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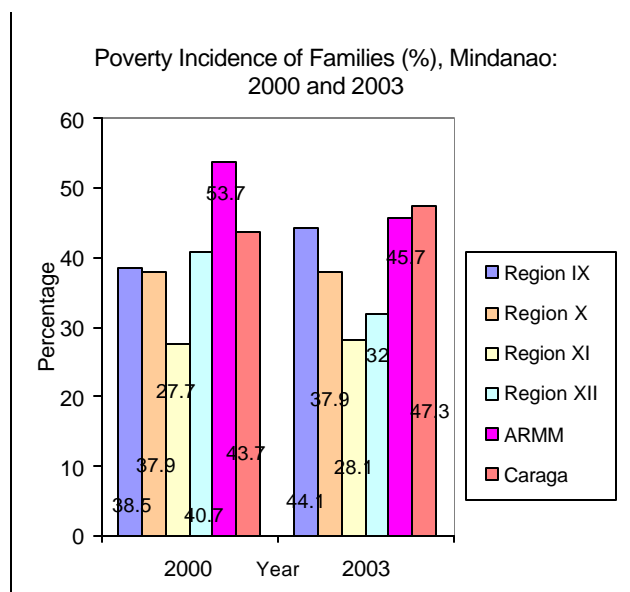
...among the Regions in Mindanao, Davao Region has the lowest poverty incidence in 2003?

Davao Region had maintained its rank of being the last among the six regions in Mindanao in terms of the proportion of poor families in 2003. The latest poverty data (preliminary as of January 24, 2005), released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), indicate that in 2003, poverty incidence of families stood at 28.1 percent, representing a slight increase of 0.4 percentage point from the corresponding revised 2000 level of 27.7 percent.

Like the poverty incidence of families, incidence of poor population of the region still stood at the lowest percentage among the regions in Mindanao, which were 33.1 percent and 34.4 in 2000 and 2003, respectively, an increase of 1.3 percentage point.

The three regions in Mindanao with the highest proportion of poor families in 2003 were CARAGA with 47.3 percent, the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) with 45.7 percent, and Western Mindanao (Region IX) with 44.1 percent. On the other hand, the top three regions with the lowest proportion of poor families were Davao Region (Region IX) with 28.1 percent, Central Mindanao (Region XII) with 32.0 percent and Northern Mindanao (Region X) with 37.9 percent.

Davao Region's annual per capita poverty threshold increased from PhP10,264 in 2000 to PhP11,276 in 2003 up by 9.9 percent during the period. Thus, a family of five members should have an income of at least PhP4,698.33 per month in order to sustain their minimum basic needs, both food and non-food.



Annual Per Capita Poverty Thresholds, Poverty Incidence of Families and Population, Philippines and Mindanao by Region: 2000 and 2003 (preliminary as of 24 January 2005)

Region	Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold (in Pesos)			Poverty Incidence of Families (%)			Poverty Incidence of Population (%)		
	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)
PHILIPPINES	11,451	12,267	7.1	27.5	24.7	(2.7)	33.0	30.4	(2.5)
Region IX	9,116	10,414	14.2	38.5	44.1	5.6	44.8	49.4	4.6
Region X	10,503	11,609	10.5	37.9	37.9	0.0	43.8	44.3	0.6
Region XI	10,264	11,276	9.9	27.7	28.1	0.4	33.1	34.4	1.3
Region XII	10,466	11,303	8.0	40.7	32.0	(8.7)	46.8	38.4	(8.4)
ARMM	12,192	12,739	4.5	53.7	45.7	(8.0)	59.8	53.1	(6.7)
Caraga	10,896	12,000	10.1	43.7	47.3	3.6	50.9	54.2	3.3

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)

Meanwhile, the annual per capita food threshold reached PhP7,751 in 2003, up by 9.4 percent compared to the revised 2000 level of PhP7,087. Subsistence incidence, or the proportion of families with per capita income below the food threshold stood at 13.5 percent in 2003 exhibiting an increase of 0.7 percent from 2000 level of 12.8 percent. Likewise, subsistence incidence of population in the region increased by 0.9 percentage points from 16.7 percent in 2000 to 17.6

percent in 2003.

Among the regions in Mindanao, Davao region has the lowest subsistence incidence of families in 2003, followed by Region XII with 14.0 percent and ARMM with 18.6 percent. The three regions with the highest subsistence incidence of families were Region IX with 27.9 percent, Caraga with 24.5 percent and Region X with 19.7 percent.

Annual Per Capita Poverty Thresholds, Subsistence Incidence of Families and Population, Philippines and Mindanao by Region: 2000 and 2003 (preliminary as of 24 January 2005)

Region	Annual Per Capita Food Threshold (in Pesos)			Subsistence Incidence of Families (%)			Subsistence Incidence of Population (%)		
	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000 Revised	2003	Inc/Dec (%)
PHILIPPINES	7,707	8,134	5.5	12.3	10.4	(1.9)	15.8	13.8	(2.0)
Region IX	6,574	7,245	10.2	21.0	27.9	6.9	25.8	32.8	7.0
Region X	7,296	7,999	9.6	19.2	19.7	0.4	23.8	25.4	1.6
Region XI	7,087	7,751	9.4	12.8	13.5	0.7	16.7	17.6	0.9
Region XII	7,235	7,804	7.9	17.9	14.0	(3.9)	22.6	18.4	(4.2)
ARMM	8,313	8,737	5.1	23.9	18.6	(5.4)	28.5	24.1	(4.4)
Caraga	7,667	8,353	9.0	24.4	24.5	0.1	30.7	31.0	0.3

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB).

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