



## Davao del Sur posts lowest crime rate in Davao Region

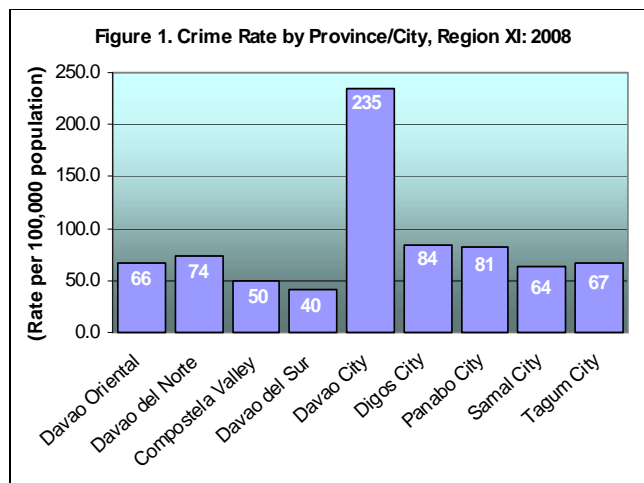
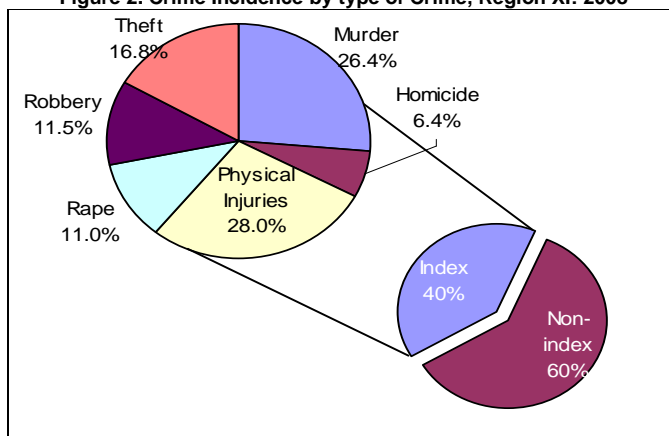
Crime statistics of the Philippine National Police XI revealed that in 2008, among the provinces and cities in Region XI, Davao del Sur posted the lowest crime rate with only 40 crimes per 100,000 population.

Meanwhile, among provinces and cities in Region XI, Davao City, the largest in terms of population, posted the highest crime incidence with 235 crimes per 100,000 population. The city's crime rate is more than half of the region's average of 117 crimes per 100,000 population in 2008. Furthermore, both the city's index crime rate of 73 per 100,000 population and non-index crime rate of 162 per 100,000 population were the highest in the region.

Among the four provinces in the region, Davao del Norte had the highest crime rate of 74 crimes per 100,000 while Samal City recorded the lowest crime incidence among cities with 64 crimes per 100,000 population.

On the other hand, of the total 5,164 crimes committed in the region in 2008, about 60 percent (3,115) of this were non-index crimes while the remaining 40 percent (2,049) were index crimes. Among the index crimes committed, physical injuries recorded the highest with 573 cases or about 28.0 percent of the total index crimes. This was followed by murder with 540 reported cases or roughly 26.4 percent of the total. Homicide posted the lowest among index crimes committed in the region with only 132 cases or 6.4 percent of the total.

Figure 2. Crime Incidence by type of Crime, Region XI: 2008



In terms of crime solution efficiency, or the percentage of crimes solved, the Philippine National Police in Region XI was able to solve 90.6 percent of the total crimes reported in the region in 2008. The province of Compostela Valley topped the other provinces in the region as it recorded the highest crime solution efficiency with 92.8 percent while police authorities in Samal City managed to solve 98.5 percent, the highest among the cities in the region.

Table 1. Crime Incidence, Crime Rate<sup>1/</sup> and Crime Solution Efficiency Rate by Province/City, Region XI: 2008

Province/City	Total Crime		Index Crime		Non-Index		Crime Solved	Solution Efficiency
	Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Rate		
Region XI	5,164	116.9	2,049	46.4	3,115	70.5	4,676	90.6
Davao Oriental	332	66.3	156	31.1	176	35.1	307	92.5
Davao del Norte	326	73.7	172	38.9	154	34.8	276	84.7
Compostela Valley	362	50.4	221	30.7	141	19.6	336	92.8
Davao del Sur	261	40.5	169	26.2	92	14.3	238	91.2
Davao City	3,386	234.9	1054	73.1	2332	161.8	3141	92.8
Digos City	117	84.3	68	49.0	49	35.3	108	92.3
Panabo City	158	81.5	69	35.6	89	45.9	125	79.1
Samal City	66	64.0	20	19.4	46	44.6	65	98.5
Tagum City	156	67.0	120	51.5	36	15.5	80	51.3

Note: <sup>1/</sup> Rate per 100,000 population

Source of data: Philippine National Police XI

Definition of Terms:

**Index Crimes** - refer to those violations of the penal code considered to have socio-economic significance, and occur with sufficient regularity to be meaningful. These include crimes versus person (murder, homicide, physical injury and rape), and crimes versus property (robbery and theft).

**Non-index Crimes** - refer to all other crimes not classified as index crimes. These are mostly composed of victimless offenses (e.g., crimes against national security, crimes against the fundamental laws of the state, crimes against public order, crimes against public morals, and violations of special laws).