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## Aklan Headline Inflation: February 2025

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### Year-on-Year Inflation

In February 2025, the headline inflation in Aklan grew at a slower rate of 1.4 percent compared to the 2.3 percent recorded in the previous month, and is lower by 2.1 percentage points from the 3.5 percent inflation observed in February 2024. On the average, prices of goods and services in Aklan went up at a slower rate than the national and regional inflation rate at 2.1 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively.

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

Area	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Philippines	3.4	2.9	2.1
Western Visayas	2.7	3.6	2.7
Aklan	3.5	2.3	1.4

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority

Commodity groups exhibited either slower or steady inflation rates from January to February 2025, having the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages contributing the highest in the inflation trend turnaround this month. It registered an inflation of 1.3 percent from 2.7 percent inflation in the previous month. (See Figure 1)

Transport commodities, followed, that displayed a deceleration in inflation from 0.5 percent in the previous month to -1.1 percent in February 2025, while, Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services decline from 1.6 percent a month ago to 0.5 percent reported this month. (See Figure 1)

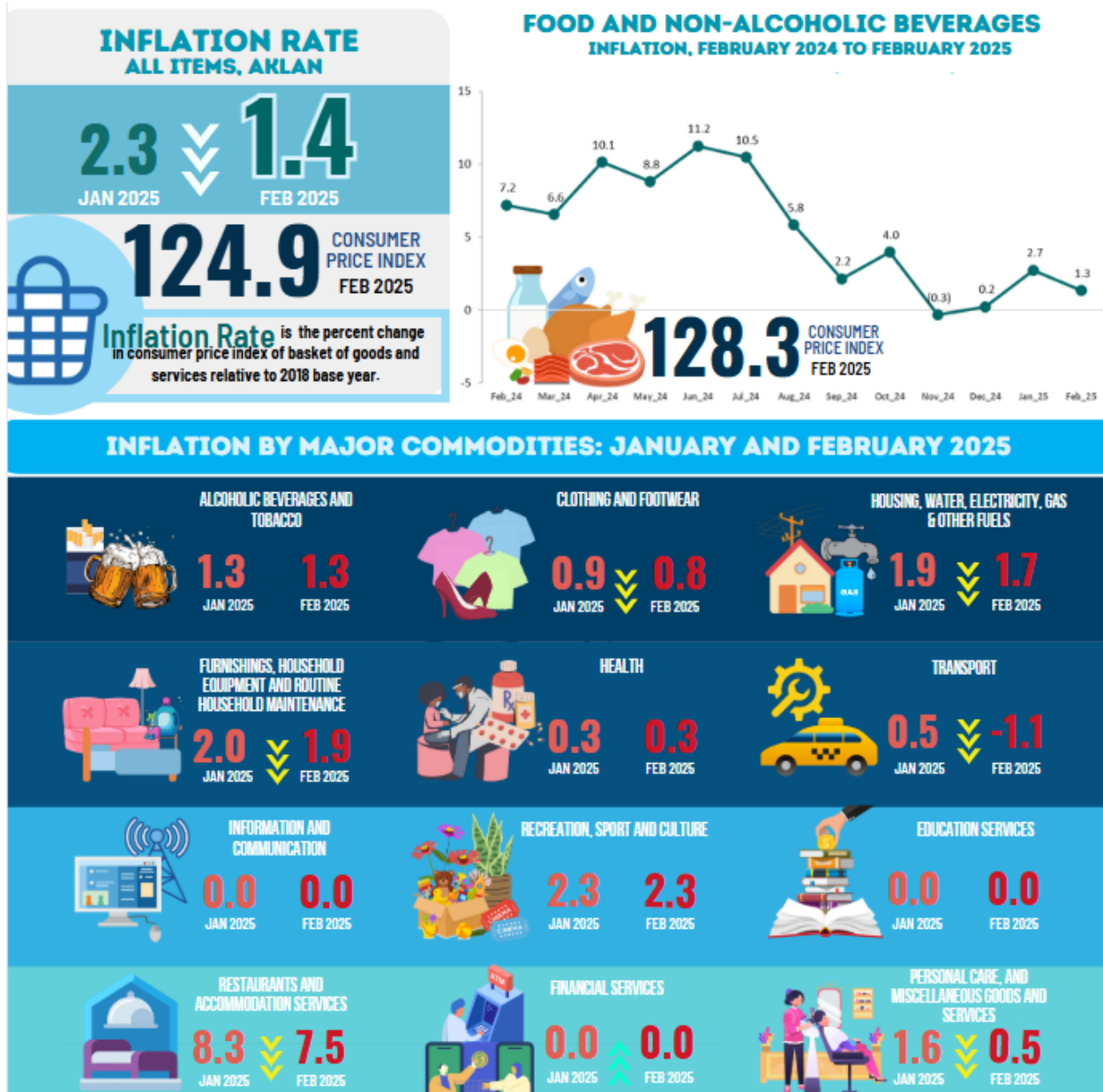
Other major commodities that showed lower inflation rate from January to February 2025 were:

- Restaurant and accommodation services, from 8.3 percent to 7.5 percent;
- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, from 1.9 percent to 1.7 percent;
- Clothing and footwear, from 0.9 percent to 0.8 percent; and
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, from 2.0 percent to 1.9 percent. (See Figure 1)

Other commodity groups showed steady inflation level in February 2025. (See Figure 1)

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Figure 1. Inflation by Major Commodities: Aklan, December 2024 and January 2025



## Major Contributors to Inflation

The overall inflation of Aklan was mainly contributed by price hike of Food and non-alcoholic beverages which recorded 1.3 percent inflation with 37.9 percent share to overall inflation. This was followed by Restaurants and accommodation services at 7.5 percent inflation with 31.9

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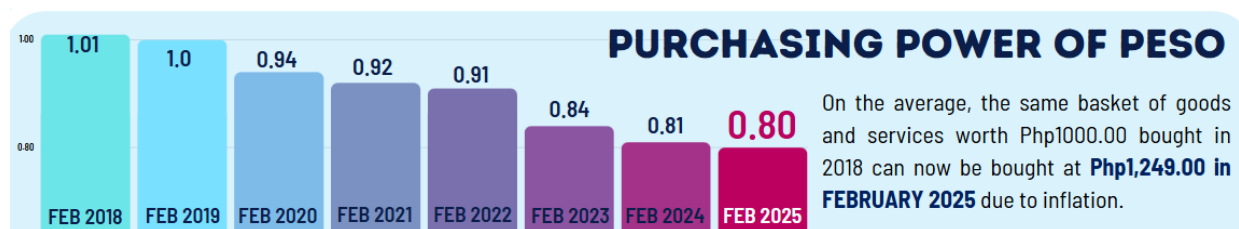
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percent share to inflation, and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 1.7 percent inflation and 23.1 percent share to inflation.

Other major commodity groups also contributed to the province's inflation rate in February 2025 and shared less than 5 percent to the overall inflation:

- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, with 1.9 percent inflation and 4.9 percent share;
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, with 1.3 percent inflation and 2.5 percent share;
- Recreation, sport and culture, with 2.3 percent inflation and 2.2 percent share;
- Clothing and footwear, with 0.8 percent inflation and 2.1 percent share;
- Personal care and Miscellaneous goods and services, 0.5 percent inflation with 1.6 percent share to inflation.

## Purchasing Power of Peso



The purchasing power of peso (PPP) is inversely associated with inflation, which implies that as inflation increases, the purchasing power of peso decreases.

PPP in February 2025 was valued at 80 centavos, lower than 81 centavos recorded PPP in the same month last year.

This indicates that a 1000-peso worth of goods and services bought in 2018 will require a person an additional P249.00 in order to buy them in February 2025.

## Food Inflation

It was observed that prices of Rice mainly brought the downtrend of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages, showing -5.9 percent deflation in February 2025 from -3.4 percent in January 2025. (See Figure 1)

Among other food commodities, Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses, followed next, from 3.8 percent to -2.9 percent inflation in February 2025 as well as, Fish and other seafoods which declined from 7.4 percent to 5.5 percent from January to February 2025 and Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. that went down from 3.4 percent in January 2025 to 2.5 percent in February 2025 (See Figure 1)

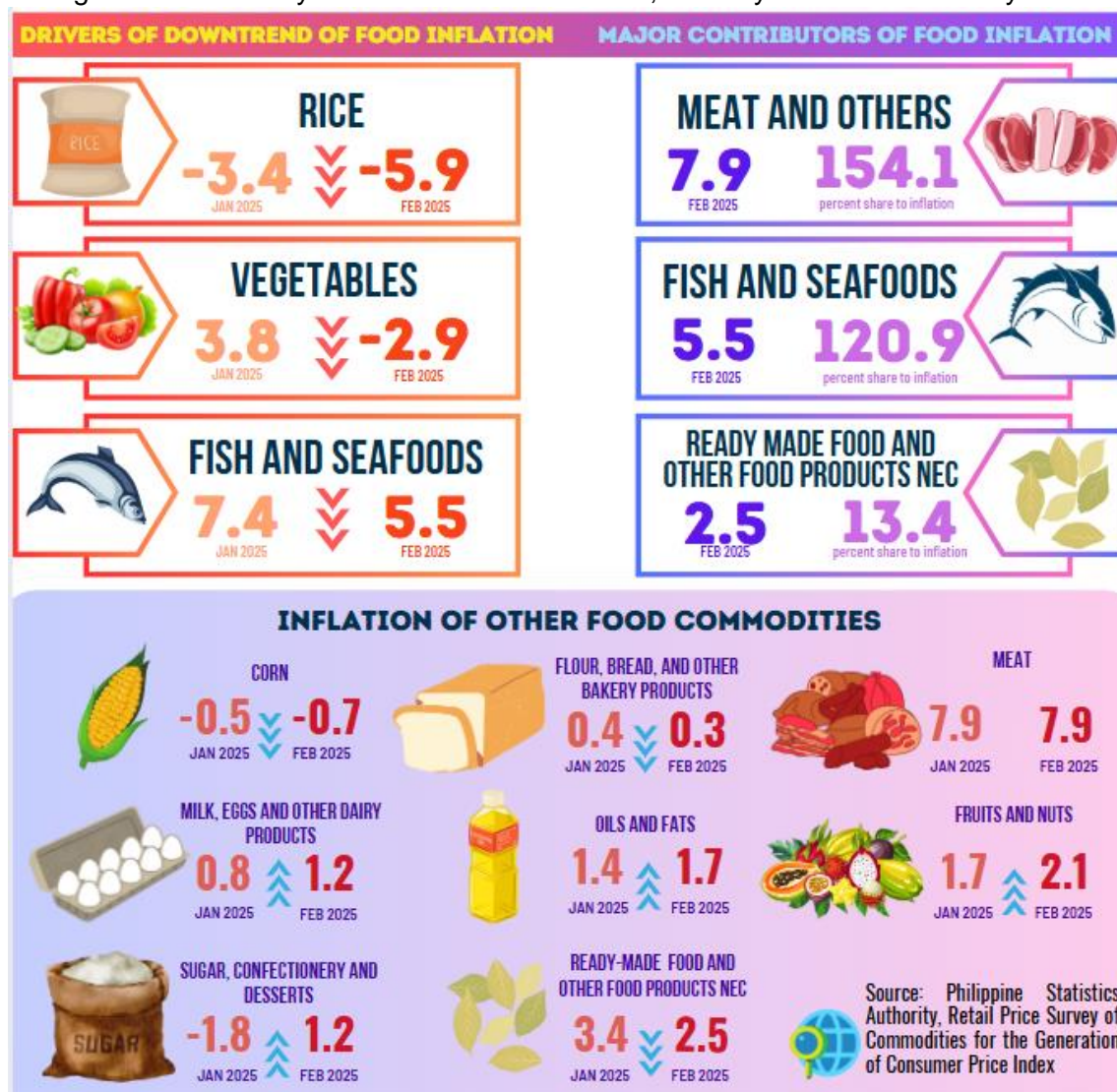
On the contrary, price of other food products increased faster from January to February 2025:

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- Milk, other dairy products and eggs, from 0.8 percent to 1.2 percent;
- Oils and Fats, from 1.4 percent to 1.7 percent;
- Fruits and Nuts, from 1.7 percent to 2.1 percent; and
- Sugar, confectionery and desserts, from -1.8 percent to 1.2 percent. (See Figure 2)

Figure 2. Inflation by Food Commodities: Aklan, January 2025 and February 2025



Meanwhile, food inflation in February 2025 was mainly caused by price movement of Meat, like pork and chicken, that recorded 7.9 percent inflation and contributed 154.1 percent to the total food inflation. Also, prices of Fish and other seafoods contributed highly to the food inflation, with 5.5 percent inflation which accounted to 120.9 percent share to food inflation. This was

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distantly followed by price movements of Ready-made food and other food products nec, posted 2.5 percent inflation and 13.4 percent share. (See Figure 2)

Moreover, 1.3 percent inflation in food commodities results in an additional P292.00 this February 2025 in order to buy the same basket of food commodities worth P1000.00 in 2018.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes in Aklan (2018=100)

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	123.2	126.1	124.9	-1.0	1.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	126.6	131.0	128.3	-2.1	1.3
* Food	127.5	132.1	129.2	-2.2	1.3
Cereals and Cereal Products	109.0	106.8	104.0	-2.6	-4.6
Cereals	105.9	103.1	99.6	-3.4	-5.9
Rice	105.7	103.0	99.5	-3.4	-5.9
Corn	124.7	124.1	123.8	-0.2	-0.7
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	122.5	122.9	122.9	0.0	0.3
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	151.0	163.4	163.0	-0.2	7.9
Fish and Other Seafood	127.7	137.4	134.7	-2.0	5.5
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	130.2	131.4	131.8	0.3	1.2
Oils and Fats	135.7	138.0	138.0	0.0	1.7
Fruits and Nuts	139.8	145.6	142.7	-2.0	2.1
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	148.2	159.7	143.9	-9.9	-2.9
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	136.5	134.7	138.1	2.5	1.2
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	122.0	125.4	125.1	-0.2	2.5
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	113.4	114.5	114.5	0.0	1.0
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	175.4	177.6	177.6	0.0	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages	129.8	130.9	130.9	0.0	0.8

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	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
Tobacco	228.3	231.6	231.6	0.0	1.4
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	118.1	120.0	119.8	-0.2	1.4
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	106.5	107.4	107.4	0.0	0.8
Clothing	107.1	107.8	107.8	0.0	0.7
Footwear	105.1	106.4	106.4	0.0	1.2
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	121.2	123.4	123.2	-0.2	1.7
Actual Rentals for Housing	126.6	126.6	126.6	0.0	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	109.5	116.3	116.3	0.0	6.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	97.7	97.7	97.7	0.0	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	115.4	121.6	121.0	-0.5	4.9
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	124.3	126.7	126.7	0.0	1.9
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	110.9	112.9	112.9	0.0	1.8
Household Textiles	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0
Household Appliances	107.3	107.4	107.4	0.0	0.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	107.4	107.4	107.4	0.0	0.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	110.9	112.0	112.0	0.0	1.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	131.7	134.9	134.9	0.0	2.4
VI. HEALTH	116.8	117.1	117.1	0.0	0.3

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Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
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Medicines and Health Products	118.4	118.9	118.9	0.0	0.4
Outpatient Care Services	122.5	122.5	122.5	0.0	0.0
Inpatient Care Services	110.3	110.3	110.3	0.0	0.0
Other Health Services	120.6	121.7	121.7	0.0	0.9
<b>VII. TRANSPORT</b>	124.5	123.8	123.1	-0.6	-1.1
Purchase of Vehicles	102.8	103.0	103.0	0.0	0.2
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	121.8	116.3	116.7	0.3	-4.2
Passenger Transport Services	143.8	145.8	143.7	-1.4	-0.1
Transport Services of Goods	107.8	107.8	107.8	0.0	0.0
<b>VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	103.1	103.1	103.1	0.0	0.0
Information and Communication Equipment	104.6	104.6	104.6	0.0	0.0
Information and Communication Services	102.2	102.2	102.2	0.0	0.0
<b>IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	112.5	115.1	115.1	0.0	2.3
Recreational Durables	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Goods	106.8	106.8	106.8	0.0	0.0
Garden Products and Pets	117.1	115.9	116.0	0.1	-0.9
Recreational Services	92.3	92.3	92.3	0.0	0.0
Cultural Goods	100.3	100.3	100.3	0.0	0.0
Cultural Services	103.0	111.0	111.0	0.0	7.8
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	132.5	134.1	134.1	0.0	1.2
Package Holidays					
<b>X. EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	114.2	114.2	114.2	0.0	0.0
Early Childhood and Primary Education	136.0	136.0	136.0	0.0	0.0
Secondary Education	106.1	106.1	106.1	0.0	0.0
Tertiary Education	107.8	107.8	107.8	0.0	0.0
Education Not Defined by Level					

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XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	117.1	125.9	125.9	0.0	7.5
Food and Beverage Serving Services	118.8	128.4	128.4	0.0	8.1
Accommodation Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	145.3	145.3	145.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Services	145.3	145.3	145.3	0.0	0.0
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	110.3	110.9	110.9	0.0	0.5
Personal Care	111.0	112.2	112.2	0.0	1.1
Other Personal Effects	107.6	105.6	105.6	0.0	-1.9
Other Services	100.4	100.4	100.4	0.0	0.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey on the Generation of Consumer Price Index



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## EXPLANATORY TEXT

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** - is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by the households relative to a base year. It shows how much on the average, prices of goods and services have increased or decreased from a particular reference period.

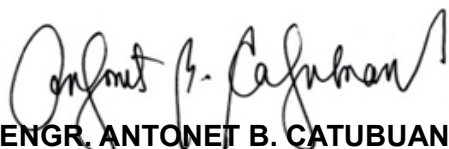
The **CPI Report** was derived from the results of the 2018-based CPI survey comprised of thirteen (13) major commodity groups. These are the following: Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Clothing and Footwear; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House; Health; Transport; Information and Communication Services; Recreation, Sport and Culture; Education; Restaurants and Accommodation Services; Financial Services; and Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services.

**Inflation rate** is defined as the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change in the CPI.

**Purchasing power of peso** is a measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period.

**Market basket** is a term used to refer to a sample of goods and services that are commonly purchased and bought by an average Filipino household.

**Base period or Base Year** is the period, usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series. In this report, 2018 is used as the base period.



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