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

**April 2025**

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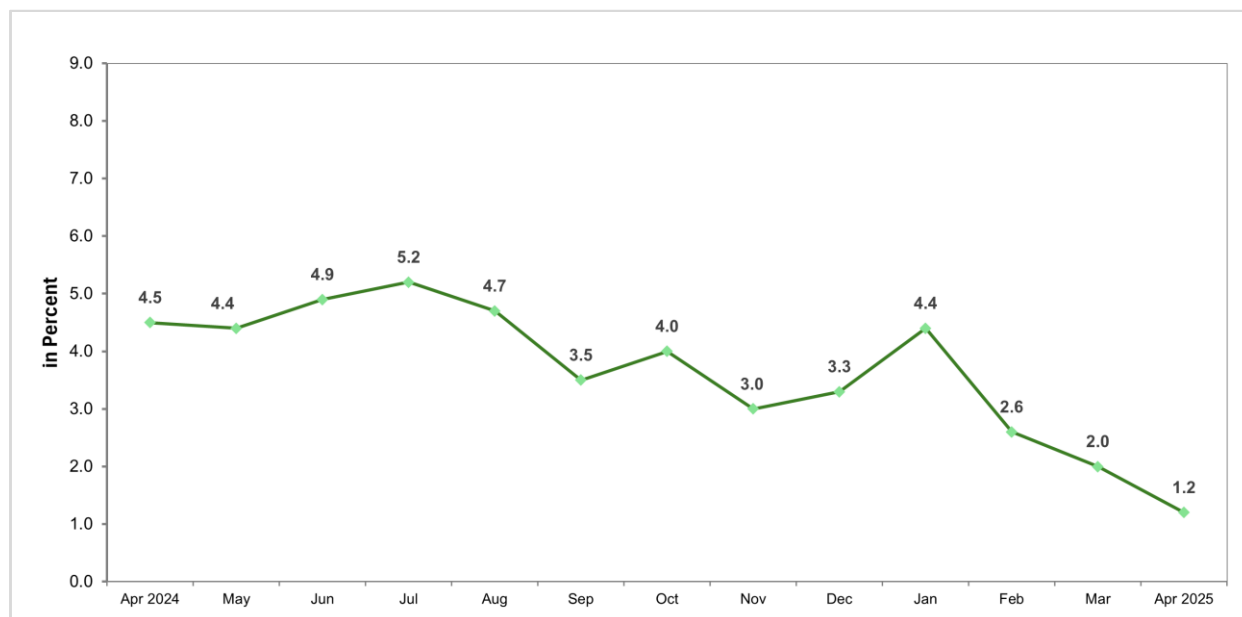
**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates: Philippines, AONCR,  
CALABARZON, Quezon and Lucena City, All Items  
In Percent  
(2018=100)**

Area	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025	Year-to-date*
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>				
Headline	3.8	1.8	1.4	2.0
Core	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
<b>AREAS OUTSIDE NCR - AONCR</b>				
Headline	4.1	1.8	1.2	2.0
<b>CALABARZON</b>				
Headline	3.6	1.8	1.7	2.2
<b>QUEZON</b>				
Headline	4.6	3.4	2.1	3.9
<b>LUCENA CITY</b>				
Headline	4.5	2.0	1.2	2.5

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

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

**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 continued to decrease at 1.2 percent in April 2025, down from 2.0 percent in March 2025. This brings the average inflation rate of the city from January to April 2025 to 2.5 percent. Moreover, the inflation rate in April 2024 was higher at 4.5 percent.

The continued downtrend in Lucena City's overall inflation rate in April 2025 was primarily driven by the slower annual increase in the heavily weighted food and non-alcoholic beverages, which eased to 3.8 percent from 5.7 percent in the previous month.

Also contributing to the decrease in overall inflation were the lower annual increments in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month:

- a. Transport at -4.6 percent, from -2.7 percent; and
- b. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at -0.9 percent, from -0.6 percent.

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

- a. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 2.5 percent, from 1.3 percent; and
- b. Restaurants and accommodation services at 1.9 percent, from 1.6 percent.

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

- a. Clothing and footwear at 0.3 percent;
- b. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 0.5 percent;
- c. Health at 0.3 percent;
- d. Information and communication at 0.0 percent;

- e. Recreation, sport and culture at 0.2 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 0.3 percent.

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

Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages	6.9	5.7	3.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	5.3	1.3	2.5
Clothing & footwear	1.0	0.3	0.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.1	-0.6	-0.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	0.7	0.5	0.5
Health	-0.3	0.3	0.3
Transport	5.6	-2.7	-4.6
Information & Communication	0.3	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport & Culture	2.6	0.2	0.2
Education Services	5.6	2.2	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation services	4.4	1.6	1.9
Financial services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.8	0.3	0.3

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

Commodity Group	April 2024	March 2025	April 2025
<b>Food</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Cereals and Cereal Products	17.7	-2.0	-6.6
Cereals	24.3	-3.0	-9.2
Rice	24.3	-3.3	-9.5
Corn	21.1	39.1	17.0
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	3.9	0.4	0.3
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	0.9	13.0	12.9
Fish and Other Seafood	6.1	14.5	8.6
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	-2.0	7.7	7.8
Oils and Fats	-10.0	17.8	22.6
Fruits and Nuts	8.9	6.7	5.2
Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	13.9	1.8	4.5
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	-0.6	-0.1	-1.5
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	3.3	1.7	1.5

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Food inflation in Lucena City further decreased to 4.1 percent in April 2025, from 6.2 percent in March 2025. This was also lower compared to the 7.3 percent food inflation rate recorded in April 2024.

The deceleration of food inflation was mainly driven by the significant drop in the inflation rate of rice, which declined to -9.5 percent, from -3.3 percent in the previous month.

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

- Corn at 17.0 percent, from 39.1 percent;
- Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals at 0.3 percent, from 0.4 percent;
- Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 12.9 percent, from 13.0 percent;
- Fish and other seafood at 8.6 percent, from 14.5 percent;
- Fruits and nuts at 5.2 percent, from 6.7 percent;

- f. Sugar, confectionery and desserts at -1.5 percent, from -0.1 percent; and
- g. Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified at 1.5 percent, from 1.7 percent.

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


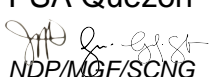
- a. Milk, other dairy products and eggs at 7.8 percent, from 7.7 percent;
- b. Oils and fats at 22.6 percent, from 17.8 percent; and
- c. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 4.5 percent, from 1.8 percent.

**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Lucena City, All Items  
In Percent  
January 2020 – March 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	1.2
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>2.5</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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