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Summary Inflation Report of Southern Leyte Consumer Price Index for All Income Households (2018=100)

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Southern Leyte's inflation rate (IR) decelerated to 1.1 percent in February 2025 from 2.2 percent in January 2025. Furthermore, the rate was 2.3 percentage points lower than in February 2024. During February 2025, both the regional and provincial levels recorded the same IR of 1.1 percent.

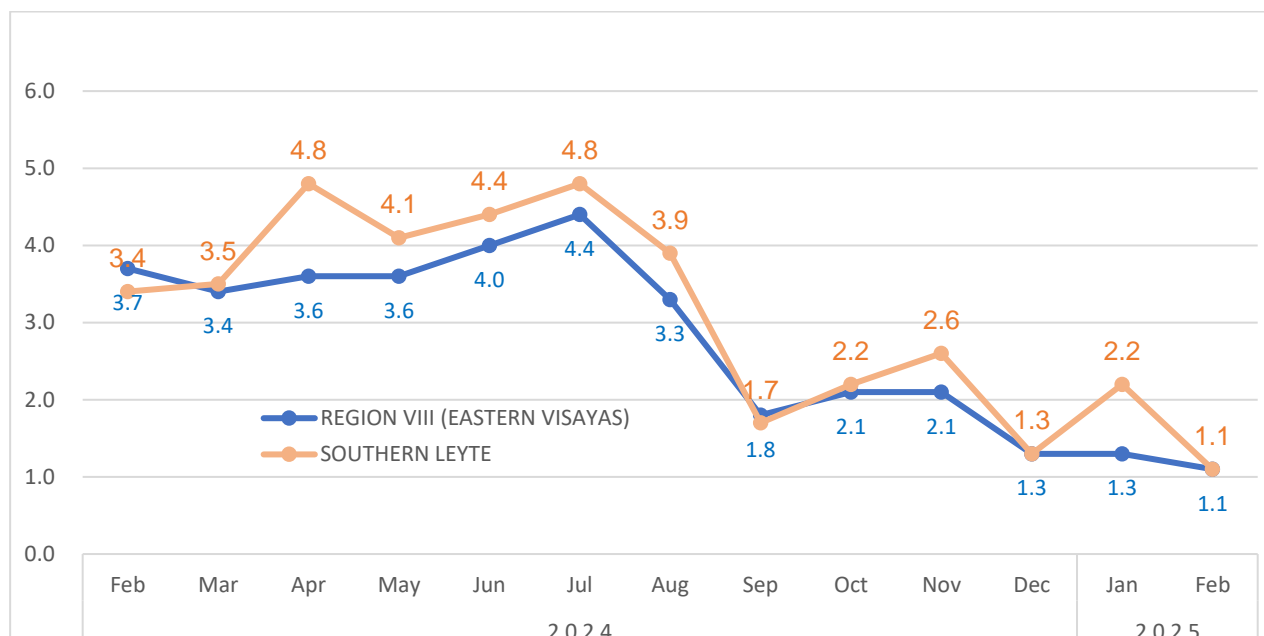
**Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate: All Items
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
PHILIPPINES	3.4	2.9	2.1
Eastern Visayas	3.7	1.3	1.1
Southern Leyte	3.4	2.2	1.1

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



Figure 1. Year-on-Year Changes of the Consumer Price Index in Percent in Southern Leyte, February 2024 to February 2025 (2018=100)



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Overall Inflation

The main driver of the downtrend of the inflation rate in February 2025 was influenced by the lower IR in following commodity groups;

- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; 0.4 percent in February 2025 from 3.3 percent in January 2025,
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages; 1.4 percent from 2.1 percent,
- Transport; -1.6 percent from 1.3 percent,
- Health; 3.4 percent from 4.1 percent, and
- Personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services; 0.7 percent from 1.0 percent.

In contrast, higher inflation rates were noted in the following commodity groups;

- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco; 3.6 percent in January 2025 from 4.8 percent in December 2024, and
- Information and Communication; 2.1 percent from 3.0 percent.



Table 2. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes
in Southern Leyte
(2018=100)

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	122.6	123.9	124.0	0.1	1.1
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	122.6	124.4	124.3	-0.1	1.4
* Food	123.3	125.1	125.0	-0.1	1.4
Cereals and Cereal Products	116.7	112.7	112.3	-0.4	-3.8
Cereals	113.8	108.5	107.9	-0.5	-5.2
Rice	113.8	108.5	107.9	-0.5	-5.2
Corn	100.6	108.5	110.2	1.5	9.5
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Pro	128.1	128.8	128.9	0.1	0.7
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	153.6	155.8	154.0	-1.2	0.3
Fish and Other Seafood	114.5	122.4	123.7	1.1	8.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	118.0	116.2	116.2	0.0	-1.5
Oils and Fats	148.3	148.7	148.9	0.1	0.4
Fruits and Nuts	120.6	151.4	151.5	0.1	25.6
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	116.8	126.9	130.5	2.8	11.7
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	128.1	130.0	129.1	-0.7	0.8
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	114.6	117.9	117.5	-0.3	2.5
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	113.9	114.7	114.7	0.0	0.7
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	157.2	164.5	164.9	0.2	4.9
Alcoholic Beverages	146.4	148.9	149.1	0.1	1.8
Tobacco	174.1	188.9	189.6	0.4	8.9
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	121.4	122.1	122.3	0.2	0.7
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	102.1	102.4	102.4	0.0	0.3
Clothing	101.8	102.0	102.0	0.0	0.2
Footwear	102.8	103.5	103.5	0.0	0.7
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTH	122.9	122.3	123.4	0.9	0.4
Actual Rentals for Housing	112.5	112.5	112.5	0.0	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	119.3	120.2	120.2	0.0	0.8
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to	117.3	117.3	117.3	0.0	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	136.6	135.1	137.8	2.0	0.9
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	116.4	117.1	117.1	0.0	0.6
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	107.4	108.1	108.1	0.0	0.7
Household Textiles	105.5	106.3	106.3	0.0	0.8
Household Appliances	120.4	121.6	121.6	0.0	1.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	106.5	106.8	106.9	0.1	0.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	119.0	119.4	119.4	0.0	0.3
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenanc	117.5	118.1	118.1	0.0	0.5
VI. HEALTH	115.3	119.2	119.2	0.0	3.4
Medicines and Health Products	109.5	114.5	114.4	-0.1	4.5
Outpatient Care Services	160.3	160.9	160.9	0.0	0.4
Inpatient Care Services	131.1	131.8	131.8	0.0	0.5
Other Health Services					
VII. TRANSPORT	141.7	140.9	139.5	-1.0	-1.6
Purchase of Vehicles					
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	131.4	129.8	127.1	-2.1	-3.3
Passenger Transport Services	151.5	151.4	151.4	0.0	-0.1
Transport Services of Goods	106.8	106.8	106.8	0.0	0.0
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	100.6	100.9	100.9	0.0	0.3
Information and Communication Equipment	101.8	102.2	102.2	0.0	0.4
Information and Communication Services	99.8	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.2



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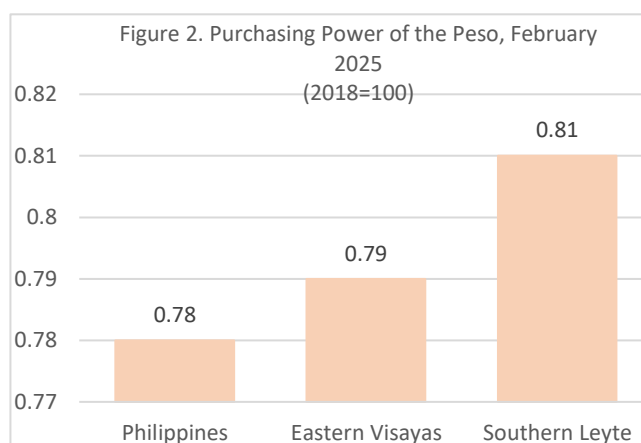
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Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	110.0	111.1	111.1	0.0	1.0
Recreational Durables	100.2	100.2	100.2	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Goods	104.0	104.1	104.1	0.0	0.1
Garden Products and Pets	105.6	106.6	106.6	0.0	0.9
Recreational Services	95.2	95.6	95.6	0.0	0.4
Cultural Goods	100.7	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.0
Cultural Services					
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	118.6	120.3	120.3	0.0	1.4
Package Holidays					
X. EDUCATION SERVICES	115.7	115.7	115.7	0.0	0.0
Early Childhood and Primary Education	117.6	117.6	117.6	0.0	0.0
Secondary Education	110.1	110.1	110.1	0.0	0.0
Tertiary Education	118.5	118.5	118.5	0.0	0.0
Education Not Defined by Level					
XI. RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	127.1	131.7	131.7	0.0	3.6
Food and Beverage Serving Services	128.4	133.2	133.2	0.0	3.7
Accommodation Services	100.5	101.2	101.2	0.0	0.7
XII. FINANCIAL SERVICES	145.9	145.9	145.9	0.0	0.0
Financial Services	145.9	145.9	145.9	0.0	0.0
XIII. PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	116.0	116.8	116.8	0.0	0.7
Personal Care	117.4	118.3	118.3	0.0	0.8
Other Personal Effects	107.0	107.2	107.2	0.0	0.2
Other Services	100.8	100.8	100.8	0.0	0.0

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

Purchasing Power of the Peso

In February 2025, the Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) of Southern Leyte decrease to 0.81 of its value compared to base year 2018, and 0.01 in February 2024. This means that your Php 100.00 in 2018 would now only be able to buy goods and services worth Php 80.65 at current retail prices.



Furthermore, the national and regional PPP in February 2025 decreased to 0.78 and 0.79 respectively, compared to the base year 2018. This means that your Php 100.00 in 2018 would now be now only be able to purchase goods and services with a retail price equivalent to Php 78.06 and Php 79.30, respectively.



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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Base Year - it identifies the base period with which the index relates. It is a period chosen as a reference on which a price index is computed. The index for the base year is 100.

Consumer Price Index - a statistical measure of the change in average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services bought by a specific group of consumers in a given area in a given period.

Inflation Rate - the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change of the CPI. Inflation is interpreted in terms of the declining purchasing power of money.

Market Basket - the total number of goods and services in constant amounts and qualities which are samples of the goods and services available in the market and included in the construction of the index. The CPI market basket was selected to represent the composite price behavior of all goods and services purchased by consumers.

Percent Change - the percent point change expressed as a percent of the index of the earliest date.

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) - a measure of the volume of goods and services which the currency can buy at any given period relative to that which it could purchase during the base year. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

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


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