	1.7

**Table 3. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate (IR) by Commodity/Service Group, February 2024, January 2025 and February 2025: Bicol Region (2018=100)**

Commodity/Service Group	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
<b>All Items</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.0	2.4	1.5
II. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.1	3.1	3.1
III. Clothing and Footwear	4.3	4.2	4.0
IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-8.8	1.0	2.9
V. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.2	3.7	3.5
VI. Health	2.5	1.6	1.9
VII. Transport	4.1	2.9	0.3
VIII. Information and Communication	6.0	0.7	0.7
IX. Recreation, Sport and Culture	7.7	8.9	7.7
X. Education Services	2.8	0.5	0.5
XI. Restaurants and Accommodation Services	4.8	1.4	2.2
XII. Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
XIII. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.2	3.6	3.3

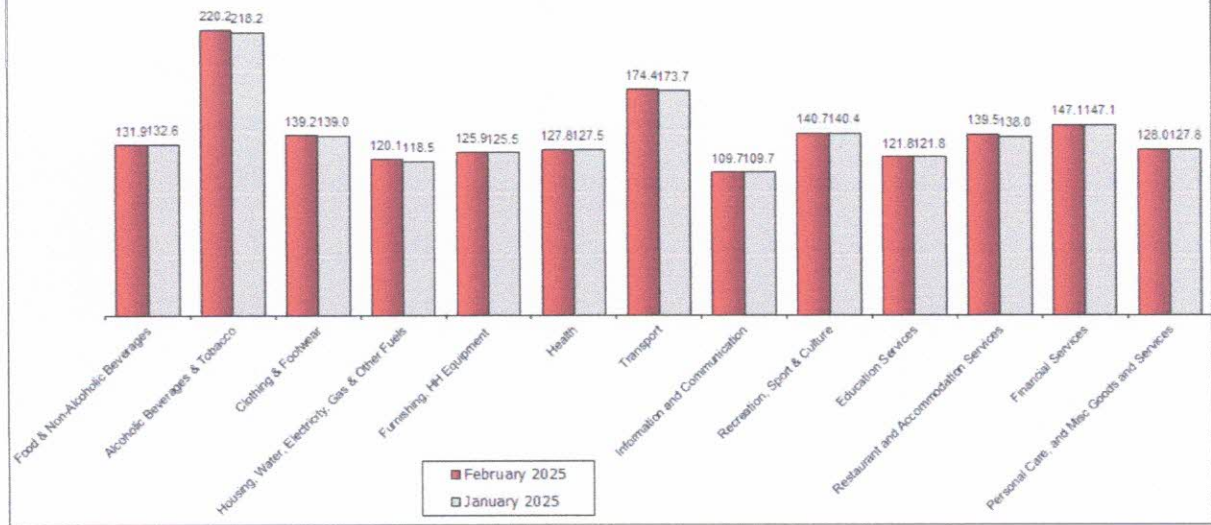
**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Bottom 30% Income Households in Bicol Region, by Province and by Commodity/Service Group: February 2025 (2018=100)**

Commodity/Service Group	Region V	Albay	Cam. Norte	Cam. Sur	Catanduanes	Masbate	Sorsogon
<b>All Items</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>128.9</b>
I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	131.9	134.0	128.9	135.8	130.1	128.2	126.9
II. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	220.2	241.2	208.3	222.8	241.8	188.1	234.6
III. Clothing and Footwear	139.2	139.7	131.7	147.0	139.2	137.5	126.0
IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	120.1	131.6	115.6	112.1	129.9	128.7	119.6
V. Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	125.9	139.2	126.5	115.0	121.5	135.8	124.4
VI. Health	127.8	142.1	130.1	118.8	122.2	120.5	129.6
VII. Transport	174.4	183.8	168.2	188.7	168.8	159.6	143.6
VIII. Information and Communication	109.7	106.9	101.5	120.4	104.4	101.7	100.3
IX. Recreation, Sport and Culture	140.7	142.2	133.0	146.0	151.7	142.5	128.0
X. Education Services	121.8	146.4	109.3	114.6	100.0	116.3	120.1
XI. Restaurants and Accommodation Services	139.5	128.2	167.9	136.2	163.9	136.3	125.2
XII. Financial Services	147.1	146.0	145.3	145.9	163.6	163.6	146.0
XIII. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	128.0	127.3	127.8	127.8	133.2	130.3	125.5

**Table 5. Consumer Price Index and Monthly Percent Change For All Income Households  
by Commodity Group: January 2025 and February 2025  
(2018=100)**

Commodity/ Service Group	January 2025	February 2025	Monthly Percent Change	
			January 2025	February 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
* Food	132.7	131.9	0.2	-0.6
Cereals and Cereal Products	121.5	121.1	-1.5	-0.3
Cereals	118.7	118.1	-1.1	-0.5
Rice	118.5	117.9	-1.0	-0.5
Corn	130.2	129.6	-4.2	-0.4
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	133.6	134.0	0.1	0.2
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	136.4	143.9	1.3	5.5
Fish and Other Seafood	141.3	140.5	0.9	-0.6
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	129.0	127.2	1.7	-1.4
Oils and Fats	116.8	117.1	-2.2	0.3
Fruits and Nuts	143.6	146.6	2.4	2.1
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	170.0	149.7	9.5	-11.9
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	142.1	143.0	-0.3	0.6
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	136.6	136.2	0.8	-0.3
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	131.3	132.2	2.7	0.7
<b>II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>218.2</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Alcoholic Beverages	152.4	153.5	2.5	0.7
Tobacco	244.4	246.6	0.6	0.9
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products				
<b>NON-FOOD</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>139.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Clothing	139.4	139.6	0.8	0.1
Footwear	137.5	137.5	-3.9	0.0
<b>IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Actual Rentals for Housing	122.7	122.7	-1.9	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	115.9	115.9	-4.9	0.0
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	114.0	114.0	1.5	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	117.1	119.5	1.6	2.0
<b>V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	122.4	122.4	-1.1	0.0
Household Textiles	114.0	113.7	-6.6	-0.3
Household Appliances	115.3	115.3	0.5	0.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	135.8	135.8	0.0	0.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	133.9	133.7	6.9	-0.1
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	132.7	133.5	-3.4	0.6
<b>VI. HEALTH</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Medicines and Health Products	126.9	127.1	2.3	0.2
Outpatient Care Services	202.7	202.7	31.5	0.0
Inpatient Care Services	113.3	116.0	-4.7	2.4
Other Health Services	134.6	135.1	0.1	0.4
<b>VII. TRANSPORT</b>	<b>173.7</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Purchase of Vehicles	136.0	137.9	8.6	1.4
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	121.2	122.8	0.4	1.3
Passenger Transport Services	201.5	201.5	1.9	0.0
Transport Services of Goods	106.3	106.3	-0.4	0.0
<b>VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Information and Communication Equipment	116.4	116.4	11.5	0.0
Information and Communication Services	109.6	109.6	-0.1	0.0
<b>IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>140.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Recreational Durables				
Other Recreational Goods	131.7	132.0	15.2	0.2
Garden Products and Pets	129.3	133.4	2.5	3.2
Recreational Services	95.2	95.2	1.0	0.0
Cultural Goods				
Cultural Services	120.5	120.5	-0.2	0.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	153.8	154.2	3.4	0.3
Package Holidays				
<b>X. EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Early Childhood and Primary Education	120.9	120.9	-2.6	0.0
Secondary Education	125.3	125.3	6.5	0.0
Tertiary Education	114.3	114.3	-1.5	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level				
<b>XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Food and Beverage Serving Services	138.1	139.7	1.4	1.2
Accommodation Services	111.0	111.0	-2.5	0.0
<b>XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Financial Services	147.1	147.1	-1.6	0.0
<b>XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Personal Care	127.8	128.1	0.9	0.2
Other Personal Effects	126.6	126.3	1.4	-0.2
Other Services	150.2	151.4	4.7	0.8

**Figure 2. Consumer Price Index for All-Income Households, Region V:  
January 2025 and February 2025  
(2018=100)**



## DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS

**Consumer Price Index** - a statistical measure of the change in average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services bought by a specific group of consumers in a given area in a given period of time.

**Purchasing Power of the Currency or Peso (PPP)** - a measure of the volume of goods and services which the currency can buy at any given period relative to that which it could purchase during the base year. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

**Market Basket** - the total number of goods and services in constant amounts and qualities which are samples of the goods and services available in the market and included in the construction of the index. CPI market basket was selected to represent the composite price behavior of all goods and services purchased by consumers. Composition of the 2012 market basket was determined based on the results of the 2018 update of the 2012 basket. Provinces and selected cities had own market baskets.

**Base Year** - it identifies the base period with which the index relates. It is a period of time chosen as reference on which a price index is computed. The index for the base year is 100.

**Retail Price** - the actual price at which retailers sell a commodity on spot or earliest delivery, usually in small quantities for consumption and not for resale. It is confined to transactions on cash basis in the free market and excludes black-market prices and prices of commodities that are on sale as in summer sales, anniversary sales, Christmas sales, etc.

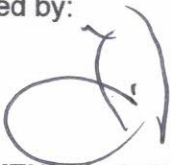
**Percent Change** - the percent point change expressed as percent of the index of the earliest date.

**Inflation Rate** - the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change of the CPI. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money.

### **Note to Users:**

The monthly Consumer Price Index is computed based on the average retail prices of goods and services collected **during the first week and mid-month of the reference month.**

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