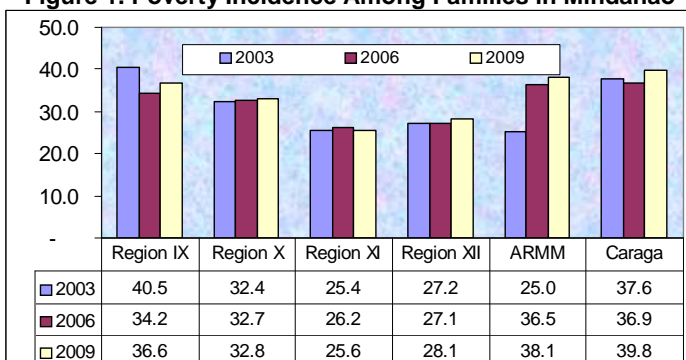




## Poverty in Davao Region improved between 2006 and 2009

The latest poverty data released by the National Statistical Coordination showed that poverty incidence of families or the proportion of families with per capita income falling below the poverty line, in Davao Region declined by 0.6 percentage points from 26.2% in 2006 to 25.6% in 2009.

**Figure 1. Poverty Incidence Among Families in Mindanao**



However, the number of poor families increased by 2.5% from the 2006 figure of 220,707. In 2009, there were now 226,284 poor families in Davao Region.

Among the regions in Mindanao, Davao Region, remained with the lowest poverty incidence of families in 2009 with Caraga having the highest poverty incidence at 39.8%. Only Davao Region's poverty incidence improved among the said regions. Caraga, at 39.8% poverty incidence in 2009, experienced the biggest leap in poverty incidence from the 2006 incidence of 36.9%.

In terms of poverty trends in the provinces in Region XI, Davao Oriental moved from moderately poor cluster in 2003 to bottom cluster of provinces in 2006 and 2009. The province also recorded the highest

increase in poverty by 3.4 percentage points. In 2006 poverty incidence in Davao Oriental was 39.0 percent, in 2009 this increased to 42.5 percent. Davao del Norte had the largest drop in poverty incidence with poverty incidence of families dropping by 2.0 percentage point in 2009. From least poor cluster in 2003, the province went to moderately poor cluster of provinces in 2006 and 2009. Compostela Valley and Davao del Sur consistently belong in the moderately poor cluster and least poor cluster of provinces, respectively, in 2003, 2006, and 2009.

The number of poor Davaoños also declined. In 2009, 31 out of 100 Davaoños were poor, compared to 32 in 2006. However, the magnitude of poor population increased by 1.6% from 1.26 million in 2006 to 1.28 million in 2009.

Davao Oriental 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 53.0 percent in 2009 from 46.9 percent in 2006, which corresponds to a 5.8 percentage points increase. Davao del Norte, also, experienced the largest drop in poverty incidence among population from 38.2% in 2006 to 33.9% in 2009.

A Davaoeno needed PhP990 in 2009 to meet his/her monthly food requirements and P1,420 to stay out of poverty. A family of five needed monthly income of PhP4,949 or around PhP5,000 to meet its basic food needs and PhP7,100 to stay out of poverty and to sustain their food and non-food needs.

The annual per capita threshold for Davao Region increased by 26.5% from PhP13,469 in 2006 to PhP17,040 in 2009.

**Table 1. Clustering of Provinces based on 2009 Poverty Incidence among Families, by Province: 2003, 2006, and 2006**

Province	2003			2006			2009		
	Poverty incidence	90% CI		Poverty incidence	90% CI		Poverty incidence	90% CI	
		Lower limit	Upper limit		Lower limit	Upper limit		Lower limit	Upper limit
Davao Oriental	35.6	26.7	44.4	39.0	28.0	50.1	42.5	36.4	48.6
Compostela Valley	33.1	23.4	42.7	30.3	22.9	37.6	31.1	25.4	36.8
Davao del Norte	26.6	17.8	35.3	31.6	23.6	39.6	29.6	20.0	39.3
Davao del Sur	20.5	16.3	24.7	20.2	15.0	25.4	19.2	14.4	24.0

**Table 2. Poverty Incidence among population by province, 2003-2009**

Province	Poverty Incidence Among Population (%)		
	2003	2006	2009
	<b>Region XI</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>31.7</b>
Davao del Norte	32.7	38.2	33.9
Davao del Sur	24.2	24.3	24.6
Davao Oriental	45.9	46.9	52.7
Compostela Valley	40.7	36.8	36.7

**Table 3. Annual Per Capita Thresholds and Annual, Monthly and Daily Poverty and Food Thresholds for a Family of Five, Region XI**

	Annual Per Capita Threshold			2009 Income for a Family of Five			Inc/Dec in Annual Per Capita Threshold (%)	
	2003	2006	2009	Annual	Monthly	Daily	03-06	06-09
Poverty Threshold	10,737	13,469	17,040	85,198	7,100	233	25.4	26.5
Food Threshold	7,493	9,392	11,879	59,393	4,949	163	25.4	26.5

Annual per capita food threshold, on the other hand increased from PhP9,392 in 2006 to PhP 11,879 in 2009.

Source of data: NSCB