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## Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)

### Zamboanga Peninsula March 2025

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

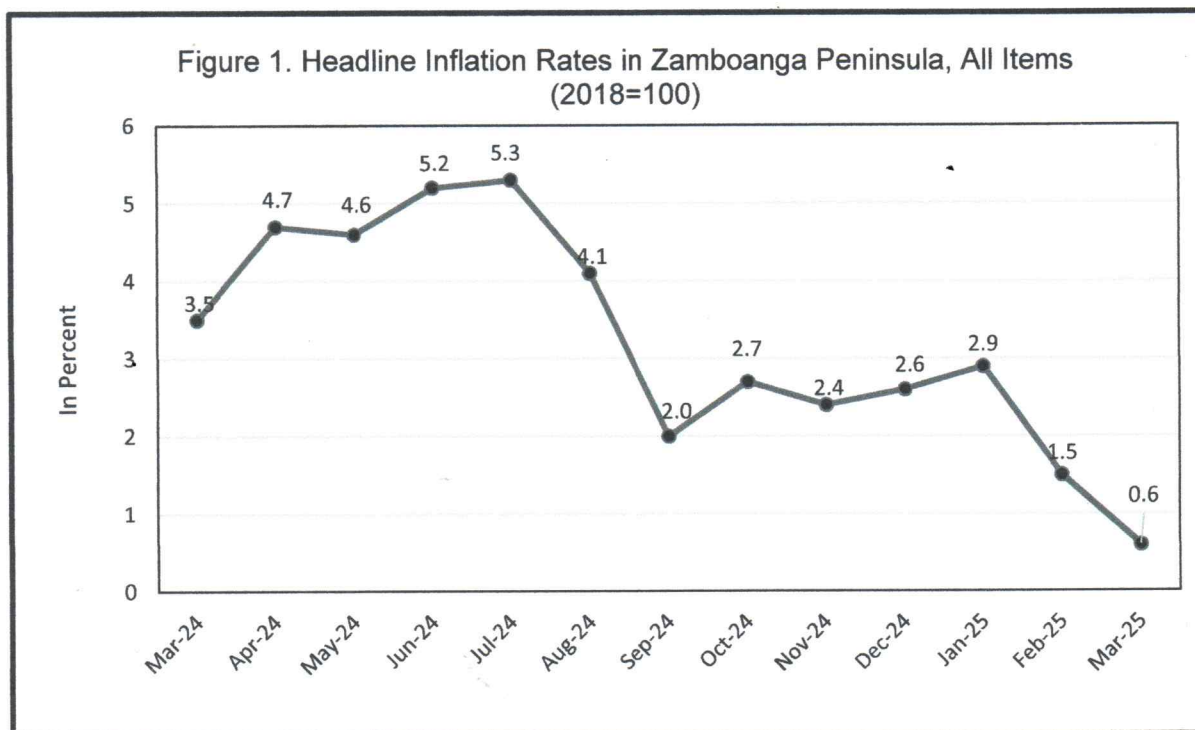
Area	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	Year-to-date*
Region IX	3.5	1.5	0.6	1.7
Zamboanga del Norte	2.0	2.0	0.2	1.6
Zamboanga del Sur	3.0	0.2	(0.6)	0.4
Zamboanga Sibugay	4.5	0.6	0.3	1.3
City of Zamboanga	4.6	2.8	1.7	2.8
City of Isabela	3.5	1.7	2.2	2.3

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 March 2024 vs January to March 2025



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## **A. Zamboanga Peninsula**

### **1. Headline Inflation**

Inflation rate in Zamboanga Peninsula continued to move at a slower pace of 0.6 percent in March 2025 from 1.5 percent in February 2025. This brings the region's annual inflation from January to March 2025 at 1.7 percent. Inflation rate was higher in March 2024 at 3.5 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

#### *1.1 Main Drivers to the Downward Trend for the Headline Inflation:*

The downward trend in the region's inflation in March 2025 was primarily influenced by the deceleration in the indices of *Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages* at (0.8) percent from 0.2 percent, *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* at 2.5 percent from 4.8 percent and *Transport* at (2.1) percent from (1.2) percent.

Compared with their previous month's inflation rates, slower annual increments were noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month:

- 1) *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco*, 4.0 percent from 5.0 percent;
- 2) *Information and communication* at 0.0 percent from 0.2 percent
- 3) *Recreation, sport and culture*, 3.2 percent from 3.7 percent; and
- 4) *Restaurants and Accommodation Services*, 4.1 percent from 4.6 percent.

In contrast, higher inflation rate during the month was observed in the index of *Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance* 2.8 percent from 2.6 percent.

Meanwhile, the following commodity groups retained their previous month's inflation:

- 1) *Clothing and footwear*, 1.3 percent;
- 2) *Health*, 3.6 percent;
- 3) *Education Services*, 4.8 percent;
- 4) *Financial Services*, 0.0 percent; and
- 5) *Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services*, 2.0 percent.

## *2.2 Main Contributors to the Inflation Rate for the Headline Inflation:*

The following commodity groups were the top three contributors to the March 2025 overall inflation:

- 1) *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* with 68.9 percent share or 0.41 percentage point;
- 2) *Restaurants and Accommodation Services* with 47.3 percent share or 0.28 percentage point; and
- 3) *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco* with 17.5 percent share or 0.11 percentage point.



Table B. Year-on-year Inflation Rates in Zamboanga Peninsula, All items in Percent  
January 2021 to March 2025  
(2018=100)

MONTH	YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	0.4	6.0	8.5	1.8	2.9
February	2.1	3.8	9.9	2.2	1.5
March	3.2	3.3	9.0	3.5	0.6
April	3.7	4.5	6.4	4.7	
May	3.0	5.6	5.9	4.6	
June	2.7	6.8	4.6	5.2	
July	2.4	8.3	3.0	5.3	
August	2.4	9.1	4.3	4.1	
September	2.8	9.6	5.4	2.0	
October	3.6	9.0	4.4	2.7	
November	4.2	8.9	4.3	2.4	
December	4.5	8.7	3.7	2.6	
Average	2.9	7.0	5.7	3.4	1.7

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



Inflation Rate by Commodity Group for All Income Households in  
ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA 2018=100

Commodity Group	Inflation		
	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	5.4	0.2	(0.8)
<b>FOOD</b>	5.6	0.0	(1.1)
Cereals and cereal products	20.6	(7.2)	(10.8)
Cereals	25.3	(9.7)	(13.9)
Rice	29.4	(9.4)	(13.8)
Corn	11.8	(11.0)	(14.3)
Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, And Other Cereals	4.5	2.9	2.5
Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals	(2.7)	5.5	5.5
Fish and other seafood	(3.9)	1.5	2.1
Milk, other dairy products and eggs	7.7	3.8	4.1
Oils and fats	(4.5)	0.4	0.2
Fruits and nuts	10.3	14.1	14.2
Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses	(8.1)	5.7	7.4
Sugar, confectionery and desserts	(5.9)	2.0	3.1
Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c.	4.8	5.6	3.8
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	7.6	5.0	4.0
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	1.9	1.3	1.3
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	(0.7)	4.8	2.5
<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	3.1	2.6	2.8
<b>HEALTH</b>	3.4	3.6	3.6
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	0.5	(1.2)	(2.1)
<b>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	(0.3)	0.2	0.0
<b>RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	5.9	3.7	3.2
<b>EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	8.2	4.8	4.8
<b>RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	3.8	4.6	4.1
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	(0.4)	0.0	0.0
<b>PERSONAL CARE, AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	2.5	2.0	2.0

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## 2. Food Inflation

*Food inflation* in Zamboanga Peninsula decreased to (1.1) percent in March 2025 from 0.0 percent in the previous month. Meanwhile, *food inflation* in March 2024 was higher at 5.6 percent.

### 2.1 Main Drivers behind the downward trend of the Food Inflation.

This month's downward in the category of *Food* was mainly due by the slower increase in the annual inflation of *Cereal and cereal products (ND)* with (10.8) percent from (7.2) percent, *Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c (ND)* with 3.8 percent in March 2025 from 5.6 percent in February 2025, and *Oils and fats (ND)* at 0.2 percent from 0.4 percent in the previous month.



Contrarily, the following food groups were observed to have higher increments during the month:

- 1) *Fish and other seafood (ND)*, 2.1 percent from 1.5 percent;
- 2) *Milk, other dairy products (ND)*, 4.1 percent from 3.8 percent;
- 3) *Fruits and nuts*, 14.2 percent from 14.1 percent;
- 4) *Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)*, 7.4 percent from 5.7 percent; and
- 5) *Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)*, 3.1 percent from 2.0 percent.

Furthermore, the food group of *Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)* was recorded the same inflation rate from the previous month at 5.5 percent.

Among the provinces in the region, City of Isabela had the highest inflation at 2.2 percent, followed by City of Zamboanga at 1.7 percent, Zamboanga Sibugay at 0.3 percent and Zamboanga del Norte with 0.2 percent inflation. On the other hand, Zamboanga del Sur recorded the lowest inflation which stood at (0.6) percent inflation.

Note: CPIs and inflation rates by province and selected city are posted at the PSA website (<http://openstat.psa.gov.ph/>).

  
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