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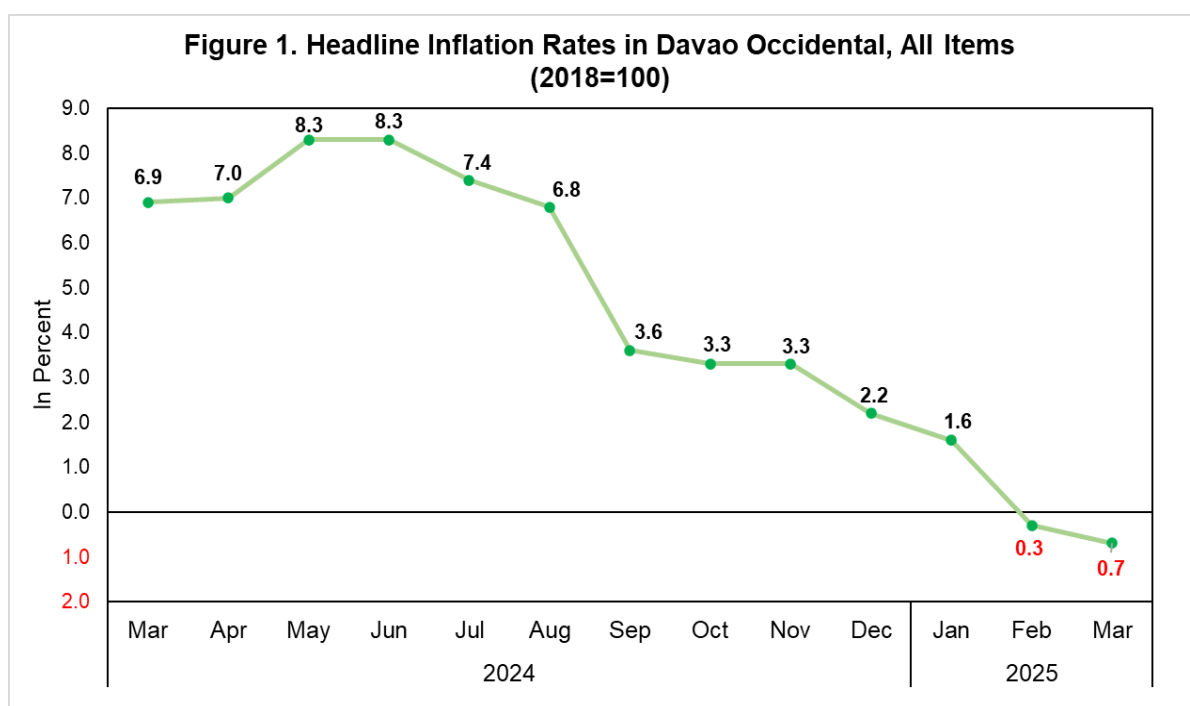
## Summary Inflation Report of Davao Occidental Consumer Price Index (2018=100) March 2025

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**Table A. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates, All Items  
In Percent  
(2018=100)**

Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Year-to-date*
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Davao Region</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Davao Occidental</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Source: Retail Price Survey of Commodities for the Generation of Consumer Price Index, Philippine Statistics Authority  
\*Year-on-year change of average CPI for January to December 2025 vs. 2024



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The Davao Occidental annual headline inflation declined further to negative 0.7 percent in March 2025 from negative 0.3 percent in February 2025. In March 2024, the inflation rate was higher at 6.9 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

The main sources of down trend of the province inflation in March 2025 were contributed by the slower movement of prices of the following commodity groups;

- Restaurant and accommodation services, from 16.9 percent to 14.6 percent;
- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, from 12.8 percent to 10.9 percent;
- Clothing and footwear, from 7.3 percent to 6.2 percent;
- Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, from 6.4 percent to 6.2 percent;
- Alcohol beverages and tobacco, from 2.2 percent to 1.9 percent; and
- Transport, from negative 1.2 percent to negative 2.7 percent.

In contrast, faster annual inflation was noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month;

- Recreation, sport and culture, from 12.6 percent to 14.5 percent;
- Health, from 4.2 percent to 4.5 percent;
- Information and communication; from 0.0 percent to 1.0 percent; and
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages, from negative 6.2 percent to negative 6.0 percent.

On the other hand, and education services retained their inflation with the previous month at negative 0.3 percent.

While the financial services, and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services and remained at zero growth during the month. (Tables B)

**Table B. Consumer Price Index by Subgroup, Month-on-Month and Year-on-Year Percent Changes in Davao Occidental (2018=100)**

Commodity Group		CPI			Inflation Rate	
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
	ALL ITEMS	127.5	127.3	126.6	-0.5	-0.7
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	129.6	122.6	121.8	-0.7	-6.0
	FOOD	129.3	121.2	120.3	-0.7	-7.0
	Cereals and cereal products	128.7	107.9	106.0	-1.8	-17.6
	Cereals	127.8	103.7	101.5	-2.1	-20.6
	Rice	131.4	107.8	104.9	-2.7	-20.1
	Corn	114.3	88.1	88.6	0.6	-22.4
	Flour, Bread And Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, And Other Cereals	134.7	137.7	137.9	0.1	2.4
	Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	127.6	139.1	138.0	-0.8	8.2
	Fish and other seafood	142.0	139.7	140.9	0.9	-0.8
	Milk, other dairy products and eggs	143.7	151.0	148.4	-1.7	3.3
	Oils and fats	92.2	138.2	147.2	6.5	59.7
	Fruit and nuts	140.4	121.2	120.3	-0.7	-14.3
	Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	96.1	101.2	97.8	-3.4	1.8
	Sugar, confectionery and desserts	160.5	149.1	158.4	6.2	-1.3
	Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c.	124.4	137.5	136.6	-0.7	9.8
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	209.1	213.4	213.0	-0.2	1.9
03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.5	124.8	124.8	0.0	6.2
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	122.6	137.4	136.0	-1.0	10.9
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	115.3	121.7	122.5	0.7	6.2
06	HEALTH	115.3	120.3	120.5	0.2	4.5
07	TRANSPORT	120.5	118.3	117.3	-0.8	-2.7
08	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	100.7	100.7	101.7	1.0	1.0
09	RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	145.3	163.4	166.3	1.8	14.5
10	EDUCATION SERVICES	112.9	112.6	112.6	0.0	-0.3
11	RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	143.5	163.0	164.4	0.9	14.6
12	FINANCIAL SERVICES	145.6	145.6	145.6	0.0	0.0
13	PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	100.4	100.4	100.4	0.0	0.0

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

The food inflation at the provincial level slightly increased to negative 7.0 percent in March 2025 from negative 7.1 percent in February 2025. In March 2024, the food inflation was higher at 11.8 percent.

The acceleration of food inflation in March 2025 were contributed by the higher inflation of the following food groups;

- a. Oils and fats from 51.0 percent to 59.7 percent;
- b. Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c from 9.2 percent to 9.8 percent;
- c. Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses from negative 3.9 percent to 1.8 percent;
- d. Fish and other seafoods, from negative 2.4 percent to negative 0.8 percent;
- e. Sugar, confectionery and desserts from negative 8.2 percent to negative 1.3 percent; and
- f. Corn, from negative 24.1 percent to negative 22.4 percent.

On the other hand, compared with their previous month's inflation rates, lower annual growth rates during the month were observed on the following food groups;

- a. Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals from 10.8 percent to 8.2 percent;
- b. Milk, other dairy products and eggs, from 3.9 percent to 3.3 percent;
- c. Fruits and nuts, from negative 7.3 percent to negative 14.3 percent; and
- d. Rice, from negative 18.8 percent to negative 20.1 percent; (Table C)

**Table C. Year-on-Year Inflation Rate by Subgroup, Percent Changes  
in Davao Occidental  
(2018=100)**

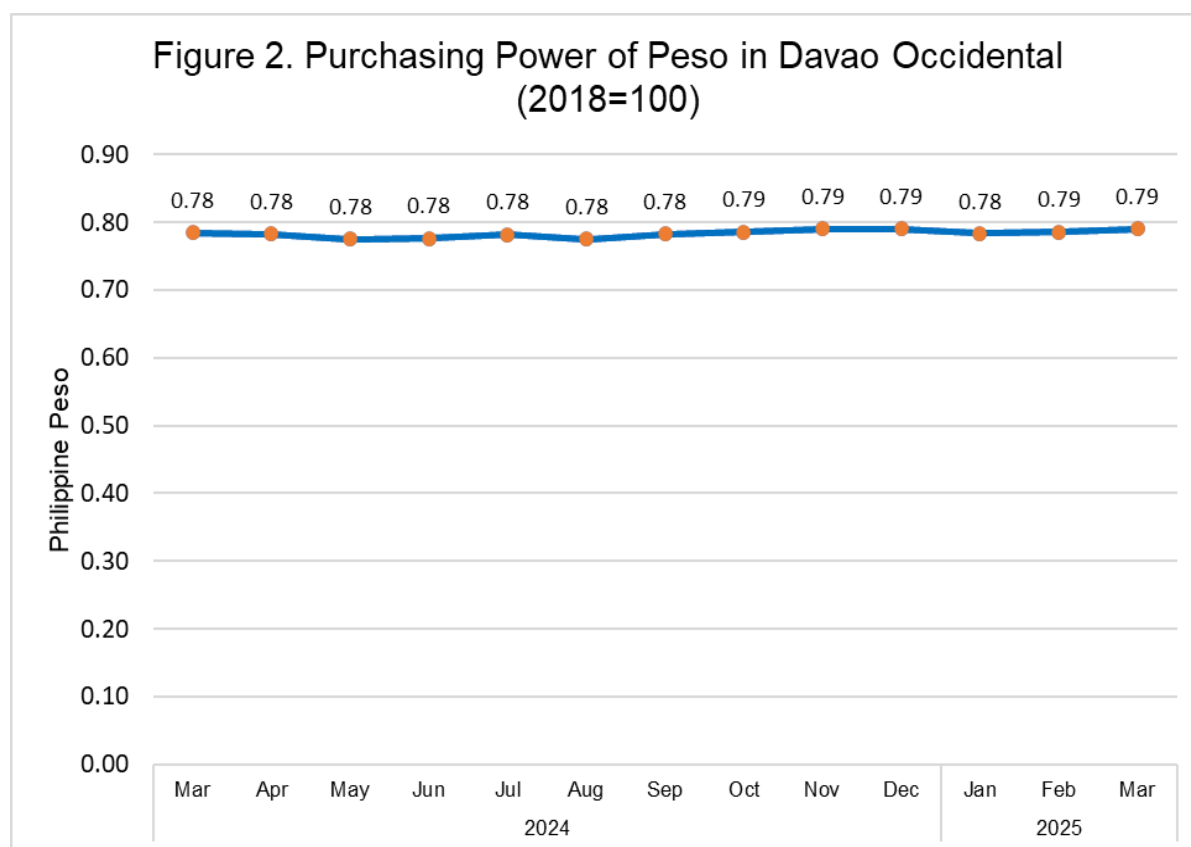
Commodity Group		INFLATION		
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
	ALL ITEMS	6.9	-0.3	-0.7
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	11.3	-6.2	-6.0
	FOOD	11.8	-7.1	-7.0
	Cereals and cereal products	26.9	-16.8	-17.6
	Cereals	31.0	-19.8	-20.6
	Rice	36.4	-18.8	-20.1
	Corn	11.6	-24.1	-22.4
	Flour, Bread And Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, And Other Cereals	4.7	3.6	2.4
	Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	-3.8	10.8	8.2
	Fish and other seafood	7.6	-2.4	-0.8
	Milk, other dairy products and eggs	8.6	3.9	3.3
	Oils and fats	-16.0	51.0	59.7
	Fruit and nuts	15.8	-7.3	-14.3
	Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	-6.5	-3.9	1.8
	Sugar, confectionery and desserts	-13.8	-8.2	-1.3
	Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c.	0.9	9.2	9.8
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	13.6	2.2	1.9
03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.6	7.3	6.2
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-6.1	12.8	10.9
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	1.7	6.4	6.2
06	HEALTH	1.2	4.2	4.5
07	TRANSPORT	2.8	-1.2	-2.7
08	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.3	0.0	1.0
09	RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	8.2	12.6	14.5
10	EDUCATION SERVICES	3.7	-0.3	-0.3
11	RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	20.6	16.9	14.6
12	FINANCIAL SERVICES	-1.8	0.0	0.0
13	PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0

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**Table D. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates in Davao Occidental, All Items  
In Percent  
January 2020 – December 2024  
(2018=100)**

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	1.2	2.4	1.9	8.4	5.6	1.6
February	0.3	3.3	1.4	8.7	7.0	-0.3
March	2.2	2.8	2.0	8.2	6.9	<b>-0.7</b>
April	3.7	1.6	3.5	7.0	7.0	
May	3.1	1.8	5.1	5.3	8.3	
June	1.9	2.5	7.0	3.1	8.3	
July	1.5	2.8	8.1	2.1	7.4	
August	2.7	1.8	8.7	3.2	6.8	
September	1.6	2.3	8.4	5.7	3.6	
October	2.2	2.1	8.5	5.2	3.3	
November	2.4	1.1	8.7	4.5	3.3	
December	2.3	1.0	9.2	5.1	2.2	
<b>Average</b>	2.1	2.1	6.0	5.5	5.8	<b>0.2</b>

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In addition, the March 2025 Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) in Davao Occidental remained to 0.79 cents. (Figure 2)



### Technical Notes:

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** - The CPI is an indicator of the change in the average retail prices of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households relative to a base year.

**Inflation Rate (IR)** - The inflation rate is the annual rate of change, or the year-on-year change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of money.

**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 Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**Purchasing Power of the Peso (PPP)** - The purchasing power of the peso 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.

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