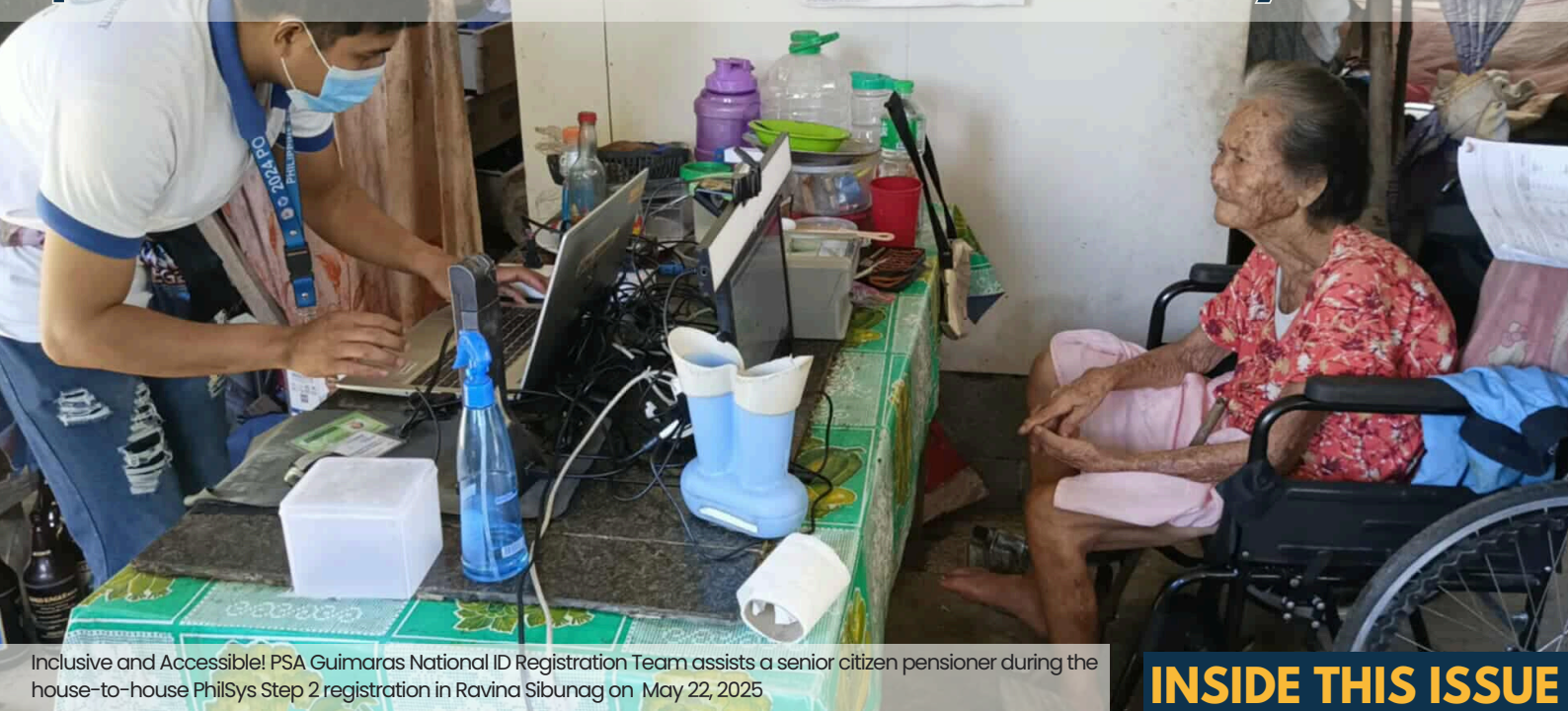


## PhilSys Registration for 4Ps beneficiaries, pensioners in Guimaras continues in May 2025



Inclusive and Accessible! PSA Guimaras National ID Registration Team assists a senior citizen pensioner during the house-to-house PhilSys Step 2 registration in Ravina Sibunag on May 22, 2025

**The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras continues to ramp up its efforts in registering Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries and senior citizen pensioners to the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) as of May 2025.**

A total of 37 4Ps beneficiaries and 33 social pensioners in Guimaras have successfully completed their Step 2 PhilSys registration,

which involves capturing biometric information, including fingerprints, iris scans, and front-facing photographs.

The initiative is part of PSA Guimaras' commitment to ensuring that vulnerable and marginalized sectors are not left behind in the ongoing implementation of the national ID system.

By providing them with access to PhilID or ePhilID, individuals will find it >>>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 rose to 0.8 percent in May 2025, up from 0.5 percent in April and 0.2 percent in March, marking a continued upward trend at the start of the second quarter, primarily driven by rising prices in heavily weighted non-food commodity groups, according to the latest data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).**

"The uptrend in the overall inflation in May 2025 was

primarily influenced by the faster annual price index of the housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels at 3.7 percent during the month, from 1.5 percent in April 2025," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

"The faster annual price change of restaurants and accommodation services at 10.4 percent in May 2025 from 10.1 percent in the previous month, and furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance >>>2



## PhilSys Registration for 4Ps beneficiaries...

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Reaching Every Household, One ID at a Time. 4Ps beneficiaries in Ravina, Sibunag complete Step 2 PhilSys registration during PSA Guimaras' house-to-house operations on May 22, 2025.

easier to open bank accounts, claim social benefits, access government programs, and verify their identity in both public and private transactions.

*"The PhilSys is more than just an ID—it is a gateway to digital and financial inclusion,"* Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

*"Through continued coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), and our LGU*

*partners, we're reaching those who need it most—right at their doorstep,"* Losare added.

Losare further expounded that to reach the said sectors, PSA Guimaras deployed mobile registration teams to remote and hard-to-reach barangays.

Special focus was given to bedridden senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and low-income households.

Some registrations were conducted

through house-to-house visits, particularly for those with limited mobility or access to transportation.

Moreover, the agency collaborated with barangay officials, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices (MSWDOs), and local health workers to mobilize lists of target individuals, announce local registration schedules, and ensure on-site assistance during data collection.

As of May, PSA Guimaras also observed an increased awareness and willingness to participate in PhilSys registration activities following the continued issuance of the ePhilID, which serves as a valid government-issued ID while waiting for the delivery of the physical PhilID card.

The PSA continues to urge all unregistered 4Ps households and qualified pensioners to take advantage of upcoming mobile registration activities. /PSA Guimaras

## Guimaras sees... FROM P.1

at 0.1 percent from -0.3 percent a month ago also contributed to the quicker overall inflation", Losare added.

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuel services, shared 91.1 percent to the uptrend of May inflation, while restaurants and accommodation services, and furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance spliced 3.9 and 3.5 percent respectively.

*"From April to May 2025, housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels services; restaurants and accommodation services; and furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance were mainly pushed by the fast-moving price movement of electricity, gas, and other fuels with 10.0% inflation from 4.0%, food and beverage serving services with 10.5 % from 10.3% and goods and services for routine household maintenance with 0.2% inflation from -0.2% inflation, correspondingly,"* Losare said.

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

Area/Commodity Group	2 0 2 4									2 0 2 5				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
GUIMARAS (ALL ITEMS)	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	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	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	-1.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	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	7.7
Clothing and Footwear	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	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	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	3.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	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	0.1
Health	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	1.4
Transport	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	1.2
Information and Communication	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	2.7
Recreation, Sport and Culture	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	0.7
Education Services	-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	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	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	10.4
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	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	1.1

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

Moreover, in May 2025, the overall inflation rate in Guimaras was primarily influenced by restaurants and accommodation services, with a 69.2% contribution to the province's inflation rate, or 0.55 percentage points.

*"Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels also contributed to the overall May inflation with a cut of 64.1% or 0.51 percentage points,"* Losare said.

*"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 133.3 CPI, translating that a typical Guimarasnon household needs 1,333.00 pesos in May 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 0.75 in May 2025. This indicates that one peso in 2018 is now worth 0.75 centavos. /PSA Guimaras



## PSA Guimaras strengthens local data governance through 2024 POPCEN-CBMS national assessment



Assistant National Statistician (ANS) Kristine Joy S. Briones of the Community-Based Statistics Service (CBSS), one of the speakers during the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Preliminary Results Presentation and National Assessment, discusses data presentation techniques at the PSA Central Office in Quezon City. The four-day event, conducted in three batches from April 23 to May 8, 2025, focused on training field personnel to present CBMS results to local government units, reviewing census operations, and enhancing communication skills through workshops on data visualization and public speaking.

**In a bid to reinforce the accuracy, reliability, and policy relevance of local statistics, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Guimaras actively participated in the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Preliminary Results Presentation, Review, and Assessment held from May 5 to 8, 2025, at the PSA Central Office in Diliman, Quezon City.**

The four-day national event, conducted in three regional batches, gathered technical staff and officials nationwide.

PSA Guimaras joined Batch 3 and participants from NCR, CAR, Regions III, IV-A, VI, VII, and MIMAROPA.

The activity focused on presenting population counts, reviewing implementation processes, and preparing for local-level dissemination of CBMS results.

The first day of the event featured the presentation of the 2024 Population Count to key PSA officials, before its endorsement to the Office of the President for official proclamation.

Participants were reminded of the confidentiality of results until they are formally declared official.

On the second day, field offices, including PSA Guimaras, took part in a review and assessment session where they provided feedback and recommendations to improve the efficiency of the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS implementation.

Discussions covered operational challenges, data processing issues, and suggestions to enhance statistical service delivery.

The third and fourth days were devoted to the briefing on the presentation of preliminary CBMS results.

Participants were oriented on how to prepare and deliver results to local government units (LGUs), highlighting key Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators such as poverty incidence, education, health, and access to basic services.

To strengthen participants' technical and communication skills, an Appreciation Course on Data Visualization using

Tableau and a Seminar on Public Speaking were also conducted.

"These sessions aimed to improve the way field staff present statistical findings to stakeholders and local officials," Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare said.

In preparation for the hands-on workshops, PSA provincial offices were required to bring their latest .redf data files extracted from local servers and pre-install QGIS version 3.28 and the Tableau application for interactive mapping and data presentation exercises.

"This event equipped us with the tools, knowledge, and unified direction needed to bring the 2024 CBMS results to our local stakeholders effectively," PSA Guimaras Statistical Specialist II Ellen Grace G. Galaura said.

"It ensures that data collected from the ground translates into informed decisions at the barangay and municipal levels," she added.

PSA Guimaras Senior Statistical Specialist Salvacion D. Lemos also stressed that the participation of PSA Guimaras in this national assessment underscores its strong commitment to evidence-based governance by ensuring the integrity and usability of provincial statistics.

The 2024 POPCEN-CBMS is a landmark statistical activity that provides an updated socio-economic and demographic profile of communities across the country, essential for targeted policymaking and sustainable development. /PSA Guimaras



The 2024 POPCEN-CBMS National Briefing and Assessment serves as a platform for PSA personnel nationwide to align strategies, validate census data, and enhance their capacity in presenting community-based statistics for evidence-based policymaking.

## PSA Guimaras Completes May 2025 Labor Force Survey with 100% Response Rate



100% response rate achieved! PSA Guimaras wraps up the May 2025 Labor Force Survey in Jordan, Nueva Valencia, and San Lorenzo—ensuring complete and accurate data for smarter national planning.

**The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Guimaras completed the May 2025 round of the Labor Force Survey (LFS), achieving a 100% response rate from all 53 sample households across three enumeration areas (EAs) in the province.**

*"This accomplishment showcases the dedication of our field staff and the continuous cooperation of Guimarasnon communities,"* said Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare.

The survey was conducted from May 8 to 21, 2025, in selected barangays in the municipalities of Jordan, Nueva

Valencia, and San Lorenzo.

The enumeration areas covered were Poblacion in Jordan with 21 sample households, Poblacion in Nueva Valencia with 22, and Cabano in San Lorenzo with 10.

In Poblacion, Jordan, two PMOs required replacement, as well as one vacant housing unit (VHU) that was also substituted.

Meanwhile, Poblacion, Nueva Valencia, also had two PMOs that were replaced during the data collection period.

Cabano in San Lorenzo was completed without the need for any replacements.

Despite minor challenges such as temporarily unavailable respondents and issues with inaccessible housing units, all 53 interviews were completed within the prescribed survey period, resulting in a 100% effective response rate.

The Labor Force Survey is a vital nationwide initiative that provides key labor and employment statistics used to formulate sound policies and responsive programs.

The survey captures indicators such as employment, underemployment, unemployment, and other characteristics of the labor force that are essential for economic planning and development.

*"All information collected is strictly confidential by Republic Act No. 10625 and the Data Privacy Act of 2012. We release only aggregated results to ensure the privacy of all respondents,"* Losare emphasized.

PSA Guimaras extends its gratitude to all the residents who participated and supported this statistical undertaking.

Their cooperation ensures the availability of accurate, timely, and reliable data needed for evidence-based policymaking that benefits every Filipino. /PSA Guimaras

### Editor's Note




May 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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