



# SPECIAL RELEASE

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

**March 2025**

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

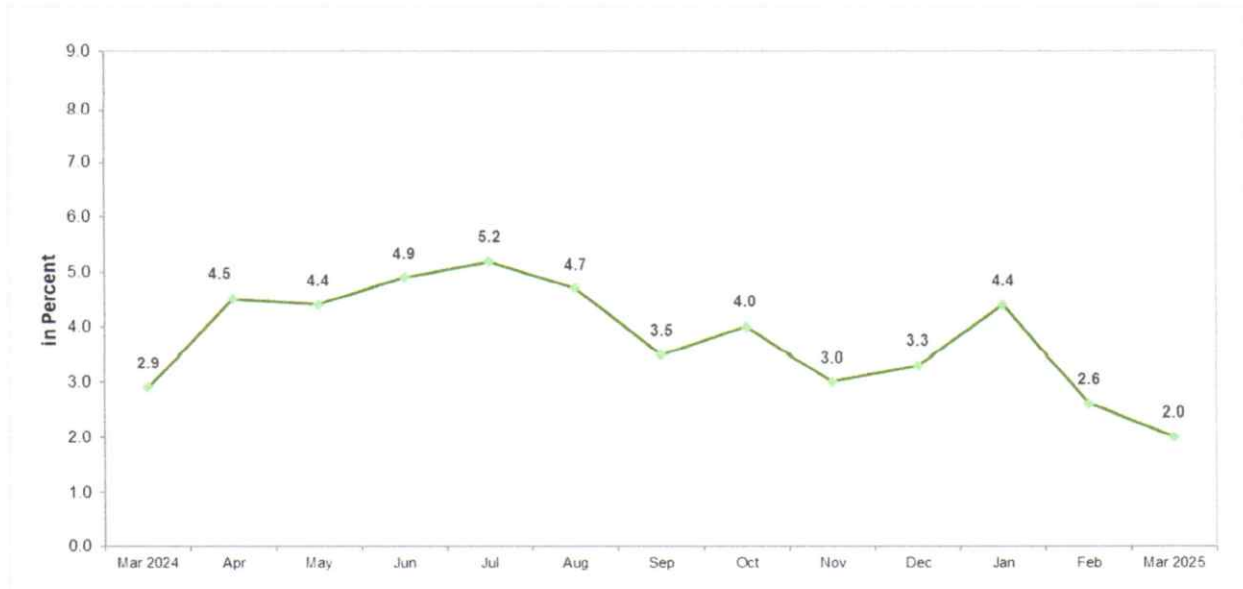
| Area                             | March 2024 | February 2025 | March 2025 | Year-to-date* |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>PHILIPPINES</b>               |            |               |            |               |
| Headline                         | 3.7        | 2.1           | 1.8        | 2.2           |
| Core                             | 3.4        | 2.4           | 2.2        | 2.4           |
| <b>AREAS OUTSIDE NCR - AONCR</b> |            |               |            |               |
| Headline                         | 3.8        | 2.0           | 1.8        | 2.2           |
| <b>CALABARZON</b>                |            |               |            |               |
| Headline                         | 3.7        | 2.1           | 1.8        | 2.4           |
| <b>QUEZON</b>                    |            |               |            |               |
| Headline                         | 2.3        | 4.3           | 3.4        | 4.5           |
| <b>LUCENA CITY</b>               |            |               |            |               |
| Headline                         | 2.9        | 2.6           | 2.0        | 3.0           |

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

\*Year-on-year change of average CPI for March 2025 vs. 2024



**Figure 1. Headline Inflation in Quezon, all Items  
(2018=100)**



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

The headline inflation or overall inflation in Lucena City continued to decrease at 2.0 percent in March 2025, down from 2.6 percent in February 2025. This brings the average inflation rate of the city from January to March 2025 to 3.0 percent. In comparison, the inflation rate in March 2024 was higher at 2.9 percent.

The continued downtrend in Lucena City's overall inflation rate in March 2025 was primarily driven by the slower annual increase in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages, which eased to 5.7 percent from 7.8 percent in the previous month. The transport group also contributed to the overall decline, with its rate dropping further to -2.7 percent from -1.6 percent.

In contrast, the following commodity groups recorded higher inflation rates during the month:

- a. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 1.3 percent, from 0.9 percent;
- b. Clothing and footwear at 0.3 percent, from 0.1 percent;
- c. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 0.5 percent, from 0.2 percent;
- d. Health at 0.3 percent, from 0.2 percent;
- e. Recreation, sport and culture at 0.2 percent, from 0.0 percent;
- f. Restaurants and accommodation services at 1.6 percent, from 1.3 percent; and
- g. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 0.3 percent, from 0.1 percent.

Meanwhile, inflation rates for the following commodity groups remained unchanged from the previous month:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at -0.6 percent;
- b. Information and communication at 0.0 percent;
- c. Education services at 2.2 percent; and
- d. Financial services at 0.0 percent.

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

| Commodity Group  | March 2024 | February 2025 | March 2025 |
|--|------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>   | <b>2.9</b> | <b>2.6</b>    | <b>2.0</b> |
| Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages                                   | 4.0        | 7.8           | 5.7        |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco                                    | 5.3        | 0.9           | 1.3        |
| Clothing & footwear  | 1.0        | 0.1           | 0.3        |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels                   | 0.2        | -0.6          | -0.6       |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance | 0.7        | 0.2           | 0.5        |
| Health   | -0.3       | 0.2           | 0.3        |
| Transport  | 4.5        | -1.6          | -2.7       |
| Information & Communication                                      | 0.3        | 0.0           | 0.0        |
| Recreation, Sport & Culture                                      | 2.6        | 0.0           | 0.2        |
| Education Services   | 5.6        | 2.2           | 2.2        |
| Restaurants and Accommodation services                           | 4.4        | 1.3           | 1.6        |
| Financial services   | 0.0        | 0.0           | 0.0        |
| Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services              | 3.8        | 0.1           | 0.3        |

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 Philippine Statistics Authority

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

| Commodity Group   | March 2024 | February 2025 | March 2025 |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Food</b>   | <b>4.1</b> | <b>8.6</b>    | <b>6.2</b> |
| Cereals and Cereal Products   | 14.8       | 5.4           | -2.0       |
| Cereals   | 19.8       | 7.5           | -3.0       |
| Rice  | 20.0       | 7.3           | -3.3       |
| Corn  | 4.3        | 36.3          | 39.1       |
| Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals | 4.0        | 0.3           | 0.4        |
| Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals                          | 3.7        | 14.3          | 13.0       |
| Fish and Other Seafood  | -6.9       | 10.1          | 14.5       |
| Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs                                      | -2.0       | 7.4           | 7.7        |
| Oils and Fats   | -10.0      | 16.8          | 17.8       |
| Fruits and Nuts   | 9.2        | 8.7           | 6.7        |
| Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses                 | 2.5        | 5.9           | 1.8        |
| Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts   | -0.6       | 0.8           | -0.1       |
| Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.                            | 3.3        | 1.8           | 1.7        |

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

Food inflation in Lucena City eased to 6.2 percent in March 2025 from 8.6 percent in February 2025. However, it was higher compared to the food inflation rate in March 2024, which was recorded at 4.1 percent.

The deceleration of food inflation in the city was mainly driven by the significant drop in the inflation rate of rice which declined to -3.3 percent from 7.3 percent in the previous month.

Other food groups that contributed to the decline in food inflation were the following:

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 13.0 percent, from 14.3 percent;
- b. Fruits and nuts at 6.7 percent, from 8.7 percent;
- c. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 1.8 percent, from 5.9 percent;
- d. Sugar, confectionery and desserts at -0.1 percent, from 0.8 percent; and

- e. Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified at 1.7 percent, from 1.8 percent.

In contrast, the following food groups recorded higher annual growth rates during the month:

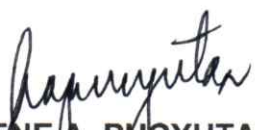
- a. Corn at 39.1 percent, from 36.3 percent;
- b. Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals at 0.4 percent, from 0.3 percent;
- c. Fish and other seafood at 14.5 percent, from 10.1 percent;
- d. Milk, other dairy products and eggs at 7.7 percent, from 7.4 percent; and
- e. Oils and fats at 17.8 percent, from 16.8 percent.

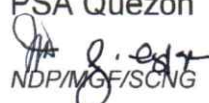
**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Lucena City, All Items  
 In Percent  
 January 2020 – February 2025  
 (2018=100)**

| Month          | Inflation by Year |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                | 2020              | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       | 2025       |
| January        | 3.0               | 4.7        | 2.9        | 6.4        | 1.4        | 4.4        |
| February       | 1.9               | 4.8        | 2.7        | 8.2        | 2.2        | 2.6        |
| March          | 1.8               | 4.8        | 3.4        | 7.0        | 2.9        | 2.0        |
| April          | 1.6               | 4.8        | 3.8        | 5.5        | 4.5        |            |
| May            | 1.5               | 4.4        | 4.2        | 5.2        | 4.4        |            |
| June           | 1.4               | 4.8        | 5.1        | 4.2        | 4.9        |            |
| July           | 1.2               | 4.5        | 5.8        | 2.5        | 5.2        |            |
| August         | 1.0               | 6.1        | 5.1        | 3.2        | 4.7        |            |
| September      | 0.5               | 5.6        | 5.8        | 4.0        | 3.5        |            |
| December       | 1.5               | 3.9        | 7.3        | 2.7        | 4.0        |            |
| December       | 3.1               | 3.9        | 6.7        | 2.5        | 3.0        |            |
| December       | 3.5               | 2.1        | 6.6        | 2.6        | 3.3        |            |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>1.8</b>        | <b>4.5</b> | <b>5.0</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>3.7</b> | <b>3.0</b> |

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**Note:** CPI and inflation rates by province and selected cities are available on the PSA website at <https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/>.

  
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