



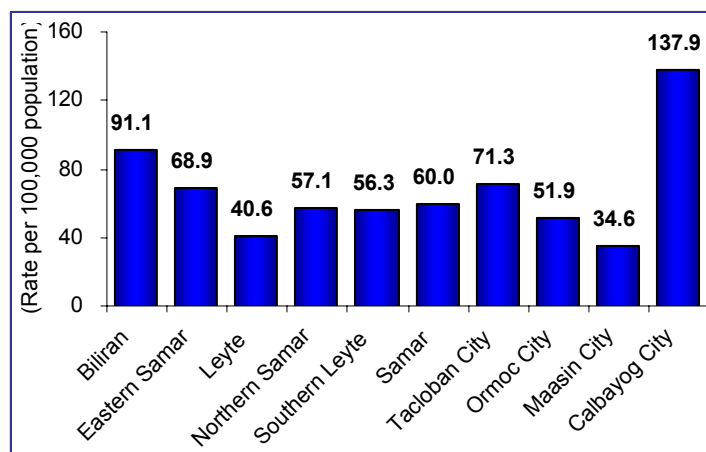
## Calbayog City records highest crime rate in Eastern Visayas

Calbayog City in Samar posted the highest crime rate among provinces and cities in Eastern Visayas in 2008 with 138 crimes reported per 100,000 population. This figure is more than double the regional average of 58 crimes per 100,000 population. Moreover, both the city's index crime rate of 56 per 100,000 population and non-index crime rate of 82 per 100,000 population were the highest in the region.

Among the six provinces in the region, Biliran, the smallest province in terms of population, posted the highest crime rate at 91 crimes per 100,000 population. On the other hand, Leyte, the biggest province, registered the lowest crime rate at 41 per 100,000 population.

Meanwhile, Maasin City recorded the lowest crime rate among cities at 35 crimes per 100,000 population. Tacloban and Ormoc cities posted crime rates of 71 and 52 per 100,000 population, respectively.

Figure 1. CRIME RATE BY PROVINCE AND CITY REGION VIII: 2008



Sources of Basic Data: Philippine National Police, Regional Command VIII  
National Statistics Office, Region VIII

In terms of crime solution efficiency, the Philippine National Police was able to solve 91.9% of the 2,289 crimes reported in the region in 2008. The province of Leyte recorded the highest accomplishment among provinces at 97.4% while Calbayog topped other cities by solving 96.5% of its crime incidence.

Table 1. CRIME INCIDENCE, CRIME RATE AND SOLUTION EFFICIENCY BY PROVINCE AND CITY, REGION VIII: 2008

Province/City	Total Crime		Index		Non-Index		Crimes Solved	Solution Efficiency
	Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Rate	Incidence	Rate		
<b>Region VIII</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>91.9</b>
Biliran	138	91.1	61	40.3	77	50.8	131	94.9
Eastern Samar	282	68.9	188	45.9	94	23.0	225	79.8
Leyte	542	40.6	330	24.7	212	15.9	528	97.4
Northern Samar	318	57.1	226	40.6	92	16.5	279	87.7
Southern Leyte	177	56.3	83	26.4	94	29.9	166	93.8
Samar	322	60.0	157	29.2	165	30.7	288	89.4
Tacloban City	159	71.3	91	40.8	68	30.5	151	95.0
Ormoc City	94	51.9	69	38.1	25	13.8	89	94.7
Maasin City	28	34.6	13	16.0	15	18.5	26	92.9
Calbayog City	229	137.9	93	56.0	136	81.9	221	96.5

Note: Provincial figures do not include cities.

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**Index Crimes** - Includes those violations of the penal code considered to have socio-economic significance and occur with sufficient regularity to be meaningful. These include crimes versus person (e.g. murder, homicide, physical injury, and rape) and crimes versus property (e.g. robbery and theft).

**Non-Index Crimes** - All other crimes not classified as index crimes. These are mostly composed of victimless offenses (e.g. crimes against national security, crimes against the fundamental laws of the state, crimes against public order, crimes against public morals, and violations of special laws).

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