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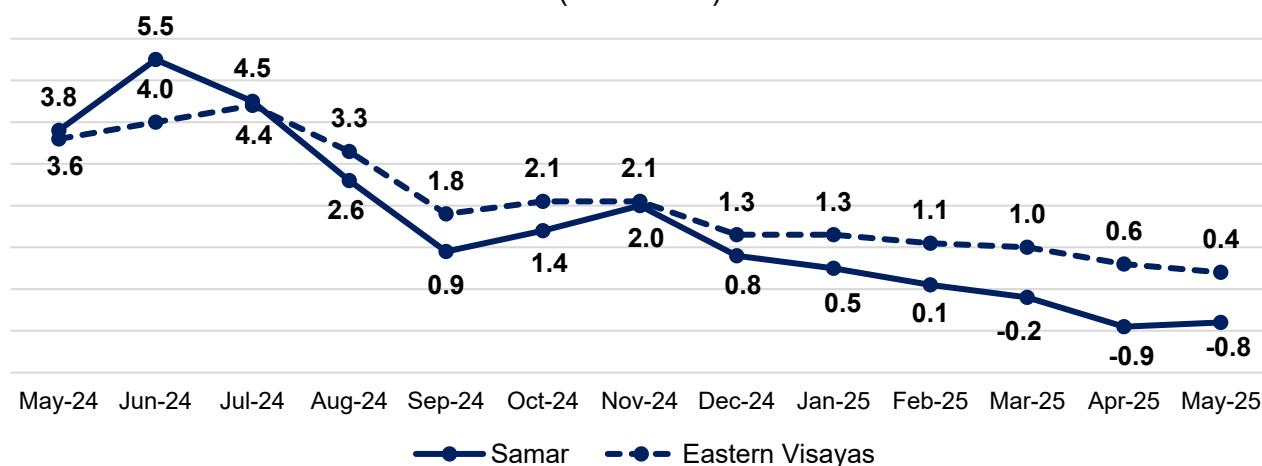
## Highlights of the Price Situation in Samar Province May 2024-2025 (2018=100)

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### Samar's inflation rate slightly recovers to -0.8% in May 2025

Figure 1. Inflation Rate in Eastern Visayas and Samar  
May 2024 - May 2025  
(2018=100)



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

\*Year-on-year changes of average CPI for May 2024 vs May 2025

The inflation rate of Samar Province slightly improved, rising from negative 0.9 percent in April 2025 to negative 0.8 percent in May 2025. This represents a 4.6-percentage point decrease compared to May 2024. The year-to-date inflation rate stands at negative 0.3 percent, which is 1.2 percentage points lower than the regional average. (Figure 1)

### Top Three Commodity Groups Driving Samar's Inflation Rate Acceleration

The slight improvement in the province's inflation rate was mainly driven by faster price increases in the following major commodity groups:

- Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages, which accounted for 84.5 percent of the inflation, recorded a negative 2.6 inflation rate – an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the previous month.



- b. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels, contributing 13.7 percent, recorded an inflation rate of 0.3 percent, up from 0.1 percent in the previous month. The increase was primarily attributed to faster price hikes in electricity, gas, and other fuels.
- c. Health, with a 1.7 percent share, registered an inflation rate of 3.0 percent, slightly higher than the 2.8 percent recorded in the previous month. This was mainly due to the rising prices of medicines and health products.

However, five commodity groups observed a downward trend namely: Recreation, Sports and Culture (1.1%); Transport (0.6%); Personal care, Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.6%); Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (0.1%); and Restaurants and Accommodation Services (0.0%).

Inflation rate refers to the overall increase in prices over a specific period. It reflects the speed at which prices change between two time periods. Contrary to popular belief, low inflation does not necessarily mean that prices are decreasing; rather, it indicates that prices are still rising but at a slower pace. This rate is derived from Consumer Price Index (CPI).

## **Food Inflation**

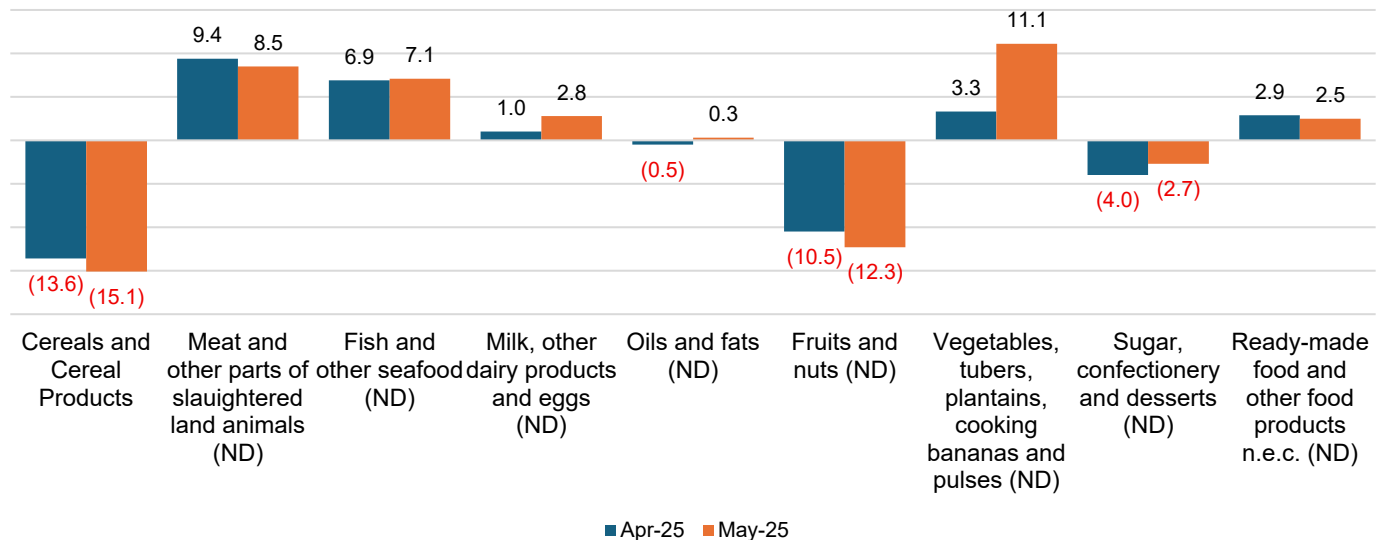
The inflation rate for Food slightly improved, from negative 3.4 percent in April 2025 to negative 3.0 percent in May 2025. (Figure 2)

### *Main Drivers of the Upward Trend in Food Inflation*

The upward trend in Food Inflation in May 2025 was primarily attributed to faster price increases in the following Food sub-commodity groups:

1. Vegetables, Tubers, Plantains, Cooking Bananas and Pulses (ND), from 3.3 percent to 11.1 percent;
2. Fish and Other Seafood, from 6.9 percent to 7.1 percent;
3. Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs (ND), from 1.0 percent to 2.8 percent;
4. Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts (ND), from negative 4.0 percent to negative 2.7 percent; and
5. Oils and fats (ND), from negative 0.5 percent to 0.3 percent.

Figure 2. Food Inflation Rate by Sub-Commodity Group in Samar  
(April 2025 - May 2025)



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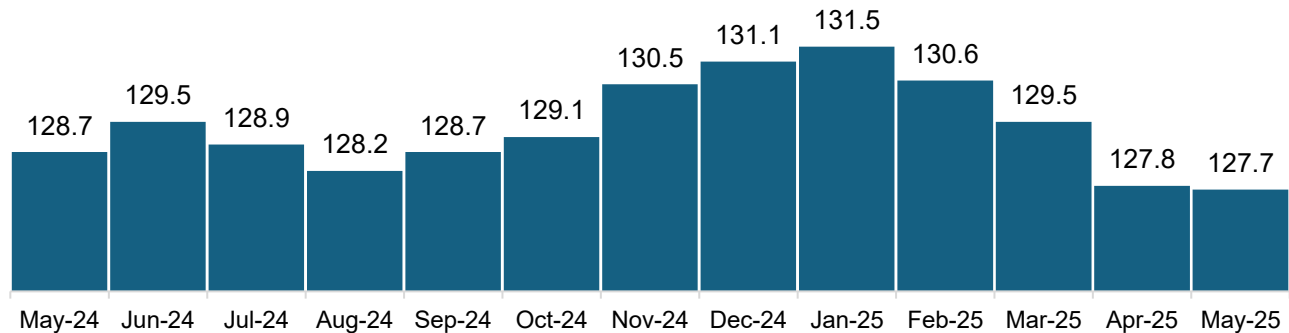
The following Food sub-commodity groups showed decelerated inflation rates in May 2025 compared to the previous month:

1. Cereals and Cereal Products, from negative 13.6 percent in April 2025 to negative 15.1 percent in May 2025.
2. Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land and Animals decreased by 0.9 percentage points from 9.4 percent in April 2025 to 8.5 percent in May 2025.
3. Fruits and Nuts decreased from negative 10.5 percent in April to negative 12.3 percent in May.
4. Ready-made Food and Other Food Products, from 2.9 percent in April to 2.5 percent in May.

## Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) slightly declined, from 127.8 in April to 127.7 in May 2025. This reflects a 27.7 percent increase in the overall basket of goods compared to the 2018 base year and a 1.0 percent decrease relative to the same month in the previous year. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Consumer Price Index in Samar  
May 2024 - May 2025  
(2018=100)



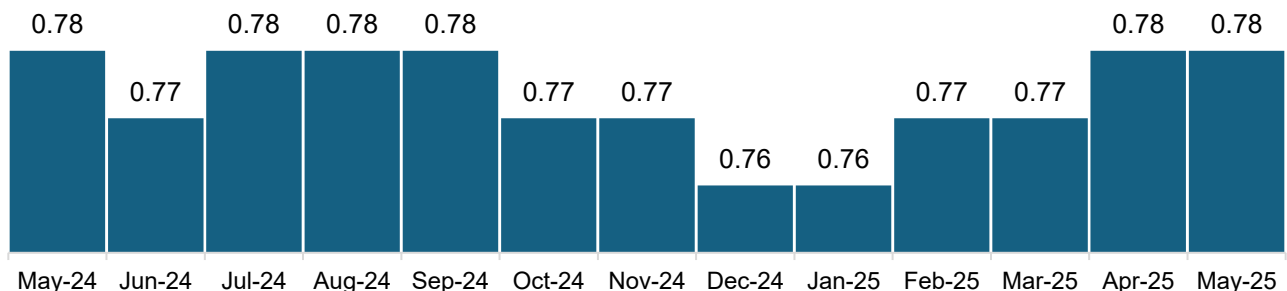
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### Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) remains at 0.78 in May 2025

The Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) in Samar remained at 78 centavos in May 2025, indicating that one peso in 2018 is now equivalent to only 78 centavos. (Figure 4)

Figure 4. Purchasing Power of the Peso in Samar  
May 2024 - May 2025  
(2018=100)



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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate for All Income Households in Samar by Commodity**  
April 2025 – May 2025  
(2018=100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Consumer Price Index		Inflation Rate	
	April 2025	May 2025	April 2025	May 2025
ALL ITEMS	127.8	127.7	(0.9)	(0.8)
<b>I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	127.8	127.5	(3.0)	(2.6)
*Food	128.5	128.1	(3.4)	(3.0)
Cereals and Cereal Products	105.7	100.4	(13.6)	(15.1)
Cereals	101.9	95.2	(17.6)	(19.6)
Rice	101.8	95.1	(17.6)	(19.7)
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, and Other Cereals	120.0	119.9	1.7	1.5
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals (ND)	148.3	150.1	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Fish and Other Seafood (ND)	144.3	150.2	6.9	7.1
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs (ND)	145.2	147.8	1.0	2.8
Oils and Fats (ND)	115.3	115.9	(0.5)	0.3
Fruits and Nuts (ND)	124.6	123.0	(10.5)	(12.3)
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses (ND)	179.1	185.9	3.3	11.1
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts (ND)	142.3	144.4	(4.0)	(2.7)
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C. (ND)	130.9	132.8	2.9	2.5
<b>II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	183.8	184.0	9.1	9.1
Alcoholic Beverages	144.1	144.5	6.8	6.5
Tobacco	250.4	250.4	11.4	11.7
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products				
NON-FOOD	124.5	124.6	0.9	0.6
<b>III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	110.4	110.4	0.5	0.5
Clothing	107.7	107.7	0.2	0.1
Footwear	117.3	117.3	1.5	1.4
<b>IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	114.7	114.9	0.1	0.3
Actual Rentals for Housing	106.0	106.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	122.9	122.9	1.2	0.9
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	98.4	98.4	2.3	2.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	126.9	127.4	(0.2)	0.2
<b>V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	139.2	139.2	0.3	0.1
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	115.4	115.4	0.5	0.5
Household Textiles	99.4	99.4	(0.9)	(0.9)
Household Appliances	117.5	117.5	0.0	0.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	115.8	115.8	0.0	0.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	170.7	170.7	1.7	1.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	150.6	150.6	0.3	0.1
<b>VI. HEALTH</b>	129.6	129.7	2.8	3.0
Medicines and Health Products	118.5	118.6	2.3	2.7
Outpatient Care Services	163.8	163.8	1.2	1.2
Inpatient Care Services	160.7	160.7	7.6	7.6
Other Health Services	151.5	151.5	0.0	0.0
<b>VII. TRANSPORT</b>	144.1	144.2	2.4	0.6
Purchase of Vehicles	111.6	111.6	(0.7)	(0.7)
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	124.4	123.3	(10.7)	11.5)
Passenger Transport Services	175.1	175.9	9.7	6.3
Transport Services of Goods	105.6	105.6	0.0	0.0
<b>VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	98.0	98.0	0.2	0.2
Information and Communication Equipment	91.3	91.3	0.4	0.4
Information and Communication Services	103.4	103.4	0.0	0.0
<b>IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	108.7	108.8	1.4	1.1
Other Recreational Goods	98.9	98.9	0.0	0.0

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Garden Products and Pets	136.2	136.2	3.9	3.9
Recreational Services	92.6	92.6	0.0	0.0
Cultural Goods	110.9	110.9	0.0	0.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	119.5	119.6	2.2	1.6
<b>X. EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	128.3	128.3	7.7	7.7
Early Childhood and Primary Education	114.8	114.8	0.3	0.3
Secondary Education				
Tertiary Education	130.0	130.0	8.6	8.6
<b>XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	151.4	151.4	0.5	0.0
Food and Beverage Serving Services	152.4	152.4	0.5	0.0
Accommodation Services	128.2	128.2	1.0	0.0
<b>XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	146.0	146.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Services	146.0	146.0	0.0	0.0
<b>XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	120.0	120.0	0.8	0.6
Personal Care	121.3	121.3	0.8	0.7
Other Personal Effects	109.6	109.6	0.7	0.6
Other Services	100.8	100.8	0.0	0.0

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

**Base Period** – it is a reference period, usually a year, at which the index number is set to 100. It is the reference point of the index number series.

**Consumer Price Index** – is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by an average Filipino household. It shows how much on the average, prices of goods and services have increased or decreased from a particular reference period known as a base year. The formula used in computing the CPI is the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives, a variant of the Laspeyres formula with fixed base year period weights as shown below:

$$CPI = \frac{\sum \left[ \left( \frac{P_n}{P_0} \right) * (P_0 * Q_0) \right]}{\sum (P_0 * Q_0)}$$

Where  $P_n$  = current price

$P_0$  = base year price or base price

$P_0 * Q_0$  = base year weights

**Headline Inflation** – measures changes in the cost of living based on movements in the price of a specified basket of major commodities. It refers to the annual rate of change or the year-on—year changes in the CPI.

**Inflation Rate** – refers to the annual rate of change or the year-on-year changes of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money. Inflation rate is computed as:

$$\text{Inflation Rate} = \frac{(CPI_2 - CPI_1)}{CPI_1} \times 100$$

Where  $CPI_2$  = is the CPI in the second period

$CPI_1$  = is the CPI in the previous period

**Market Basket** – For CPI purposes, market basket is a term used to refer to a sample of goods and services that are commonly purchased and bought by an average Filipino household.

**Price** – The amount or value paid in exchange for the commodity or a service rendered.

**Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP)** – Shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100

$$\text{Purchasing Power of the Peso} = \frac{1}{CPI} (\text{All Items}) \times 100$$

**Retail/Consumer Price** – Refers to the price at which a commodity is sold in small quantities for consumption.

**Unit of Measure** – Refers to which a commodity is customarily traded in the market. The unit of measure is used as the basis for pricing for consistency and to prevent misunderstanding between the price collector and the respondent.

**Weight** – 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.

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