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The Ilocos-Pangasinan people need PhP 14,198 in 2004 to survive

The annual per capita poverty threshold, which is the minimum income required by a person to satisfy the food requirements and other basic needs, in the Ilocos-Pangasinan Region increased to PhP 14,198 in 2004 compared to the previous year's PhP 13,276 based on the preliminary estimates released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Central Office. Hence, a family of five members would require at least PhP 70,990 a year or PhP 5,916 a month to meet their essential needs. .

At the provincial level, people in La Union found it more difficult to meet their life's basic necessities as the province registered the highest annual per capita poverty threshold at PhP 14, 542 in 2004, which is 8.9 percent higher compared to the PhP 13,352 in 2003. On the other hand, Ilocos Norte had the lowest annual per capita poverty threshold at PhP 13,471 in 2004, posting a 4.5 percent growth compared to the previous year's PhP 12,885.

Meanwhile, the region's annual per capita food threshold was posted at PhP 9,515 in 2004, an increase of 6.9 percent over the 2003 food threshold of PhP 8,903. The difference of the P 9,515 food threshold and the P 14,198 poverty threshold, amounting to PhP 4,683, represents the amount needed by a person in one year for other basic needs such as clothing and footwear, housing, education, etc. Thus, a family with five members would need a monthly income of PhP 3,965 for food sustenance and PhP 1,951 for other basic necessities.

For complete details, you may visit the National Statistical Information Center I at the NSCB Regional Division 1 Office located at 2/F L.M. Chan Bldg., 663 Quezon Avenue, City of San Fernando, La Union or thru its website, www.nscb.gov.ph/ru1.