Inflation 2h – Feb: Reaches 4% following a rebound in agricultural prices

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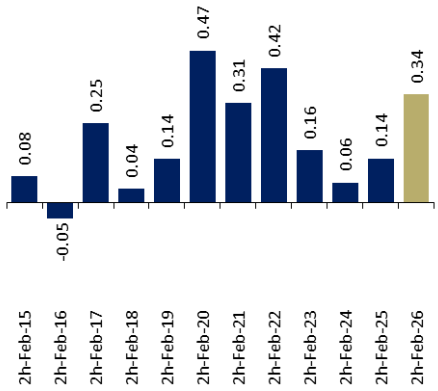
Inflation for the second half of February stood at 0.34% bw, driven by a rebound in agricultural product prices. With this data, annual inflation for February reached 4.02%.

This figure was in line with our estimate of 0.35% bw, surpassing the consensus expectation of 0.23% bw.

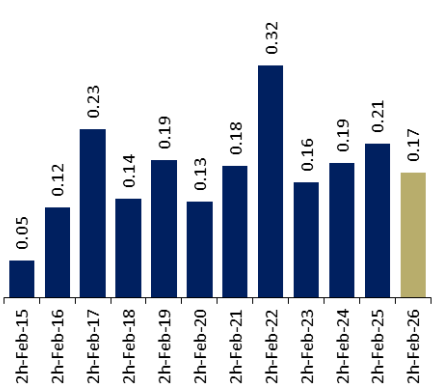
The rebound this fortnight is explained by increased pressure in the non core component (0.91% bw vs. the typical 0.12% bw). This dynamic is attributed to pressures in agricultural prices (5.87% bw), which saw their largest biweekly increase since July 2024 and have now recorded two consecutive fortnights of gains. Notably, tomato prices surged 26.77% bw, contributing 15 basis points to the headline inflation of this period.

Regarding core inflation, it showed an increase of 0.17% bw. Within this figure, we observed a 0.10% bw growth in goods and 0.24% bw in the services component. We continue to see a moderation in the effects of tax increases on sugary beverages and cigarettes implemented at the beginning of the year.

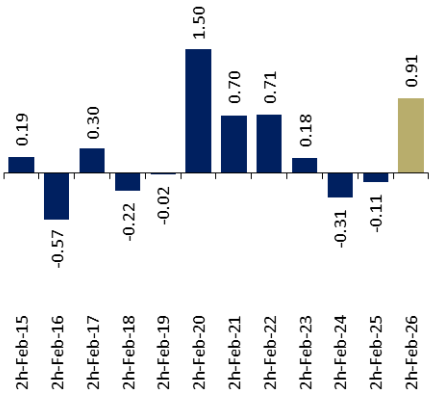
Headline Inflation
(% biweekly); 2h – Feb



Core Inflation
(% biweekly); 2h – Feb



Non Core Inflation
(% biweekly); 2h – Feb



Source: Actinver with data from INEGI.

With this data, annual headline inflation for February moved from 3.79% to 4.02%, core inflation from 4.52% to 4.50%, and non core from 1.39% to 2.44%.

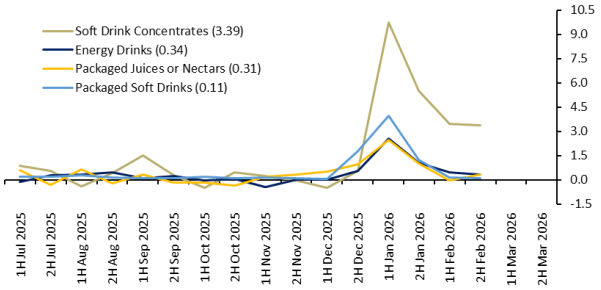
The dynamics of core inflation are noteworthy, as they have now declined for two consecutive months while the effects of fiscal changes observed at the start of the year continue to dissipate. As this trend persists, which was cited by Banxico in its quarterly report as a justification for restarting rate adjustments, we maintain our expectation of a 25-basis-point cut at the March 26 meeting.

Inflation
(%); Feb – 26

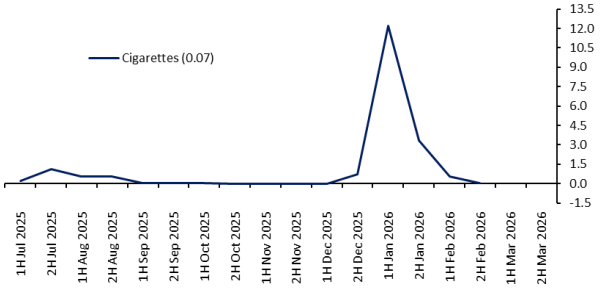
	1st half	2nd half	Monthly	Annual
Headline	**0.25**	**0.34**	**0.50**	**4.02**
Core	**0.22**	**0.17**	**0.46**	**4.50**
Goods	0.20	0.10	0.39	4.55
Food goods	0.19	0.15	0.45	6.20
Non-food goods	0.21	0.06	0.34	3.13
Services	0.24	0.24	0.53	4.45
Housing services	0.14	0.20	0.33	3.44
Education	0.43	0.10	0.76	6.04
Other services	0.32	0.29	0.68	5.20
Non core	**0.32**	**0.91**	**0.64**	**2.44**
Farm products	0.75	2.05	1.45	4.50
Agricultural products	2.10	5.87	4.94	9.88
Livestock products	-0.17	-0.58	-0.89	0.98
Government tariffs and energy	-0.01	0.02	0.02	0.88
Energy	-0.14	-0.21	-0.33	-1.77
Government tariffs	0.23	0.43	0.62	5.82

Source: Actinver with data from INEGI.

Sugary Beverage Inflation
(% biweekly); 2h – Feb



Cigarette Inflation
(% biweekly); 2h – Feb



At the state level, the states with the highest inflation rates in February were Quintana Roo (5.22% YoY), Oaxaca (5.00% YoY), and Estado de Mexico (4.84% YoY). It is worth noting that in the food, beverages, and tobacco category, all states reported inflation rates above 3.0%. Conversely, the states with the lowest inflation rates were Baja California (2.25% YoY), Baja California Sur (2.49% YoY), and Tlaxcala (2.99% YoY).

State Inflation
(% YoY); Feb – 26

	Headline	Food, beverages, and tobacco	Apparel, footwear, and accessories	Housing	Furniture and household appliances	Health and personal care	Transportation	Education and recreation	Other services
Aguascalientes	4.69	7.51	4.27	2.16	3.08	6.39	1.65	1.89	7.28
Baja California	2.25	4.26	3.08	1.23	0.84	4.04	-0.80	3.09	4.89
Baja California Sur	2.49	3.15	-0.38	0.98	0.41	4.91	0.38	2.98	7.57
Campeche	4.76	6.17	3.81	3.21	3.26	6.61	0.66	5.02	10.29
Coahuila	3.35	5.72	2.42	2.56	1.98	5.42	-0.64	4.10	7.16
Colima	3.72	6.22	4.38	1.86	-1.33	4.12	1.40	4.02	6.78
Chiapas	4.06	5.05	0.91	2.34	2.63	5.31	3.63	3.14	6.76
Chihuahua	3.59	5.39	0.71	2.59	5.28	4.42	0.57	3.73	6.88
Ciudad de Mexico	4.46	5.40	2.64	3.59	-0.34	4.82	3.78	3.91	7.88
Durango	3.70	4.53	6.31	2.07	2.37	5.19	0.24	4.10	9.63
Guanajuato	3.65	4.56	3.87	2.19	-0.65	7.03	-0.19	4.02	9.87
Guerrero	3.41	4.68	2.03	1.07	4.15	5.77	0.38	2.97	5.59
Hidalgo	4.33	5.30	2.81	1.85	6.07	4.27	0.52	5.02	11.13
Jalisco	4.55	7.56	1.10	3.83	0.91	4.97	0.86	3.16	6.58
Mexico	4.84	7.56	1.69	1.28	2.51	4.54	5.56	2.56	7.12
Michoacan	4.06	4.32	3.04	2.33	2.11	6.41	2.33	3.87	7.58
Morelos	3.90	5.28	3.22	1.59	-1.58	5.05	0.68	4.14	11.03
Nayarit	4.79	8.06	7.38	2.26	2.57	4.10	-0.30	3.29	10.59
Nuevo Leon	3.56	6.23	2.46	2.16	0.61	5.30	0.45	5.11	7.39
Oaxaca	5.00	5.58	3.41	3.10	4.38	5.73	3.23	4.43	10.48
Puebla	3.74	5.30	2.13	2.39	1.66	5.99	0.38	2.80	7.19
Queretaro	3.88	5.93	3.08	1.57	3.08	6.29	1.91	3.38	7.10
Quintana Roo	5.22	7.28	5.77	4.79	-0.60	6.45	0.81	4.88	7.67
San Luis Potosi	4.60	4.94	3.25	3.67	2.13	5.39	3.63	4.67	8.97
Sinaloa	3.30	5.16	3.72	2.86	-1.74	5.76	-0.91	3.83	7.09
Sonora	3.20	3.43	2.96	3.45	-0.80	6.05	-0.85	3.42	8.94
Tabasco	3.28	5.20	2.10	1.56	1.33	4.95	0.13	3.51	5.87
Tamaulipas	3.78	4.70	2.21	3.40	1.59	4.90	2.23	3.67	6.34
Tlaxcala	2.99	4.97	1.68	0.10	1.99	5.87	0.13	3.14	6.40
Veracruz	4.46	6.17	3.62	2.08	3.89	5.83	3.19	5.32	5.17
Yucatan	4.05	4.04	3.86	3.86	3.80	6.53	0.91	5.53	5.98
Zacatecas	3.07	5.48	0.35	0.65	3.14	3.84	-0.63	2.81	6.87
National	**4.02**	**5.58**	**2.74**	**2.75**	**1.50**	**5.33**	**1.47**	**3.88**	**7.46**

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