



Davao Region's economy posted a 3.7 percent growth in 2008

The economy of Davao Region decelerated from a 6.6 percent growth in 2007 to 3.7 percent in 2008. The slowdown was brought about by slower growth in industry and service sectors.

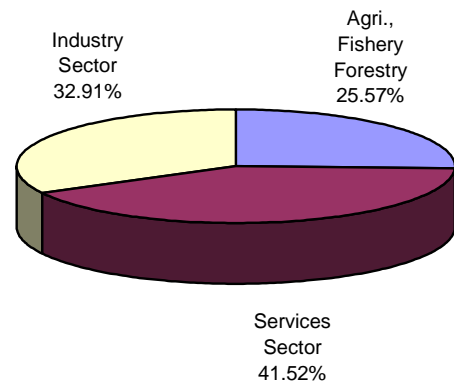
AFF, which accounted for 25.6 percent of the region's economy, maintained its 2.0 percent growth from 2007 to 2008. Production of banana in the region showed an impressive growth of 12.2 percent and poultry production posted 2.0 percent growth in 2008. However, the improved performances of banana and poultry were not able to offset the declining growth of palay, corn and other crops at 1.9 percent, 19.2 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

The industry sector, which accounted for 32.9 percent of the region's economy, moved at a slower pace from 11.4 percent in 2007 to 5.5 percent in 2008. The slower growth was mainly brought about by the slower growth in all its subsectors, except manufacturing. Mining and quarrying failed to sustain its impressive growth in 2007 as it posted a negative 8.7 percent in 2008 due to the decline in the region's gold production. Construction decelerated from 27.0 percent in 2007 to 5.7 percent in 2008. Electricity and water likewise posted a decelerated growth from 5.0 percent in 2007 to 4.0 percent in 2008 brought about by the sluggish sales of electricity distribution. Manufacturing, on the other hand, posted an impressive growth of 8.1 percent from 5.8 percent the previous year due to the increase in the region's food and beverage subsectors.

GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT, By Industrial Origin Region XI, Davao Region In Thousand Pesos, At Constant Prices

INDUSTRY	2007	2008	Growth Rates (%)	
			06-07	07-08
AGRI., FISHERY, FORESTRY	16,036,381	16,359,202	2.0	2.0
Agri., & Fishery	15,993,508	16,261,663	2.2	1.7
Forestry	43,323	97,539	-38.0	125.1
INDUSTRY SECTOR	19,969,664	21,060,886	11.4	5.5
Mining and Quarrying	2,287,358	2,089,052	9.6	-8.7
Manufacturing	11,771,354	12,728,338	5.8	8.1
Construction	5,606,423	5,926,710	27.0	5.7
Electricity & Water	304,528	316,786	5.0	4.0
SERVICES SECTOR	25,669,363	26,566,511	5.9	3.5
Transport, Comm., Storage	2,995,174	3,156,322	5.6	5.4
Trade	13,840,129	14,116,061	5.9	2.0
Finance	942,136	960,838	9.5	2.0
O. Dwellings & Real Estate	2,990,087	3,152,166	4.6	5.4
Private Services	3,111,351	3,272,773	8.7	5.2
Government Services	1,790,486	1,908,351	2.2	6.6
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	61,675,857	63,986,599	6.6	3.7

Gross Regional Domestic Product, Region XI,
By Industrial Origin, 2008
Percent Distribution, at Constant Prices



The service sector, which comprised 41.5 percent of the region's economy, slipped down from 5.9 percent in 2007 to 3.5 percent in 2008 as all of its subsectors, except ODRE and government services, posted decelerated growths. TCS grew at a slower pace of 5.4 percent in 2008 from 5.6 percent in 2007. This was brought about by the sluggish performance of land and air transports. Trade posted a slower growth of 2.0 percent in 2008 to 5.9 percent the previous year as retail grew at a slower pace. Finance decelerated by 2.0 percent in 2008 from 9.5 percent in 2007 due to the slower growth in bank revenues and the weak performance of the insurance subsector. Private services posted a decelerated growth of 5.2 percent in 2008 from 8.7 percent in 2007 due to the sluggish growth in medical, business, and hotel and restaurant subsectors. ODRE, on the other hand, inched up from 4.5 percent in 2007 to 5.4 percent in 2008 as a result of increased growth in real estate subsector, while government services increased to 6.6 percent in 2008 from 2.4 percent the previous year.

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