



## Did you know that...

## ...in Zamboanga Peninsula, a family of 5 members needed at least P5,507/month in 2006?

Based on the 2006 Family Income and Expenditures Survey (FIES), Zamboanga Peninsula's poverty threshold increased from P10,407 in 2003 to P13,219 in 2006.

This means that for the national average family size of five members, a family in the Region needed at least P5,507 monthly in 2006 in order for them to have enough food and other basic needs, an increase from P4,336 in 2003. This was computed as follows:

[(P13,219 Poverty Threshold X 5 ave. family size) / 12 months]

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) estimated about 40.2 percent of families in the region were considered poor in 2006. This is an improved poverty situation as compared to the 44 percent in 2003.

The estimated number of poor families in the region improved from 258,497 in 2003 to 250,696 in 2006. Among the provinces, Zamboanga del Norte had the highest magnitude of poor families at 115,560. It was followed by Zamboanga del Sur with 91,614, Zamboanga Sibugay with 36,868 and Isabela City with 6,655.

The poverty threshold takes into consideration expenditures for food that meet the 2000-calorie requirement and 80 percent requirement for other minerals. It also considers the expenditures for basic needs such as clothing and footwear; fuel; light and water; housing and maintenance and other minor repairs; rental or occupied dwelling units; medical care; education; transportation and communications; non-durable furnishing; household operations and personal care effects.

Also known as the poverty line, individuals whose income fell below the poverty threshold are considered poor by government standards.

### Per Capita Poverty Threshold – Region IX 2003 – 2006

Region / Province	Poverty Threshold (in pesos)	
	2003	2006
Region IX	<b>10,407</b>	<b>13,219</b>
Zamboanga Norte	10,871	13,947
Zamboanga Sur	10,310	12,741
Zamboanga Sibugay	9,580	12,188
Isabela City	10,429	14,115

Region / Province	Poverty Incidence Among Families Estimates(%)	
	2003	2006
Region IX	<b>44.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>
Zamboanga Norte	64.6	63.0
Zamboanga Sur	34.4	29.0
Zamboanga Sibugay	40.7	34.0
Isabela City	24.7	43.0

Region / Province	Magnitude of Poor Families Estimates	
	2003	2006
Region IX	<b>258,497</b>	<b>250,696</b>
Zamboanga Norte	110,831	115,560
Zamboanga Sur	103,323	91,614
Zamboanga Sibugay	40,712	36,868
Isabela City	3,630	6,655

**Poverty Threshold** – the minimum yearly income required or the expenditure necessary to meet the food requirements and other non-food basic needs of an individual.

Note:

For information on the methodology behind the poverty threshold estimates as well as national and regional data on poverty, visit the National Statistical Coordination Board's website on poverty at <http://www.nscb.gov.ph/poverty/>