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Did you know that...

...1 out of 4 families in the Cordilleras were living below the poverty line?

In 2003, a quarter of all families in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) were living below the poverty line. The incidence of poor families stood at 24.8 percent, an improvement of 5.9 percentage points from the 2000 level of 30.7 percent.

This was revealed by the results of the latest poverty estimates released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) based on the results of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The incidence of poor population in 2003 was estimated at 31.2 percent, a decline of 6.4 percentage points from the 2000 level of 37.6 percent. In short, 3 out of every 10 Cordillerans were living below the poverty line in 2003.

The poverty line or the annual per capita poverty threshold is the annual per capita income required to satisfy basic nutrition and non-food requirements. For 2003, it was estimated at P 13,976, up by 7.0 percent during the period. For example, a family of six members should have an income of at least P 6,988 per month in order to meet their minimum basic needs.

ANNUAL PER CAPITA POVERTY THRESHOLDS, POVERTY INCIDENCE OF FAMILIES AND POPULATION BY REGION: 2000 & 2003

(preliminary estimates as of 24 January 2005)

REGION	Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold (in Pesos)			Poverty Incidence of Families (%)			Poverty Incidence of Population (%)		
	2000	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000	2003	Inc/Dec (%)	2000	2003	Inc/Dec (%)
PHILIPPINES	11,451	12,267	7.1	27.5	24.7	(2.8)	33.0	30.4	(2.5)
CAR	13,066	13,976	7.0	30.7	24.8	(5.9)	37.6	31.2	(6.4)
NCR	15,693	16,796	7.0	5.7	5.0	(0.7)	7.6	7.3	(0.3)
Region I	12,685	13,276	4.7	29.4	24.4	(5.0)	35.1	30.2	(5.0)
Region II	11,128	11,409	2.5	25.2	19.3	(5.9)	30.4	24.5	(5.9)
Region III	13,760	14,342	4.2	17.3	13.7	(3.6)	21.4	17.7	(3.6)
Region IV-A¹	13,657	14,616	7.0	15.2	14.9	(0.3)	19.1	18.8	(0.3)
Region IV-B²	11,995	12,406	3.4	36.3	39.7	3.4	45.2	47.9	2.7
Region V	11,372	12,354	8.6	45.3	40.5	(4.8)	52.6	48.4	(4.2)
Region VI	11,313	12,275	8.5	36.6	31.3	(5.3)	44.4	39.1	(5.3)
Region VII	9,656	9,779	1.3	31.5	23.7	(7.8)	36.2	28.4	(7.7)
Region VIII	9,518	10,802	13.5	37.5	35.5	(2.0)	45.1	43.3	(1.8)
Region IX	9,116	10,414	14.2	38.5	44.1	5.6	44.8	49.4	4.6
Region X	10,503	11,609	10.5	37.9	37.9	0.0	43.8	44.3	0.6
Region XI	10,264	11,276	9.9	27.7	28.1	0.4	33.1	34.4	1.3
Region XII	10,466	11,303	8.0	40.7	32.0	(8.7)	46.8	38.4	(8.4)
ARMM	12,192	12,739	4.5	53.7	45.7	(8.0)	59.8	53.1	(6.7)
Caraga	10,896	12,000	10.1	43.7	47.3	3.6	50.9	54.2	3.3

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