Guimaras residents keep their National ID data updated in April

Ensuring updated/accurate identification, PSA Guimaras staff help residents update their PhilSys information at the Fixed Registration Center.

Residents of Guimaras actively updated their Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) records in April 2025, with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras processing 62 demographic updates at the Fixed Registration Center (FRC) in San Miguel, Jordan.

"These updates reflect the changing realities of registrants' lives," said Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare.

Of the 62 updates, 25 involved changes to key demographic details such as names, marital status, and residential addresses.

"These changes typically occur due to significant life events like marriage, legal name corrections, or relocation," Losare explained.

"Ensuring official records reflect current information is crucial for accurate identification," she added. >>>2

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Headline Inflation Rate in the Province of Guimaras, All Items (2018=100)

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, PSA

Guimaras' inflation rate accelerated to 0.5 percent at the start of the second quarter of 2025, up from 0.2 percent in March, driven mainly by price hikes in heavily weighted non-food items, according to the latest data from the Philippine Statistics Authority.

"The uptrend in the overall inflation in April 2025 was primarily influenced by the faster annual increment in

the index by the restaurants and accommodation services at 10.1 percent during the month, from –3.2 percent in March 2025," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

"The faster annual price change of transport at 1.6 percent in April 2025 from –0.1 percent in the previous month and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 1.5 percent from 0.9 percent a month ago also contributed to the quicker overall inflation," Losare added. >>>2

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Committed to service: PSA Guimaras aids residents in maintaining up-to-date PhilSys information at the Fixed Registration Center, Ground Floor, Galanto Building, New Site, Barangay San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.

The remaining 37 updates involved correcting data entry errors from earlier registrations, specifically addressing inaccuracies such as incorrect addresses, typographical mistakes, wrong dates, and other errors that could hinder smooth identity verification.

"By making these corrections, PSA Guimaras strengthens the integrity of the PhilSys database, helping prevent mismatches and delays in accessing government and private sector services," Losare said.

Losare also shared that of the 62 updates, 13 registrants were able to receive their updated ePhilIDs through real-time issuance.

The April updates add to the 122 demographic changes completed in the first quarter of 2025, bringing the total number of updates from January to April to 184. Updating activities during this period were conducted exclusively at the Fixed Registration Center.

"Due to internet connectivity limitations

in the field, demographic updates are done only at the FRC," Losare clarified.

While biometric updating—such as the capturing or refreshing fingerprints, iris scans, and facial images—has not yet been implemented, PSA Guimaras uses iris scan technology to verify the identity of individuals seeking to update their records.

"This step ensures that updates are securely and accurately applied only to the rightful registrants," Losare said.

Keeping PhilSys records accurate is increasingly necessary as the PhilSys Number (PSN) and physical PhilID become essential for accessing government services, financial transactions, social protection programs, and other official purposes.

"By maintaining correct and complete data, registrants help strengthen the reliability and usefulness of the national identification system for all Filipinos," Losare concluded. /PSA Guimaras

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Restaurants and accommodation services shared 70.1 percent of the uptrend of April inflation, while transport and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels spliced 12.6 and 10.2 percent respectively.

"From March to April 2025, restaurants and accommodation services, transport, and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels were mainly pushed by the fast-moving price movement of Restaurants, café and the like – with full service with 10.3% inflation from –3.3%, passenger transport by sea and inland waterway with 73.1% from 17.2% and electricity from all sources (coal, solar, hydro, etc.) with 0.9% inflation from –2.1% inflation," Losare said.

Moreover, in April 2025, the overall inflation rate in Guimaras was primarily influenced by restaurants and accommodation services with a 93.9% contribution to the province's inflation rate, or 0.47 percentage points, with the notable increase driven by a significant 10.3% surge in restaurants, café and the

like - with full service.

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco followed closely with a 72.0% impact on overall province's inflation, or 0.36 percentage points, with a noteworthy bearing from spirits and liquors — showing an inflation rate of 10.7%, and housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels with a 36.7 percent or 0.18 percentage points impact on the overall inflation of Guimaras, particularly electricity from all sources (coal, solar, hydro, etc.).

Year-on-Year Price Changes of the Consumer Price Index in Percent in Guimaras by Commodity Group, April 2024 – April 2025 (2018=100)

Area/Commodity Group	2024										2025			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
GUIMARAS (ALL ITEMS)	6.8	7.0	6.2	6.8	5.5	4.7	3.6	2.5	2.8	5.3	2.7	0.6	0.2	0.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.9	11.1	9.4	10.7	7.0	5.3	4.5	2.4	4.6	7.3	4.2	0.7	-0.7	-1.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.3	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.1	3.0	1.5	12.3	4.6	4.8	7.9	8.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6	1.1	1.7	0.8	6.2	10.2	6.7	6.6	2.6	0.6	2.6	2.1	0.9	1.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7	3.8	2.7	2.0	1.7	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	4.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.3
Health	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.7	7.0	6.9	3.9	3.8	2.7	9.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	1.4
Transport	2.5	3.6	3.8	4.9	-1.3	-5.0	-4.0	-0.9	2.1	-1.8	2.4	-0.8	-0.1	1.6
Information and Communication	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	-0.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	11.0	11.0	10.6	10.7	11.8	8.8	6.3	6.0	5.7	8.3	4.1	1.1	1.1	0.4
Education Services	-7.3	-7.3	-7.3	-7.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	3.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	-0.5	-5.7	11.4	-5.7	-8.0	-3.2	10.1
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.2	1.5	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, PSA

"The Inflation Rate is the rate of change in the CPI derived by computing the indices relative to the same period in the previous year or month, and currently, Guimaras Province posted a 132.4 CPI, translating that a typical Guimarasnon household needs 1,324.00 pesos in April 2025 to purchase a basket of goods and services worth 1000 pesos in 2018," Losare clarified.

"The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in Guimaras was at 0.76 in March 2025. This indicates that one peso in 2018 is now worth 0.76 centavos," Losare added. /PSA Guimaras

Guimaras achieves full CBMS coverage: A step toward evidence-based dev't

PSA Guimaras personnel conducting Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data collection using the Household Profile Questionnaire (HPQ) during the 2025 CBMS rollout in Guimaras.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras has achieved full coverage of the 2024 Census of Population and Housing (POPCEN) and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) operations across all 98 barangays of the province, with 100% completion of all data collection and processing activities as of April 2025.

"This accomplishment marks a crucial step toward building a more data-informed and responsive local governance framework," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

Losare highlighted that the comprehensive data collection efforts under the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS involved five key undertakings.

"From May until June 2024, we conducted the Barangay Profile Questionnaire (BPQ, to capture detailed information about each barangay's governance, population, economy, infrastructure, and disaster risk management, and Listing of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP), which allowed us to enumerate essential infrastructure and public services such as schools, health centers, roads, and water systems", Losare added.

Losare also shared that the Household Profile Questionnaire (HPQ) and Institutional Living Quarters (ILQ) data collection, gathering vital data on education, employment, health, housing, and access to services, including profiling of group quarters like dormitories and boarding houses was carried out in July to September 2024.

"Through Map and Data Processing in October to December 2024, we transformed raw field data into digital maps and shapefiles to support poverty mapping and strategic planning", Losare said.

"The geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP) from March to April 2025 enabled us to capture accurate geographic coordinates of these assets to inform infrastructure development, disaster preparedness, and effective resource allocation", Losare added.

To ensure data continuity and completeness of the listing of SFGP, CBMS Form 8 was utilized to update features previously recorded during the 2022 and 2023 CBMS operations and to include new or unlisted facilities and government projects identified during the 2024 listing.

Currently, the PSA Guimaras continuously conducting post-evaluation and data validation activities, which involve cross-checking geotagged points, digital

shapefiles, and on-the-ground data to ensure accuracy and consistency.

"These quality assurance procedures are essential to maintain the integrity of the datasets before submission", Losare clarified.

"Validation is a critical part of our process. We want to ensure that the information we provide accurately reflects the actual situation in every barangay", Losare added.

The municipal-level data review and official data turnover of the final and consolidated 2024 POPCEN-CBMS dataset to the Provincial Government of Guimaras are both scheduled for July 2025, during which each LGU will verify and confirm their respective datasets in coordination with PSA Guimaras, ensuring a complete, accurate, and ready-to-use statistical package for evidence-based local development planning.

"These validated datasets will play a vital role in shaping national statistics, informing policies, guiding programs, and determining development priorities", Losare stated.

"We are committed to delivering not just on time but with the highest standard of accuracy and utility", Losare added.

Completing all CBMS activities, PSA Guimaras reinforces its commitment to building resilient and well-informed communities through inclusive, evidence-based governance.

"This is more than just a data collection initiative—it is a foundational step toward smarter governance and an improved quality of life for every Guimarasnon", Losare concluded./PSA Guimaras

Visualizing household data: PSA Guimaras converts CBMS survey results into actionable maps and datasets for LGU use.

PSA Guimaras hits 100% response rate in Labor Force Survey for April 2025

PSA Guimaras completes April 2025 Labor Force Survey with a 100% response rate across 12 barangays in Buenavista, Jordan, Nueva Valencia, and San Lorenzo—ensuring accurate and comprehensive labor data for national planning.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras successfully completed the April 2025 round of the Labor Force Survey (LFS), achieving a 100% response rate from all 192 sample households across 12 enumeration areas (EAs) in the province.

"This accomplishment reflects the operational efficiency of PSA-Guimaras and the continued support of the local communities," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

The survey was conducted from April 8 to 21, 2025, across selected barangays in the municipalities of Buenavista, Nueva Valencia, Jordan, and San Lorenzo. The sampled areas included: Barangays Tanag (17 samples), San Roque (18), Supang (10), and Avila (21) in Buenavista; Poblacion (18) in Jordan; Calaya (18 and 10 samples from two separate EAs) in Nueva Valencia; and Cabano (12), Cabungahan (20), Sebario (22), M. Chavez (14), and Igcawayan (12) in San Lorenzo.

Enumerators faced challenging conditions such as difficult terrain, inaccessible households, and limited availability of respondents. Despite this, all 205 target interviews were completed — even surpassing the original 192 workload due to replacements and callbacks — resulting in an effective response rate of 106.77%.

Barangay-level highlights include:

- 100% completion in Cabungahan, Sebario, M. Chavez, and both Calaya EAs.
- High completion rates in Tanag (94.1%), Supang (90%), and Avila (85.7%), where minimal replacements and non-responses occurred.
- Significant challenges in Igcawayan, where only 75% of the eligible households were interviewed due to temporary absences and refusals.

The LFS provides critical labor and employment data that inform policy and program development across the country.

"It gathers data on employment, underemployment, unemployment, occupational characteristics, and more," Losare explained.

All information collected is held confidential in accordance with RA 10625 and the Data Privacy Act of 2012. Results are published only as aggregated data, ensuring the privacy of all respondents.

"PSA Guimaras extends its gratitude to all residents who participated and encourages continued support in future statistical endeavors. Accurate data is vital in building inclusive and evidence-based development programs for every Filipino," Losare said. /PSA Guimaras

Editor's Note

*A*pril 2025 has proven to be another dynamic month for PSA-Guimaras filled with challenges and achievements in delivering essential statistical insights to our valued clients and stakeholders. In this fourth edition of "Ulat Estadistika," we highlighted our successful activities and collaborations throughout the month. We are pleased to bring you the latest price statistics, updates, PhilSys implementation, Community-based Monitoring System, and other statistical operations undertaken by our office.

We trust that this issue will inform, inspire, and enhance your understanding of the diverse range of statistical products and services offered by PSA-Guimaras.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Warm regards,

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