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

March 2025

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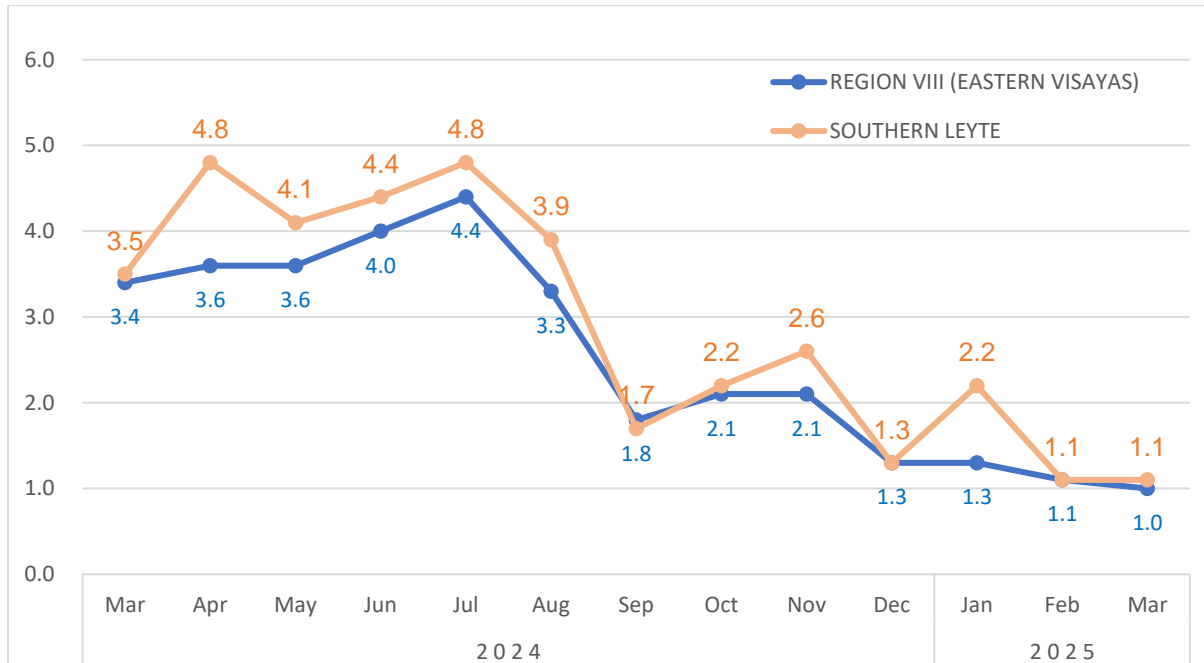
**Table 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate: All Items
In Percent
(2018=100)**

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
PHILIPPINES	3.7	2.1	1.8
Eastern Visayas	3.4	1.1	1.0
Southern Leyte	3.5	1.1	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 Eastern Visayas and Southern Leyte,
March 2024 to March 2025
(2018=100)**



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

Headline Inflation

Southern Leyte's inflation rate (IR) remained at 1.1 percent in March 2025 compared to February 2025. The rate was 2.4 percentage points lower than in March 2024. In March 2025, national and regional IR registered 1.8 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively.

During the month, the following commodity groups registered an increase in prices but at a slow rate;

- Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages; 0.4 percent in March 2025 from 1.4 percent in February 2025,
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; 3.8 percent from 4.9 percent,
- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance; 0.2 percent from 0.6 percent,
- Health; 2.8 percent from percent 3.4,
- Transport; -1.9 percent from -1.6 percent,
- Recreation, Sport and Culture; 0.5 percent from 1.0 percent,



- g. Restaurants and Accommodation Services; 1.8 percent from percent 3.6, and
- h. Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services; 0.3 percent from 0.7 percent.

Meanwhile, zero percent inflation rate was recorded in the following commodity groups;

- a. Clothing and Footwear;
- b. Information and Communication;
- c. Education Services; and
- d. Financial Services.

On the other hand, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels was the only commodity group that recorded a faster price increase.

Table 2. Year-on-Year Changes of the CPI in Percent in Southern Leyte by Commodity Group, February 2025 and March 2024 and 2025 (2018 = 100)

Area/Commodity Group	2 0 2 5	
	Feb	Mar
ALL ITEMS	1.1	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.4	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.9	3.8
Clothing and Footwear	0.3	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.4	4.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.6	0.2
Health	3.4	2.8
Transport	-1.6	-1.9
Information and Communication	0.3	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.0	0.5
Education Services	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	3.6	1.8
Financial Services	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.7	0.3

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Table 3. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes
in Southern Leyte
(2018=100)

Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
ALL ITEMS	122.7	124.0	124.1	0.1	1.1
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	122.7	124.3	123.2	-0.9	0.4
* Food	123.4	125.0	123.8	-1.0	0.3
Cereals and Cereal Products	116.7	112.3	109.2	-2.8	-6.4
Cereals	113.6	107.9	104.0	-3.6	-8.5
Rice	113.7	107.9	104.0	-3.6	-8.5
Corn	101.2	110.2	108.8	-1.2	7.5
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products	128.3	128.9	128.9	0.0	0.5
Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals	153.3	154.0	155.4	0.9	1.4
Fish and Other Seafood	115.0	123.7	123.1	-0.5	7.0
Milk, Other Dairy Products, and Eggs	117.6	116.2	116.5	0.3	-0.9
Oils and Fats	148.4	148.9	148.9	0.0	0.3
Fruits and Nuts	121.6	151.5	152.5	0.7	25.4
Vegetables, Tubers, Cooking Bananas and Pulses	117.4	130.5	128.8	-1.3	9.7
Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts	127.6	129.1	129.5	0.3	1.5
Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products N.E.C.	116.1	117.5	117.8	0.3	1.5
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	114.2	114.7	115.0	0.3	0.7
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	159.0	164.9	165.0	0.1	3.8
Alcoholic Beverages	148.2	149.1	149.4	0.2	0.8
Tobacco	175.9	189.6	189.6	0.0	7.8
Other Vegetable-Based Tobacco Products					
NON-FOOD	121.5	122.3	123.5	1.0	1.6
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	102.4	102.4	102.4	0.0	0.0
Clothing	101.9	102.0	102.0	0.0	0.1
Footwear	103.5	103.5	103.5	0.0	0.0
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER UTILITIES	122.1	123.4	127.5	3.3	4.4
Actual Rentals for Housing	112.5	112.5	112.5	0.0	0.0
Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling	119.9	120.2	120.2	0.0	0.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to Housing	117.3	117.3	117.3	0.0	0.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	134.5	137.8	147.7	7.2	9.8
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	116.9	117.1	117.1	0.0	0.2
Furniture and Furnishings, and Loose Carpets	107.7	108.1	108.1	0.0	0.4
Household Textiles	106.2	106.3	106.3	0.0	0.1
Household Appliances	120.7	121.6	121.6	0.0	0.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	106.5	106.9	107.0	0.1	0.5
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	119.2	119.4	119.4	0.0	0.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	118.0	118.1	118.1	0.0	0.1
VI. HEALTH	116.0	119.2	119.2	0.0	2.8
Medicines and Health Products	110.3	114.4	114.5	0.1	3.8
Outpatient Care Services	160.9	160.9	160.9	0.0	0.0
Inpatient Care Services	131.3	131.8	131.8	0.0	0.4
Other Health Services					
VII. TRANSPORT	141.3	139.5	138.6	-0.6	-1.9
Purchase of Vehicles					
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	130.6	127.1	125.0	-1.7	-4.3
Passenger Transport Services	151.6	151.4	151.5	0.1	-0.1
Transport Services of Goods	106.8	106.8	106.8	0.0	0.0
VIII. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	100.9	100.9	100.9	0.0	0.0
Information and Communication Equipment	102.2	102.2	102.2	0.0	0.0
Information and Communication Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0



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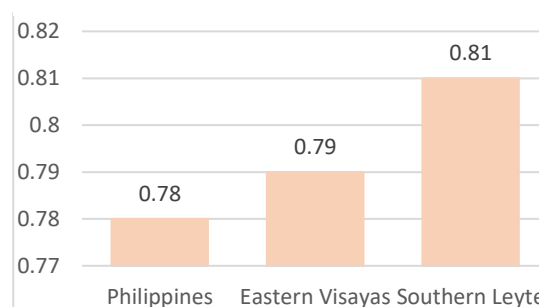
Commodity Group	CPI			Inflation Rates	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
IX. RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	110.7	111.1	111.2	0.1	0.5
Recreational Durables	100.2	100.2	100.2	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Goods	104.3	104.1	104.1	0.0	-0.2
Garden Products and Pets	106.6	106.6	106.6	0.0	0.0
Recreational Services	95.4	95.6	95.7	0.1	0.3
Cultural Goods	100.7	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.0
Cultural Services					
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	119.5	120.3	120.3	0.0	0.7
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	129.4	131.7	131.7	0.0	1.8
Food and Beverage Serving Services	130.8	133.2	133.2	0.0	1.8
Accommodation Services	100.7	101.2	101.2	0.0	0.5
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	116.4	116.8	116.8	0.0	0.3
Personal Care	117.8	118.3	118.3	0.0	0.4
Other Personal Effects	107.4	107.2	107.3	0.1	-0.1
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 March 2025, the Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP) of Southern Leyte decreased to 0.81 of its value compared to base year 2018. This means that your Php 100.00 in 2018 would now only be able to buy goods and services worth Php 80.58 at current retail prices.

Figure 2. Purchasing Power of the Peso, March 2025 (2018=100)



Furthermore, the national and regional PPPs in March 2025 decreased to 0.78 and 0.80 respectively, from the base year 2018. This means that Php 100.00 in 2018 would now only be able to purchase goods and services worth Php 78.25 and Php 79.62 at current retail prices, respectively.



CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

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

Base Period - 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 - It 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 base year.

Inflation Rate – Refers to the annual rate of change or the year-on-year change of the CPI expressed in percent. 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.

Purchasing Power of 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.

Price - the amount or value paid in exchange for a commodity or a service rendered.

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


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