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Summary Inflation Report of Lucena City Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

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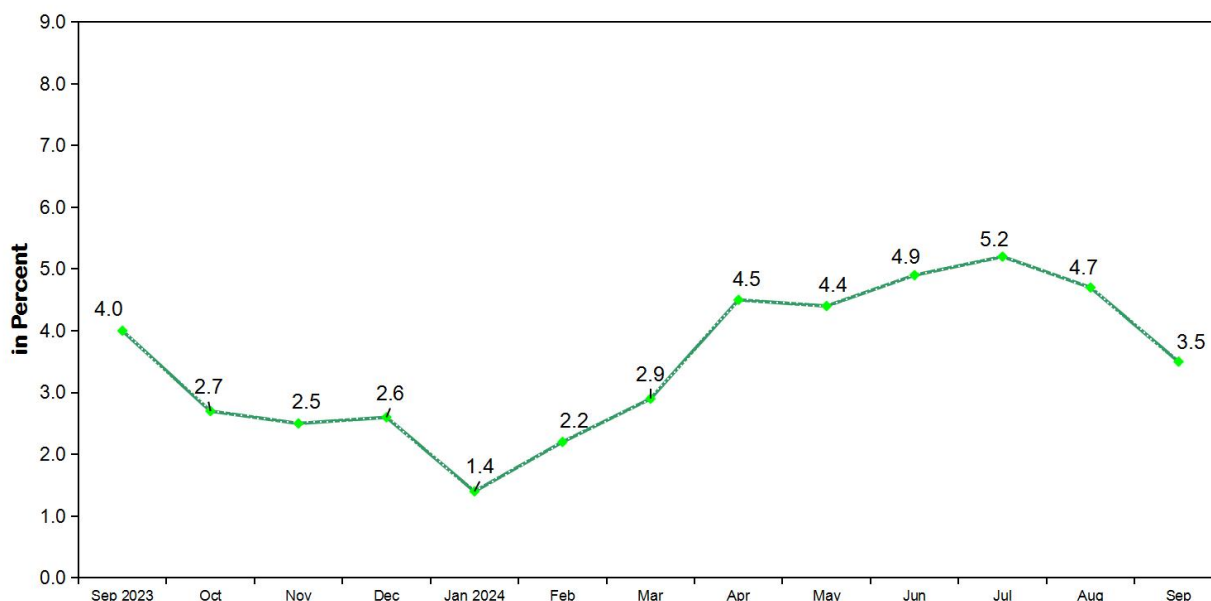
**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates: Philippines, AONCR,
CALABARZON, Quezon and Lucena City, All Items
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024	Year-to-date*
PHILIPPINES				
Headline	6.1	3.3	1.9	3.4
Core	5.9	2.6	2.4	3.1
AREAS OUTSIDE NCR -AONCR				
Headline	6.0	3.6	2.0	3.6
CALABARZON				
Headline	6.0	3.2	1.8	3.1
QUEZON				
Headline	3.7	5.1	3.3	3.5
LUCENA CITY				
Headline	4.0	4.7	3.5	3.7

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

***Year-on-year change of average CPI for January to September 2024 vs. 2023**

**Figure 1. Headline Inflation in Lucena City, All Items
(2018=100)**



**Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index
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The headline inflation or overall inflation in Lucena City slowed down further to 3.5 percent in September 2024, from 4.7 percent in August 2024. This brings the average inflation rate of the city from January to September 2024 to 3.7 percent. In August 2023, inflation rate was higher at 4.0 percent.

The downtrend in the overall inflation in August 2024 was primarily brought about by the slower annual increment in the index of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 7.2 percent during the month, from an annual increase of 11.9 percent in August 2024.

Lower annual increments were also noted in the indices of the following commodity group during the month:

- a. Food and non-alcoholic beverages at 3.7 percent, from 3.9 percent;
- b. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 4.2 percent, from 4.6 percent;
- c. Transport at 1.4 percent, from 3.3 percent; and
- d. Restaurants and accommodation services at 2.4 percent, from 3.3 percent.

Meanwhile, the following commodity groups retained their previous month's inflation:

- a. Clothing and footwear at 0.9 percent;
- b. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 0.7 percent;
- c. Health at -0.4 percent;
- d. Information and communication at 0.3 percent;
- e. Recreation, sport and culture at 0.6 percent;
- f. Education services at 2.2 percent;
- g. Financial services at 0.0 percent; and
- h. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 3.7 percent.

**Table B. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates by Commodity Groups
 in Lucena City, All Items
 In Percent
 (2018=100)**

Commodity Group	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024
ALL ITEMS	4.0	4.7	3.5
Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages	5.5	3.9	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.2	4.6	4.2
Clothing & footwear	2.1	0.9	0.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.3	11.9	7.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	1.0	0.7	0.7
Health	2.9	-0.4	-0.4
Transport	5.5	3.3	1.4
Information & Communication	0.0	0.3	0.3
Recreation, Sport & Culture	2.9	0.6	0.6
Education Services	5.6	2.2	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation services	8.2	3.3	2.4
Financial services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.1	3.7	3.7

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**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Lucena City, Food Items
 In Percent
 (2018=100)**

Commodity Group	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024
Food	5.8	4.1	3.9
Cereals and Cereal Products	6.5	11.0	8.8
Cereals	8.1	14.1	11.3
Rice	8.2	14.0	11.2
Corn	2.8	31.8	35.4
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.7	3.7	3.2
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	-0.9	4.2	3.2
Fish and Other Seafood	0.8	-3.3	4.8
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	6.0	1.2	6.5
Oils and Fats	-9.6	-5.2	-5.2
Fruits and Nuts	10.6	18.3	32.2
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	34.7	-4.2	-21.1
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	14.2	-0.7	-0.7
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	4.0	3.8	4.7

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Food inflation in Lucena City eased to 3.9 percent in September 2024, from 4.1 percent in August 2024. In September 2023, food inflation was higher at 5.8 percent.

The deceleration of food inflation was primarily brought about by the lower inflation rate of vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at -21.1 percent in September 2024, from -4.2 percent in the previous month.

Moreover, lower inflation rates during the month were noted in the following food groups:

- a. Rice at 11.2 percent, from 14.0 percent;
- b. Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals at 3.2 percent, from 3.7 percent;

- c. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 3.2 percent, from 4.2 percent; and

On the contrary, the following food groups registered faster year-on-year increases during the month:

- Corn at 35.4 percent, from 31.8 percent
- Fish and other seafood at 4.8 percent, from -3.3 percent;
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs at 6.5 percent, from 1.2 percent;
- Fruits and nuts at 32.2 percent, from 18.3 percent;
- Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. at 4.7 percent, from 3.8 percent.

Meanwhile, food groups of oils and fats; and sugar, confectionery and desserts retained its previous month's inflation rates at -5.2 percent and -0.7 percent, respectively.

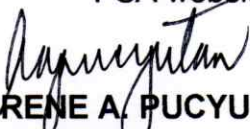
**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Lucena City, All Items
In Percent
January 2019 –September 2024
(2018=100)**

Month	Inflation by Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	3.1	3.0	4.7	2.9	6.4	1.4
February	2.6	1.9	4.8	2.7	8.2	2.2
March	2.3	1.8	4.8	3.4	7.0	2.9
April	2.3	1.6	4.8	3.8	5.5	4.5
May	2.1	1.5	4.4	4.2	5.2	4.4
June	1.7	1.4	4.8	5.1	4.2	4.9
July	1.6	1.2	4.5	5.8	2.5	5.2
August	0.6	1.0	6.1	5.1	3.2	4.7
September	0.1	0.5	5.6	5.8	4.0	3.5
October	0.8	1.5	3.9	7.3	2.7	
November	0.8	3.1	3.9	6.7	2.5	
December	3.3	3.5	2.1	6.6	2.6	
Average	1.8	1.8	4.5	5.0	4.5	3.7

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Note:

CPIs and inflation rates by province and selected cities are posted at the PSA website <https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/>.


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