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## Inflation for low earners in Guimaras drops to 1.3% in Feb 2025

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10 March 2025– Guimaras. Inflation for low-income households in Guimaras fell to 1.3% in February 2025, from 4.2% in January, bringing the provincial average inflation for January to February 2025 to 2.7%, reflecting fluctuations throughout the year, based on the latest price data released by the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA).

*“The downtrend in the inflation for low-income households in February 2025 was primarily influenced by the decrease of the year-on-year price change in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages at 1.5 percent during the month, from 4.2 percent in January,”* Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

*“The slow-moving annual price change on transport at -0.7 percent in February 2025 from 2.0 percent in the previous month and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 2.2 percent from 3.0 percent a month ago also contributed to the declining bottom 30% income households’ inflation,”* Losare added.

*Food and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for 87.8 percent of the downward trend of the said inflation, while transport and housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels spliced 4.7 and 3.2 percent, respectively.*

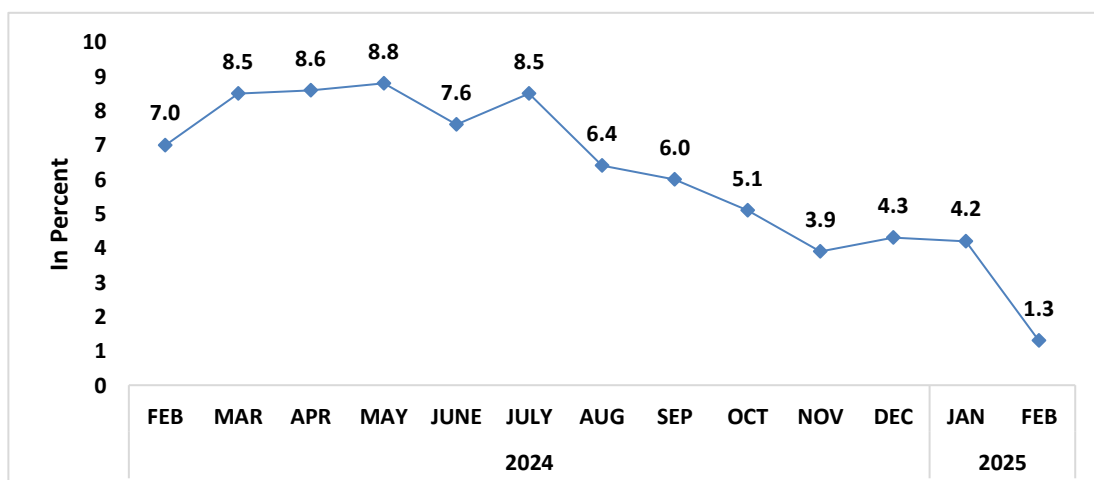
*“From January to February 2025, food and non-alcoholic beverages, transport, and housing were mainly pushed by the slow-moving price movement of rice with 5.2 percent inflation from 16.6 rate, Passenger transport by sea and inland waterway with -11.2 percent from 42.4 percent and electricity from all sources (coal, solar, hydro, etc.) with 4.8 percent inflation from 7.8 % inflation,”* Losare said.

Table 1. Year-on-Year Bottom 30% Income Households (HHs) Inflation Rates, All Items, Guimaras, In Percent (2018=100)

Area	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Year-to-Date*
Philippines	4.2	2.4	1.5	2.0
Western Visayas	3.3	3.4	2.4	2.9
Guimaras	7.0	4.2	1.3	2.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index  
\*Year-on-year change of CPI for January to February 2025 vs. 2024

Figure 1. Bottom 30% income Households’ Inflation Rate in the Province of Guimaras, All Items



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Moreover, slow-moving inflation trends were noted in restaurants and accommodation services at -8.2 percent in February from -5.9 percent in January 2025; personal care and miscellaneous goods and services at 1.6 percent from 2.4 percent in January 2025; recreation, sport, and culture at 1.2 percent in February from 4.4 percent in the previous month; and furnishings at 1.2 percent in February from 1.3 percent in January 2025.

In contrast, the following were the items with faster inflation in February than in January 2025:

- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, 4.2 percent from 3.9 percent
- Clothing and footwear, 1.5 percent from 1.4 percent

While the other four (4) commodities retained their previous month's inflation rate (health: 2.2 percent, information and communication: 5.5 percent, education services: 0.0 percent, and financial services: 0.0 percent).

Table 2. Year-on-Year Inflation for Bottom 30% Income Households in Guimaras by Commodity Group, February 2024 - February 2025 (2018=100)

Area/Commodity Group	2024												2025	
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave	Jan	Feb
GUIMARAS (ALL ITEMS)	7.0	8.5	8.6	8.8	7.6	8.5	6.4	6.0	5.1	3.9	4.3	6.3	4.2	1.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.3	11.3	12.2	12.7	10.9	12.5	7.9	6.6	6.2	4.4	6.1	7.9	5.7	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.8	9.8	9.9	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.0	1.4	13.2	3.9	4.2
Clothing and Footwear	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.5	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.6	2.8	1.4	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.3	2.3	1.0	1.4	2.2	0.7	8.1	13.7	8.8	8.6	2.9	0.7	3.0	2.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.4	2.4	1.8	2.1	1.8	0.9	1.7	2.8	1.3	1.2
Health	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	-0.3	0.1	1.4	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.9	1.6	2.2	2.2
Transport	-1.8	0.5	1.8	2.8	2.5	4.7	-1.3	-4.9	-3.9	-1.2	1.7	-2.4	2.0	-0.7
Information and Communication	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.3	3.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	-1.3	5.5	5.5
Recreation, Sport and Culture	13.5	13.5	14.9	14.9	14.3	13.3	12.4	7.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	11.7	4.4	1.2
Education Services	-7.8	-7.8	-7.8	-7.8	-7.8	-7.8	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.8	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	12.8	13.7	2.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	-0.6	-5.9	11.4	-5.9	-8.2
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	5.7	5.3	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.3	2.5	2.7	5.9	2.4	1.6

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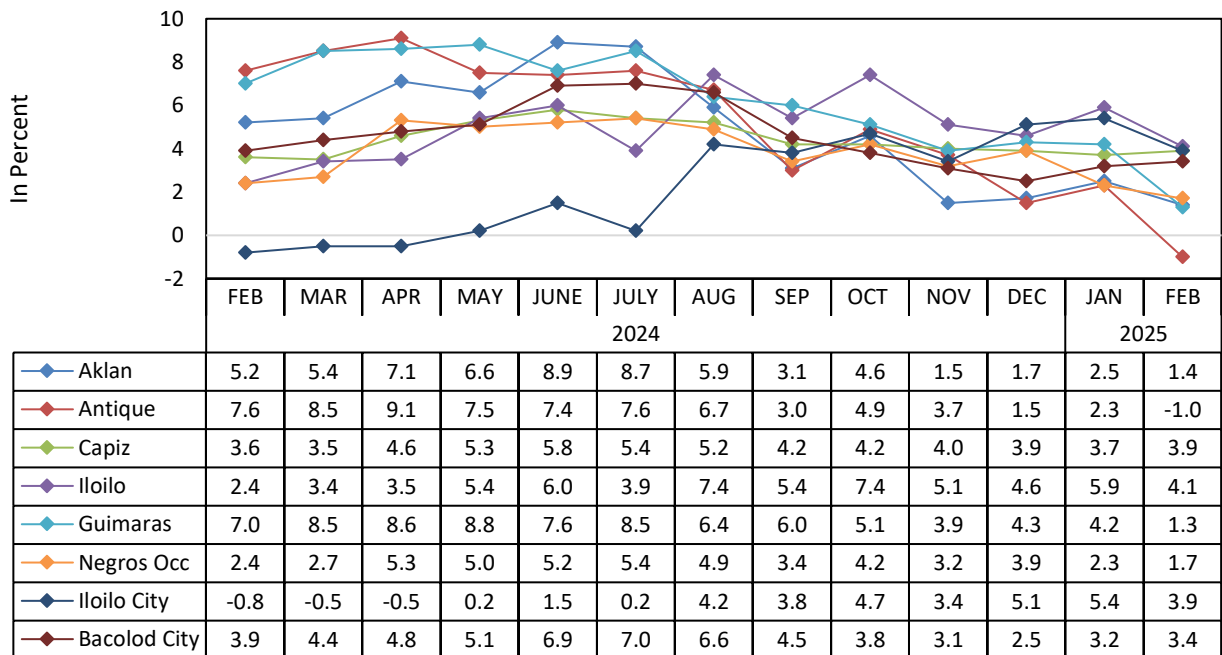
In February 2025, the largest contributor to the slower inflation for low-income households in Guimaras was food and non-alcoholic beverages at 71.0 percent of the province's inflation rate, or 0.92 percentage points contribution, primarily driven by a significant 5.2% decrease in rice prices, impacting overall food costs.

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels followed closely at 19.8 percent, or 0.26 percentage points contribution to the inflation, with a significant impact from electricity prices across all sources—coal, solar, and hydro—showing an inflation rate of 4.8%.

Lastly, alcoholic beverages and tobacco contributed 12.3 percent, or 0.16 percentage points, to the overall inflation with the decrease largely driven by a remarkable 5.9% inflation rate in spirits and liquors.

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Figure 2. Bottom 30% Income HHs Inflation Rate, by Province, All Items (2018=100)



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