

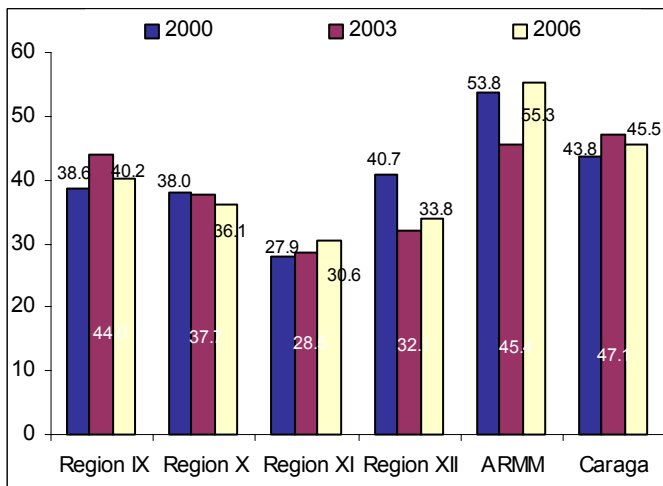


Did you know that...

...poverty in Davao region worsens between 2003 and 2006?

The latest poverty data released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) indicated that in 2006, poverty incidence of families, or the proportion of families with per capita income below the poverty threshold, increased to 30.6 percent compared with the 28.5 percent in 2003. This corresponds to an increase of 2.1 percentage points during the three years period. However, Davao region's poverty incidence maintained as the lowest in Mindanao in terms of the proportion of poor families.

Figure 1. Poverty Incidence Among Families in Mindanao



Among the provinces in the region, Davao Oriental had the highest number of poor families in 2006, with 41 out of 100 families classified as poor. Davao del Norte, however, recorded the highest increase in poverty incidence among families. In 2006, poverty incidence of the province increased to 37.7 percent from 30.3 percent in 2003, which corresponds to a 7.4 percentage points increase in three years span. Davao del Sur had the largest drop in poverty incidence. Poverty incidence of families dropped by 1.2 percentage points in 2006, which made the province the least poor among the provinces in the region with only 23 out of 100 families categorized as poor.

The number of poor Davaoños also increased. In 2006, 37 out of 100 Davaoños were poor, compared to 35 in 2003. Davao del Norte recorded the highest increase in poverty incidence among the

population consistent with the trend of poverty incidence among families. Incidence of poor population in that province increased to 44.8 percent in 2006 from 36.8 percent in 2003, which corresponds to 8-percentage points growth.

Table 1. Poverty Incidence among families and population by province, Region XI, 2003 and 2006

Province	Poverty incidence among families (%)			Poverty incidence among population (%)		
	2003	2006	Inc/Dec	2003	2006	Inc/Dec
Region XI	28.5	30.6	2.1	34.7	36.6	1.9
Davao del Norte	30.3	37.7	7.4	36.8	44.8	8.0
Davao del Sur	24.2	23.0	-1.2	28.9	27.4	-1.5
Davao Oriental	37.2	40.8	3.6	47.9	48.8	0.9
Compostela Valley	34.4	39.8	5.4	41.9	47.1	5.2

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)

Davao Oriental registered the largest number of poor among the provinces. In Davao Oriental, 49 out of 100 population were considered as poor in 2006. Davao del Sur had the least number of poor in 2006 with only 27 out of 100 population.

Table 2. Annual Per Capita Thresholds and Annual, Monthly and Daily Poverty and Food Thresholds for a Family of Five, Region XI

	Annual Per Capita		2006 Income for a Family of Five		
	2003	2006	Annual	Monthly	Daily
Poverty Threshold	11,399	14,942	74,710	6,226	205
Food Threshold	7,856	10,283	51,415	4,285	141

Source: NSCB

Davao Region's annual per capita poverty threshold increased from the PhP11,399 in 2003 to PhP14,942 in 2006, up by 31.1 percent during the period. Thus, in 2006, a family of five members needed PhP6,226 monthly income, or P205 daily income, in order to sustain their minimum basic needs, both food and non-food.

The annual per capita food threshold reached PhP10,283 in 2006, up by 30.9 percent compared to the revised 2003 level of PhP7,856. Thus, a family comprising of five members needed a monthly income of PhP4,285 or 141 daily in 2006 to be able to sustain their family's minimum basic food needs.