

A Family of Five in Davao Region Needs P6,290 Monthly Income to Survive in 2007

Latest estimates released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) shows that Davaoño families consisting of five members must have a regular source of income amounting to PhP75,475 this year or a monthly income of PhP6,290 to be able to meet their most basic food and non-food needs for this year. Thus, a sole wage earner in a five-member family living in Davao region is expected to work hard in bringing the entire family above the poverty line if he/she earns at most 207 per day.

This translates to an annual per capita poverty threshold of PhP15,095 for this year up by 5 percent, compared to the 2006 level of PhP 14,375. Of this minimum annual per capita income requirement, PhP 10,410 is intended for sustaining food needs and the remaining PhP 4,685 is intended for other basic needs.

Table 1. Monthly and Daily Poverty and Food Thresholds for a Family of Five, Philippines and Region XI, 2006-2007

	Monthly		Daily	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Philippines Poverty Threshold	6,002	6,194	197	204
Philippines Food Threshold	4,023	4,161	132	137
Region XI Poverty Threshold	5,990	6,290	197	207
Region XI Food Threshold	4,122	4,338	136	143

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

In urban areas in Region XI, annual per capita poverty threshold for this year is estimated at PhP 17,198 an increase of 4 percent over the 2006 threshold of PhP 16,601. For this year also, a rural dweller needs an income of PhP 14,240 in order to sustain basic needs. This requirement increased by 6 percent compared to the 2006 level of PhP 13,470.

Among the provinces of Region XI, Davao del Norte has the highest per capita income requirement for this year with PhP 16,543 up by 6 percent compared to 2006 estimate of PhP15, 535. On the other hand, Davao Oriental has the lowest annual per capita poverty threshold in 2007 with PhP 13,843 up by 5 percent compared to 2006 level of PhP 13,294.

Meanwhile, annual per capita food threshold of the region this year reached PhP 10,410, a 5 percent increase over the food threshold of PhP 9,892 in 2006. Therefore, a family of five members must have an income of PhP 52,050 for this year or PhP 143 per day to be able to meet their minimum food needs.

In the urban areas of the region, annual per capita food threshold stays at PhP11,218 this year, a 3 percent increase compared to the 2006 level of PhP10,849. This means that a family of five members in an urban area in Region XI needs to have an income of PhP56,090 for this year or a daily income of PhP 154 for them not to experience hunger.

On the other hand, annual per capita food threshold in the

rural areas of Region XI, is estimated at PhP 10,225 this year, up by 6 percent over the 2006 food threshold of PhP 9,159.

Table 2. Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold in Region XI, by Province, 2006-2007.

Province	2006	2007	Percent Change (2006-2007)
Region XI	14,375	15,095	5.0
Davao del Norte	15,535	16,543	6.5
Davao del Sur	14,350	14,983	4.4
Davao Oriental	13,294	13,943	4.9
Compostela Valley	14,019	14,758	5.3

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Figure 1. Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold, by Urban-Rural Classification, Region XI, 2006-2007

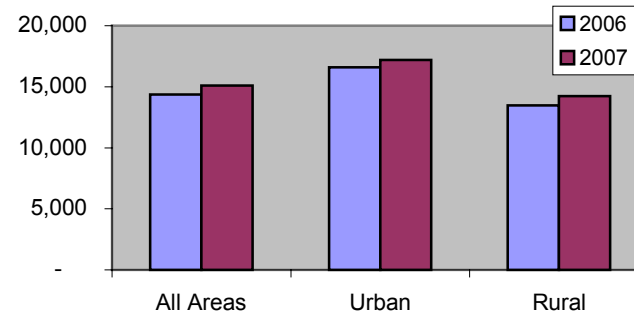
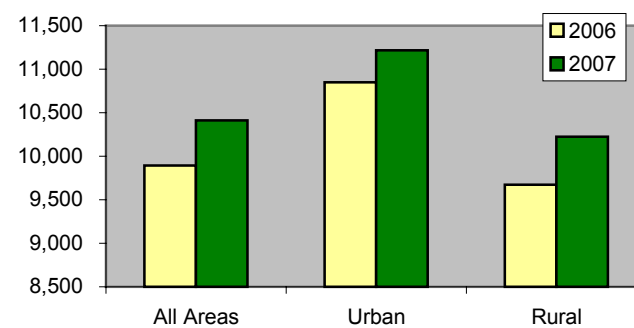


Table 3. Annual Per Capita Food Threshold in Region XI, by Province, 2006-2007.

Province	2006	2007	Percent Change (2006-2007)
Region XI	9,892	10,410	5.2
Davao del Norte	10,615	11,311	6.6
Davao del Sur	9,463	9,925	4.9
Davao Oriental	9,820	10,231	4.2
Compostela Valley	9,967	10,496	5.3

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Figure 2. Annual Per Capita Food Threshold, by Urban-Rural Classification, Region XI, 2006-2007



Definition of Terms:

Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold refers to the annual per capita income required or the amount to be spent to satisfy the nutritional requirements (2,000 calories) and other basic needs.

Annual Per Capita Food Threshold refers to the annual per capita income required or the amount to be spent to satisfy the nutritional requirements (2,000 calories).

(Source: *Technical Working Group on Income Statistics, NSCB*)