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BILIRAN PROVINCE INFLATION RATE DECELERATES BY 1.0 PERCENT IN JUNE 2025

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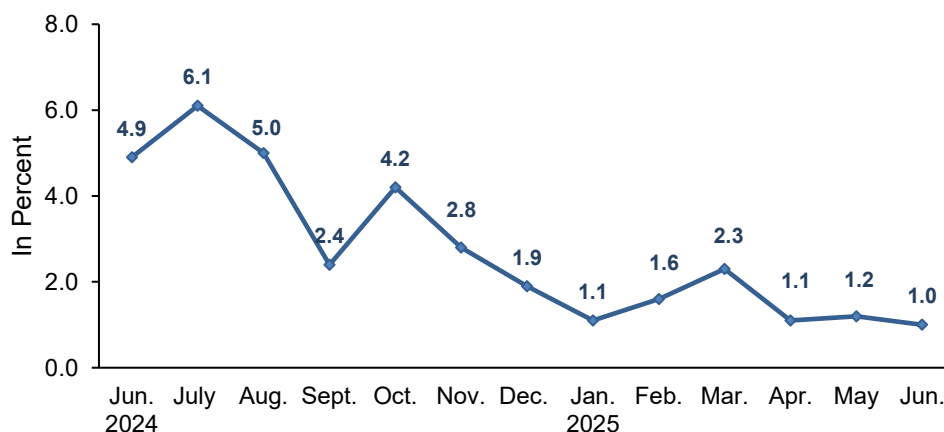
INFLATION RATE

The inflation rate (IR) in Biliran Province decreased to 1.0 percent in June 2025 which is lower by 0.2 percentage points than the recorded IR of 1.2 percent in May 2025. In June 2024, the IR was higher at 4.9 percent. (Figure 1)

The provincial IR of 1.0 percent in June 2025 is lower by 0.4 percentage points than the national IR of 1.4 percent. In contrast, it is higher by 0.3 percentage points than the regional IR of 0.7 percent. (Table A)

PRICE SITUATION: YEAR-ON-YEAR

Figure 1. Monthly Inflation Rate: Biliran
June 2024 - June 2025 (2018=100)



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

Among the six (6) provinces and the lone Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in Eastern Visayas, Biliran recorded the third highest inflation rate in June 2025. (Table A)

Table A. Comparative Consumer Price Index, Inflation Rate, & Purchasing Power of Peso, Philippines and Region VIII: May to June 2025 and June 2024 (2018 = 100)

Area	June 2025			May 2025			June 2024		
	CPI	IR	PPP	CPI	IR	PPP	CPI	IR	PPP
Philippines	127.4	1.4	0.78	127.2	1.3	0.79	125.6	3.7	0.80
Region VIII	125.0	0.7	0.80	124.4	0.4	0.80	124.1	4.0	0.81
Biliran	122.2	1.0	0.82	122.7	1.2	0.81	121.0	4.9	0.83
Eastern Samar	127.5	1.9	0.78	126.4	0.6	0.79	125.1	3.0	0.80
Leyte	124.1	0.7	0.81	124.3	1.1	0.80	123.2	3.9	0.81
Tacloban City	120.8	0.3	0.83	120.6	0.7	0.83	120.4	3.6	0.83
Northern Samar	126.8	2.8	0.79	124.5	0.5	0.80	123.4	2.7	0.81
Samar	129.4	-0.1	0.77	127.7	-0.8	0.78	129.5	5.5	0.77
Southern Leyte	121.4	-1.3	0.82	121.5	-0.6	0.82	123.0	4.4	0.81

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

In June 2025, the province recorded an IR of 1.0 percent for all income households. This refers to All Items or the provincial market basket which represents the goods and services commonly purchased by households in Biliran. (Table A)

The downtrend in the province's inflation in June 2025 was primarily influenced by lower year-on-year increase in housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels at 2.3 percent in June 2025 from 4.1 percent in May 2025. Food and non-alcoholic beverages came in next with faster annual decline of 1.3 percent during the month from an annual decline of 1.0 percent in the previous month. Also contributing to the downtrend was alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 2.9 percent from 3.0 percent. These commodity groups accounted for 66.6 percent, 32.8 percent, and 0.6 percent share to the downtrend in the inflation rate of the province, respectively.

On the other hand, higher year-on-year price movements in June 2025 were observed in the following commodity groups:

- Clothing and footwear at 5.5 percent from 5.4 percent;
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 6.9 percent from 6.3 percent;
- Information and communication at 2.9 percent from 2.8 percent;
- Recreation, sport and culture at 6.6 percent from 6.2 percent;
- Restaurants and accommodation services at 2.9 percent from 2.3 percent; and
- Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 5.9 percent from 5.7 percent.

Moreover, faster annual increase was recorded in the transport group 0.2 percent during the month from a 0.8 percent annual drop in the previous month.

Meanwhile, the rest of the commodity groups retained their respective previous month's annual rates. (Table 1)

The top three commodity groups contributing to the June 2025 overall inflation rate were the following:

- a. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels with 34.0 percent share or 0.34 percentage point;
- b. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance with 29.0 percent share or 0.29 percentage point; and
- c. Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services with 26.1 percent share or 0.26 percentage point.

Food inflation in the province recorded a faster annual drop of 1.8 percent inflation in June 2025 from a 1.5 percent annual decrease in May 2025. In June 2024, food inflation was higher at 7.0 percent.

The deceleration of food inflation rate in June 2025 was mainly influenced by meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals with lower year-on-year increase of 6.6 percent in June 2025 from 10.8 percent in May 2025. This was followed by vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses with slower year-on-year increase of 0.9 percent during the month from 4.3 percent in the previous month. Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified also contributed to the downtrend with slower annual increment of 4.7 percent from 7.7 percent.

In addition, slower annual increment was also observed in fruits and nuts with annual increase of 9.1 percent, and in flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products and other cereals at 2.1 percent from their inflation rates of 11.3 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively.

In contrast, higher inflation rates were observed in the following food items:

- a. Fish and other seafood at 6.8 percent from 4.0 percent;
- b. Milk, other dairy products, and eggs at 4.7 percent from 4.6 percent; and
- c. Oils and fats at 5.0 percent from 4.2 percent.

In addition, slower annual decline was noted in rice at 17.3 percent, and in corn at 9.9 percent in June 2025 from their respective year-on-year decreases of 17.8 percent and 12.7 percent in May 2025, respectively.

Meanwhile, only the sugar, confectionery and desserts retained its previous month's annual rate.

The non-food category in general decreased to 3.0 percent during the month from 3.2 percent in the previous month. (Table 1)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in June 2025 was recorded at 122.2 percent. This implies that the average level of prices of consumer food and services purchased by households in June 2025 was higher by 22.2 percent compared with the prices in 2018. (Table 2)

Moreover, the provincial CPI in June 2025 is lower by 2.8 percentage points and 5.2 percentage points than the regional and national CPI levels, respectively. (Table A)

Two (2) of the 13 commodity groups observed decrease in its CPI levels in June 2025. These groups are food and non-alcoholic beverages; and housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels with CPI levels of 123.9 percent and 114.7 percent during month from their previous month's CPI levels of 124.3 percent and 117.6 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, eight (8) of the 13 commodity groups observed increase in its CPI levels. These groups are clothing and footwear; furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; health; transport; information and communication; recreation, sport and culture; restaurants and accommodation services; and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services.

Meanwhile, the rest of the commodity groups retained its previous month's CPI levels.

By commodity group, the financial services still posted the highest CPI level at 162.2 percent. This was followed by the transport group and the alcoholic beverages and tobacco with CPI levels of 129.0 percent and 127.1 percent, respectively. On the other hand, the information and communication group recorded the least CPI with 108.0 percent. (Table 2)

In general, food index recorded a decrease in its CPI level at 123.2 percent during the month from 123.6 percent in the previous month.

During the month, the following food items observed lower CPI levels:

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 151.1 percent from 153.5 percent;
- b. Fish and other seafood at 136.0 percent from 136.1 percent;
- c. Fruits and nuts at 149.2 percent from 154.0 percent; and
- d. Sugar, confectionery and desserts at 143.3 percent from 143.6 percent.

In contrast, the following food items observed higher CPI levels:

- a. Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals at 120.8 percent from 120.7 percent;
- b. Milk, other dairy products and eggs at 126.0 percent from 125.9 percent;
- c. Oils and fats at 129.2 percent from 127.8 percent;



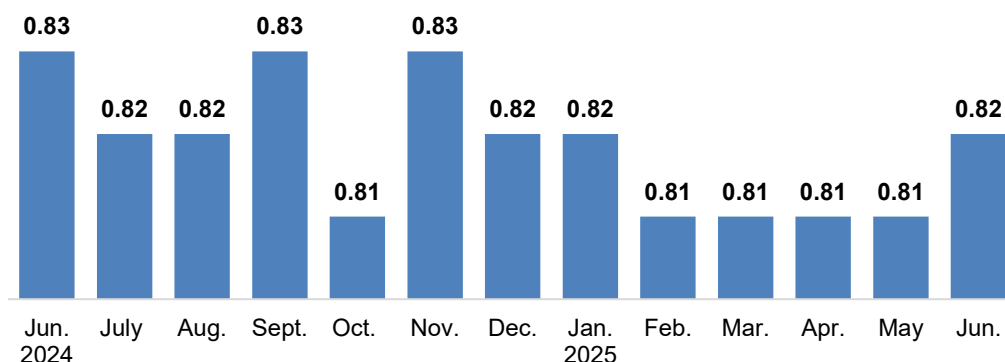
- d. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses at 127.9 percent from 127.3 percent; and
- e. Ready-made food and other food products not elsewhere classified at 137.6 percent from 136.6 percent.

The non-food category recorded lower CPI level at 120.5 percent in June 2025 from 121.0 percent in May 2025. (Table 2)

PURCHASING POWER OF PESO (PPP)

The price changes reflected in the CPI caused the value of the national currency in Biliran to have a value of Php 0.82. This PPP implies that the goods and services worth Php 1.00 in 2018 is now worth Php 0.82 in June 2025 or you will need Php 122.2 to buy the same goods and services worth Php 100.00 in 2018. (Table A and Figure 2)

Figure 2. Purchasing Power of Peso: Biliran,
June 2024 - June 2025
(2018=100)



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



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Table 1. Inflation Rate by Commodity Group, Biliran: May to June 2025 and June 2024
(2018 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024
ALL ITEMS	1.0	1.2	4.9
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	-1.3	-1.0	6.8
* Food	-1.8	-1.5	7.0
Cereals and Cereal Products	-13.3	-13.6	19.5
Cereals	-17.3	-17.7	23.9
Rice	-17.3	-17.8	24.0
Corn	-9.9	-12.7	17.5
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	2.1	2.4	4.6
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	6.6	10.8	0.0
Fish and Other Seafood	6.8	4.0	-5.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	4.7	4.6	3.3
Oils and Fats	5.0	4.2	5.5
Fruits and Nuts	9.1	11.3	3.5
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	0.9	4.3	7.3
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	-1.4	-1.4	0.0
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	4.7	7.7	11.7
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	6.7	6.6	5.1
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	2.9	3.0	5.2
Alcoholic Beverages	1.0	1.1	2.1
Tobacco	4.8	4.8	8.4
NON-FOOD	3.0	3.2	3.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	5.5	5.4	6.2
Clothing	5.7	5.6	6.2
Footwear	4.9	4.9	6.6
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	2.3	4.1	0.5
Actual Rentals for Housing	1.3	1.3	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	3.1	3.1	4.4
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	0.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.4	7.4	0.5
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	6.9	6.3	4.3
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	2.7	2.4	3.8
Household Textiles	3.0	3.0	3.5
Household Appliances	4.5	4.1	5.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	11.4	11.2	12.2
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	2.8	2.9	5.1
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	8.1	7.3	4.0
VI. HEALTH	2.9	2.9	1.9
Medicines and Health Products	1.9	1.8	2.4
Outpatient Care Services	9.1	9.1	1.6



COMMODITY GROUP	June 2025	BAGONG MAYNAS May 2025	June 2024
Inpatient Care Services	0.8	0.8	0.0
Other Health Services	1.6	1.6	0.0
VII. TRANSPORT	0.2	-0.8	1.2
Purchase of Vehicles	2.6	2.6	0.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	-1.8	-4.6	2.4
Passenger Transport Services	-0.2	-0.4	1.1
Transport Services of Goods	0.0	0.0	1.2
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	2.9	2.8	1.5
Information and Communication Equipment	5.4	5.1	2.8
Information and Communication Services	0.2	0.2	0.2
IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	6.6	6.2	8.8
Recreational Durables	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Goods	4.3	3.9	7.3
Garden Products and Pets	5.3	5.3	10.8
Recreational Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cultural Goods	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cultural Services	-	-	-
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	11.3	10.6	14.7
X. EDUCATION SERVICES	0.0	0.0	6.3
Early Childhood and Primary Education	0.0	0.0	12.2
Secondary Education	0.0	0.0	3.2
Tertiary Education	-	-	-
Education Not Defined by Level	-	-	-
XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	2.9	2.3	8.5
Food and Beverage Serving Services	3.2	2.5	9.2
Accommodation Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	-0.1
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	5.9	5.7	6.3
Personal Care	5.9	5.7	6.5
Other Personal Effects	6.5	6.0	5.6
Other Services	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Note: - no data available



Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Commodity Group, Biliran: May to June 2025 and June 2024 (2018 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024
ALL ITEMS	122.2	122.7	121.0
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	123.9	124.3	125.5
* Food	123.2	123.6	125.5
Cereals and Cereal Products	101.7	101.7	117.3
Cereals	96.8	96.8	117.1
Rice	96.8	96.8	117.0
Corn	109.3	109.3	121.3
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals	120.8	120.7	118.3
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	151.1	153.5	141.8
Fish and Other Seafood	136.0	136.1	127.3
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	126.0	125.9	120.4
Oils and Fats	129.2	127.8	123.0
Fruits and Nuts	149.2	154.0	136.8
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	127.9	127.3	126.7
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	143.3	143.6	145.4
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	137.6	136.6	131.4
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	134.0	133.3	125.6
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	127.1	127.1	123.5
Alcoholic Beverages	120.6	120.6	119.4
Tobacco	133.9	133.8	127.8
NON-FOOD	120.5	121.0	117.0
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	125.9	125.2	119.3
Clothing	129.5	128.8	122.5
Footwear	116.6	116.0	111.2
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	114.7	117.6	112.1
Actual Rentals for Housing	107.3	107.3	105.9
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	121.9	121.5	118.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	102.5	102.5	102.5
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	123.4	130.6	119.3
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	124.2	123.5	116.2
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	117.5	117.1	114.4
Household Textiles	112.6	112.3	109.3
Household Appliances	121.4	120.9	116.2
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	135.9	134.8	122.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	115.7	115.7	112.5
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	126.1	125.2	116.7
VI. HEALTH	116.8	116.7	113.5
Medicines and Health Products	118.4	118.2	116.2
Outpatient Care Services	123.6	123.6	113.3



COMMODITY GROUP	June 2025	BAGONG MAYNAS May 2025	June 2024
Inpatient Care Services	103.0	103.0	102.2
Other Health Services	106.1	106.1	104.4
VII. TRANSPORT	129.0	128.5	128.8
Purchase of Vehicles	100.3	100.3	97.8
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	123.6	123.1	125.9
Passenger Transport Services	176.9	175.8	177.3
Transport Services of Goods	105.7	105.7	105.7
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	108.0	107.5	105.0
Information and Communication Equipment	114.1	113.0	108.3
Information and Communication Services	101.8	101.8	101.6
IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	123.0	122.5	115.4
Recreational Durables	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other Recreational Goods	120.1	119.4	115.2
Garden Products and Pets	149.9	149.9	142.4
Recreational Services	92.4	92.4	92.4
Cultural Goods	102.6	102.6	102.6
Cultural Services	-	-	-
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	141.7	140.7	127.3
X. EDUCATION SERVICES	115.7	115.7	115.7
Early Childhood and Primary Education	118.7	118.7	118.7
Secondary Education	114.0	114.0	114.0
Tertiary Education	-	-	-
Education Not Defined by Level	-	-	-
XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	125.7	124.9	122.1
Food and Beverage Serving Services	128.3	127.4	124.3
Accommodation Services	100.0	100.0	100.0
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	162.2	162.2	162.2
Financial Services	162.2	162.2	162.2
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	118.2	117.8	111.6
Personal Care	118.4	118.0	111.8
Other Personal Effects	118.5	117.9	111.3
Other Services	92.6	92.6	92.6

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Note: - no data available

TECHNICAL NOTES

The current CPI series is 2018-based. The five steps involved in the rebasing/computing of the CPI are as follows: (1) identification of the base year; (2) determination of the market basket; (3) determination of household consumption patterns; (4) monitoring of prices of items in the basket; and (5) computation of the CPI.

REBASING THE CPI – is necessary to ensure that this barometer of economic phenomena is truly reflective of current situation. Consumer taste, fashion and technology change over time causing the fixed market basket of goods and services to become outmoded. To capture such changes for a more meaningful price comparison, revision or updating of the fixed market basket, the sample outlets, the weights and the based year had to be done periodically.

MARKET BASKET – refers to a sample of goods and services used to represent all goods and services bought by a particular group of consumers in a particular area.

WEIGHTS – is a value attached to a commodity or group of commodities to indicate the relative importance of that commodity or group of commodities in the market basket. The weights for the 2018-based CPI were derived from the expenditure data of the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey.

MONITORING OF PRICES – is to establish baseline information for prices of the items in the based year and monitoring of the prices of the items on a regular basis.

COMPUTING THE CPI – the formula uses straightforward computation of monthly average prices of commodities; chain method for elementary items indexes; geometric mean method at the lowest level (subclass level) of aggregation of price indexes; and weighted arithmetic mean at the higher levels of aggregation of the price indexes.

RETAIL PRICE – refers to the actual price at which retailers sell a commodity on spot or earliest delivery. Usually in small quantities for consumption and not for resale. It is confined to transactions on cash basis in the free market and excludes black-market prices of commodities that are on sale as in summer sales, anniversary sales, Christmas sales, etc.