



1 in every 3 families in Eastern Visayas is poor

The 2009 official poverty statistics released by the National Statistical Coordination Board showed that poverty incidence among families in Eastern Visayas increased from 31.1 percent in 2006 to 33.2 percent in 2009. The latest figure indicates that around 1 in every 3 families in the region is poor.

Eastern Visayas ranked 5th in terms of highest poverty incidence among the 17 regions in the country in 2009. Its poverty incidence is 12.3 percentage points higher than that of the country, which is estimated at 20.9 percent.

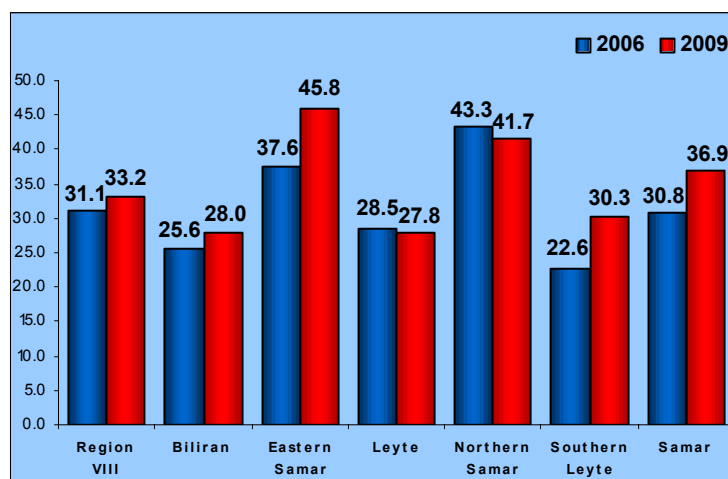
The total number of poor families in the region reached 287,156 in 2009. There was an increase of 13.3 percent or 33,809 poor families since 2006.

Among the six provinces in the region, Leyte and Northern Samar experienced slight improvements in their poverty incidence: from 28.5 to 27.8 percent and 43.3 to 41.7 percent from 2006 to 2009, respectively.

On the other hand, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Southern Leyte, and Samar showed increasing poverty incidence, with Eastern Samar and Southern Leyte having the highest increases of 8.2 and 7.7 percentage points, respectively.

Meanwhile, Leyte was included in the top 10 provinces with highest percentage of poor families in 2009 at 2.9 percent or 110,214 poor families. Eastern Samar and Northern Samar were consistently included in the bottom poor provinces in 2006 and 2009.

Figure 1. POVERTY INCIDENCE AMONG FAMILIES BY PROVINCE, REGION VIII: 2006 and 2009



Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Table 1. ANNUAL PER CAPITA POVERTY THRESHOLD, POVERTY INCIDENCE AND MAGNITUDE OF POOR FAMILIES BY PROVINCE, REGION VIII: 2003, 2006 and 2009

Province	Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold			Poverty Incidence Among Families									Magnitude of Poor Families		
				Cluster			Estimates (%)			Coefficient of Variation (%)			Estimates		
	2003	2006	2009	2003	2006	2009	2003	2006	2009	2003	2006	2009	2003	2006	2009
Region VIII	9,850	11,885	15,910				30.2	31.1	33.2	5.9	5.8	5.3	227,458	253,347	287,156
Biliran	9,225	11,071	15,022	2	2	2	32.3	25.6	28.0	7.3	33.0	23.1	9,508	8,216	11,616
Eastern Samar	10,106	12,195	16,385	2	1	1	29.8	37.6	45.8	19.0	9.5	10.9	22,642	31,165	41,359
Leyte	9,613	11,570	15,500	2	2	3	29.2	28.5	27.8	8.9	9.0	8.8	99,082	104,260	110,214
Northern Samar	10,374	12,509	16,684	2	1	1	37.4	43.3	41.7	15.5	14.7	13.5	38,393	47,234	45,023
Southern Leyte	10,383	12,516	16,707	2	3	2	28.7	22.6	30.3	14.6	9.5	14.3	21,605	18,403	24,389
Samar	9,628	11,594	15,512	3	2	2	27.5	30.8	36.9	15.5	13.1	12.3	36,229	44,068	54,554

Notes:

- The estimates for 2003 and 2006 were revised following refinements in the poverty estimation methodology.
- The provinces were clustered using confidence intervals of poverty incidence as the clustering variable, where cluster 1 comprised the bottom poor provinces while cluster 5 comprised the least poor provinces.
- Coefficient of variation (CV) is a measure of precision of the estimate.
Users are advised to take necessary caution when using poverty estimates with high CVs.
- Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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