

National ID caravan reaches Guimaras communities with on-the-spot services



PSA PhilSys Guimaras brings the National ID registration services closer to the people through its Information Dissemination Caravan held on March 28, 2025. Equipped with PhilSys on Wheels, the team provided on-the-spot services such as mobile registration, ePhilID generation, and authentication assistance, especially catering to unregistered residents across the island.

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In a move to reach more unregistered individuals, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) PhilSys Guimaras launched its National ID Information Dissemination Caravan on March 28, 2025, bringing vital registration services directly to the public through PhilSys on Wheels, a mobile initiative designed to bridge access gaps.

The PhilSys caravan started from Jordan Wharf, marking the start of a day filled with

information campaigns, on-site services, and agency collaboration.

The PSA team distributed educational materials and offered mobile registration to make it easier for individuals who have yet to register for the National ID.

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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 sees near-zero inflation as Q1 2025 wraps up, with the province's headline inflation rate easing to just 0.2% in March 2025 from 0.6% in February. This marked a significant drop compared to the 7.2% rate in February 2025, bringing the average inflation for the first quarter of 2025 down to 1.2%, according to the latest data released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

"The downtrend in the overall inflation in March 2025 was primarily influenced by the decreased year-on-year price change in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages at -0.7 percent during the month, from 0.7 percent in February 2025", Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

"The slower annual price change on housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 0.9 percent in March 2025 from 2.1 percent in

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Residents of Guimaras gather at the Nueva Valencia Municipal Plaza to participate in the National ID Information Dissemination Caravan on March 28, 2025. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) provided key updates on the PhilSys program and extended registration and ePhilID services, making the process more accessible for unregistered individuals in the province.

Cooperative (GITMC), the Municipal Hall of Jordan, Guimaras State University (GSU), and the provincial offices of DTI, DOLE, and DepEd.

These engagements reinforced inter-agency support for the implementation of the PhilSys program.

The caravan culminated at the Nueva Valencia Municipal Plaza with a short program where Municipal Civil Registrar Mary Jane Piosca delivered a message on behalf of Nueva Valencia

Mayor Atty. Paul Vincent G. De La Cruz. Likewise the event was graced by the Municipal Social Worker and Development Officer (MSWDO), Registered Social Worker Cynthia D. Gatungay.

One of the highlights of the event was the data dissemination forum about National ID operations, updates and status in Guimaras.

PSA Chief Statistical Specialist Nelida B. Losare discussed the three types of National ID—the PVC PhilID, ePhilID, and

Digital National ID—highlighting their uses in accessing public services and private transactions.

During the open forum, the National ID team addressed concerns regarding the validity of the ePhilID, affirming its equal legal status with the physical card, and guided attendees on how to correct errors such as civil status discrepancies.

The one-day mobile registration efforts led to 59 new individual registrants, authentication of 88 4Ps beneficiaries, and assistance for 11 individuals in generating their ePhilIDs.

The event wrapped up with certificate distribution, tokens of appreciation, and a group photo session. With its ongoing outreach, PSA PhilSys Guimaras remains steadfast in its mission to provide easier access to National ID registration, especially for those who remain unregistered, ensuring every Filipino can benefit from a secure and unified identification system. /PSA Guimaras

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the previous month and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 1.7 percent from 1.8 percent a month ago also contributed to the slower inflation rate," Losare added.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages groups shared 78.3 percent to the downtrend of March inflation, while housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services spliced 21.3 and 0.5 percent respectively.

"From February to March 2025, food and non-alcoholic beverages, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services were mainly pushed by the slow-moving price movement of rice with -4.5 percent inflation from 4.9 percent, electricity from all sources (coal, solar, hydro, etc. with -2.1 percent from 4.8 percent and jewelry with 0.0 percent inflation from 14.3% inflation," Losare said.

Moreover, in March 2025, the overall inflation rate in Guimaras was primarily

Table 2. Year-on-Year Price Changes of the Consumer Price Index in Percent in Guimaras by Commodity Group, March 2024 – March 2025 (2018=100)

Area/Commodity Group	2024											2025		
	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave	Jan	Feb	Mar
GUIMARAS (ALL ITEMS)	7.2	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
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.3	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
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.7	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
Clothing and Footwear	2.0	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
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.5	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
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.0	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
Health	8.0	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
Transport	0.8	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
Information and Communication	-0.4	-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
Recreation, Sport and Culture	9.7	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
Education Services	-7.3	-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
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	13.7	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
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	2.6	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

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

influenced by alcoholic beverages and tobacco with 206.2 percent contribution to the province's inflation rate, or 0.41 percentage points, with the notable increase primarily driven by a significant 10.3 percent surge in Spirits and liquors, impacting overall alcoholic beverages and tobacco costs.

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels followed closely with 64.8 percent impact to overall province's inflation, or 0.13 percentage points,

with a note worthy bearing from Wood and bamboo charcoal —showing an inflation rate of 7.2 percent.

"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 133.2 CPI, translating that a typical Guimarasnon household needs 1,332.00 pesos in March 2025 to purchase a basket of goods and services worth 1000 pesos in 2018," Losare clarified. /PSA Guimaras

Geotagging operations underway in Guimaras to drive smarter local dev't planning



PSA Guimaras personnel in action during the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras is actively implementing the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP), with data collection and map processing operations rolling throughout March 2025.

"This initiative is a key step toward building a more responsive and data-driven approach to local governance, community development, and poverty reduction in the province," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

The operations began on March 3, 2025, with the successful generation of QField projects that will guide all geotagging activities in the field.

"With map generation reaching 100 percent completion, PSA Guimaras immediately deployed four Map Data Collectors across the province's 98 barangays to geotag vital service facilities and government projects," Losare said.

"As of March 31, 2025, the data collection progress has reached 65 percent," Losare added.

Losare expounded that one Map Data Processor and one Map Data

Reviewer were hired on March 14, 2025, to complement the said efforts. The processor is responsible for encoding collected data and converting them into shapefiles, with 40 percent progress as of March 31, 2025.

"The reviewer ensures accuracy through a thorough scrutiny and quality check of the shapefiles, with review activities at 30 percent completion," Losare said.

Geotagging is a fundamental aspect of CBMS operations, capturing precise and timely data about households, public facilities, infrastructure projects, and even natural resources at the grassroots level.

"These spatial data are instrumental in producing thematic and poverty maps that support better-targeted government interventions and policy-making," Losare said.

As a supplementary activity, PSA Guimaras also conducted the Listing of Building Constructions (LoBC), including gathering data on the number, type, and value of constructions, the duration of building activities, and the status of required building permits.

"These figures are crucial in assessing informal construction trends and supporting more accurate national construction statistics," Losare said.

The 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Form 8

operation is designed to provide updated baseline data for future CBMS activities. It seeks to update previously geotagged and listed features from the 2022 and 2023 CBMS operations and the 2024 SFGP Listing.

"It also targets facilities and projects that were not covered before, along with ongoing building constructions, ensuring no data gaps in local infrastructure profiling," Losare expounded.

Losare also highlighted that PSA Guimaras aims to produce comprehensive shapefiles of geotagged facilities and government projects.

"These outputs will be made available to both national and local agencies for use in future research, planning, program implementation, and disaster preparedness," Losare said.

She further elucidated that the operation will provide estimates on the proportion of constructions without approved permits, excluding government horizontal projects.

"This data will feed into construction statistics used in the country's national accounts," Losare said.

Losare also pledged that through these geotagging and mapping efforts, PSA Guimaras continues to drive smarter development planning by equipping decision-makers with timely, accurate, and location-based data that will uplift communities and improve the quality of life for every Guimarasnon./PSA Guimaras



Map Data Processor and Reviewer encoding and scrutinizing shapefiles during the data processing phase.

Empowering from Within: PSA Guimaras advances women's growth through financial literacy, health awareness



Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare delivers her opening message during the National Women's Month lecture series, **"Beyond the Paycheck: Empowering Women Through Financial Literacy and Effective Health Management,"** held at the PSA Guimaras Conference Room. The event aimed to strengthen workplace wellness and promote financial and health empowerment among the men and women employees.

In a proactive step towards fostering a more inclusive and empowered workforce, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras held a special lecture series entitled **"Beyond the Paycheck: Empowering Women Through Financial Literacy and Effective Health Management"** on March 24, 2025, as part of the nationwide celebration of National Women's Month.

Held at the PSA Conference Room in Jordan, Guimaras, the event served as a platform for enhancing employees' well-being through informative discussions on practical financial strategies and holistic

health practices.

"More than a celebration, the initiative was a statement that empowering women begins within the workplace through knowledge and support," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

During PSO Losare's message, she underscored the importance of investing in both the financial independence and health literacy of women employees.

Government and private sector resource speakers shared valuable insights throughout the day. Representatives from Pag-IBIG Fund, Cris B. Gabiota and Amie S. Caoyonan, updated employees on membership benefits and on how to

maximize government savings opportunities. Salvador G. Tanjusay Jr. of LANDBANK Guimaras introduced accessible banking services that can empower women financially.

In the afternoon, John Paul Unato from Sun Life of Canada Philippines, Inc., energized the audience with a session on financial independence, offering "7 FI Moves" that encourage smart money habits for long-term security.

The lecture series concluded with a timely discussion on Responsible Parenthood by Philin Jane C. Sagre of the Provincial Health Office, promoting informed choices and reproductive wellness.

"Events like this are part of our commitment to creating a gender-sensitive and supportive work environment," said Vicente G. Geonanga, Supervising Statistical Specialist, during his closing message.

"We want to ensure that our female employees — and all staff — feel valued, informed, and capable in every area of their lives," he added.

The program reflects PSA Guimaras' active role in supporting the Gender and Development (GAD) agenda, aligning with the broader goals of a gender-equal and inclusive Philippines. /PSA Guimaras

Editor's Note



March 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 third 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 on the PhilSys implementation, Women's Month Celebration, 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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