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PSA DAVAO DEL SUR REAPS TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AT THE 2024 PSA REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Davao del Sur was honored with two prestigious awards during the 2024 PSA Regional Director's Awards, held as part of the 2024 PSA Davao Region General Assembly. The event took place at the Grand Regal Hotel in Lanang, Davao City on December 18, 2024.

The Regional Director's Awards, organized by the Regional Statistical Services Office - Davao Region headed by OIC-Regional Director Randolph Anthony B. Gales, recognize Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) for their exemplary performance over the year.

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PSA Davao del Sur was delighted to find itself among the awardees of the RD's Awards, winning two accolades that highlighted the province's outstanding performance in the Partnership and Linkages Category and the 35th National Statistics Month activities. PSA Davao del Sur employees led by Officer-In-Charge, Chief Statistical Specialist Jessie A. Madulin, proudly received the award and took the opportunity to capture the moment through photos.

The recognition came as a surprise, sparking a wave of joy among PSA Davao del Sur's employees, who have tirelessly worked to improve services and deliver accurate and timely data. The awards were a testament to the dedication and teamwork of the office, and the moment marked a significant milestone in their journey towards excellence. With this, PSA Davao del Sur looks forward to furthering its mission of providing reliable and accurate data, making a positive impact on the region and beyond.

PSA DAVSUR CONDUCTS DATA DISSEMINATION FORUM ON 2023 PROVINCIAL PRODUCT ACCOUNTS OF CITY OF DAVAO AND DAVAO DEL SUR

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Provincial Statistical Office of Davao del Sur successfully held the 2023 Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) Data Dissemination Forum for Davao del Sur and the City of Davao at the Grand Regal Hotel, Lanang, Davao City on December 3, 2024. The forum aimed to present the economic performance of Davao del Sur and the City of Davao and provide key insights for development planning.

Opening remarks were delivered by Senior Statistical Specialist Celeste Mae L. Barrete, followed by messages from PSA officials, including Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, and OIC-Regional Director Randolph Anthony B. Gales of RSSO Davao Region, accentuated the importance of PPA data for informed decision-making.

Chief Statistical Specialist Jessie A. Madulin, OIC of PSA Davao del Sur, presented the economic performance of Davao del Sur, while Supervising Statistical Specialist Ma. Leah C. Magracia, from RSSO XI - SOCD, discussed the City of Davao's economic performance. Both presentations underscored key growth sectors and challenges faced in 2023. Local stakeholders, including Ms. Imelda P. Rebuyon, EnP, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, and Engr. Ivan C. Cortez, EnP, City Planning and Development Coordinator represented by Economist IV Loraida P. Fabro, offered insights on how the data could impact future development plans.

The forum concluded with an open discussion, followed by closing remarks from Information Officer I Eugene Junior A. Gica, who emphasized the role of data in sustainable economic development. The forum successfully fostered collaboration among stakeholders, contributing to informed governance and planning for the provincial and HUC's continued growth.





PSA DAVAO DEL SUR HOLDS 2025 PROVINCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Provincial Statistical Office of Davao del Sur successfully conducted its 2025 Provincial Planning Workshop and General Assembly at Casas Con Vistas, Samal Island, Davao del Norte on December 4 to 6, 2024. The event served to assess progress in 2024, review strategic goals, and plan for the year ahead.

The first day featured an overview of the organization's achievements, including a notable improvement in ranking from 80th place in 2022 to 44th in 2023. Senior Statistical Specialist Celeste Mae L. Barrete presented guidelines for aligning programs with strategic objectives, followed by detailed planning sessions.

On the second day, various updates were presented on ongoing initiatives, including regional activities, agricultural surveys, price trends, internal quality assessments, and budget reviews. The session concluded with interactive discussions, allowing participants to refine proposals for 2025.

The event culminated in a day of team-building activities designed to strengthen bonds among colleagues. Fun and engaging games fostered trust and teamwork in a relaxed, positive environment. In the evening, the atmosphere turned festive with a lively Christmas party, complete with a raffle, dance contest, and gift exchange. The night ended on a high note with a collective Pledge of Commitment, reinforcing the team's shared dedication to achieving greater heights in 2025.

This event not only set the tone for the year but also celebrated the strength of teamwork, collaboration, and commitment that will continue to drive PSA Davao del Sur's success into the new year.

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PSA DAVAO DEL SUR DISSEMINATES RESULTS OF 2023 OFFICIAL POVERTY STATISTICS OF DAVAO CITY

The Philippine Statistics Authority Davao del Sur conducted the Data Dissemination Forum on the 2023 Official Poverty Statistics of the City of Davao at World Palace Hotel, Ecoland Drive, Davao City on December 20, 2024. The event was attended by representatives from the City Planning and Development Coordinator's Office and the members of the City Statistics Committee (CSC). The forum aimed to present vital poverty statistics which can serve as basis for local planning and policymaking.

The forum was opened by Officer-In-Charge of PSA Davao del Sur, Chief Statistical Specialist Jessie A. Madulin, who emphasized the significance of the poverty statistics in guiding development efforts. Following that, Statistical Specialist II Kim L. Onin discussed the Official Methodology of Poverty Statistics and the 2023 Results of Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES). Then, CSS Madulin presented the Highlights of the 2023 Official Poverty Statistics of the City of Davao

City Planning and Development Coordinator Engr. Ivan C. Cortez represented by Economist IV Loraida P. Fabro then provided feedback wherein she first commended PSA Davao del Sur for conducting the forum. She then emphasized the importance of the data to the LGU in doing their planning in their projects. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to collaborate in efforts to help alleviate poverty in the City of Davao. Next, CSS Madulin further clarified that the updates to the food bundle could adjust the poverty threshold accordingly.

An open forum then ensued wherein one of the participants, Planning Officer II Brenna Mae Concepcion, the representative from the Department of Agrarian Reform Provincial Office - Davao City (DARPO-Davao City) asked for the profile of the respondents to plan appropriate interventions, particularly for their agrarian reform beneficiaries. SS II Onin answered that during their workshop last November, it was mentioned by the Central Office that data will take time to generate since it is only based on sample distribution.

Moreover, CSS Madulin also noted that the FIES questionnaire includes information about the occupation of the respondents, and he also mentioned that there is a current survey being conducted, the CBMS which includes respondent's name and income, making it possible to identify those who qualify for poverty programs.

CDRRMO's representative, SOO I Karen Gale L. Alarcon then asked whether poverty statistics could serve as a basis for increasing the starting salary. She pointed out that a five-member family in Davao City needs a monthly income of Php 13,140, but some COSWs and JO employees earn below that threshold. CSS Madulin responded that poverty data, including information on wages and inflation, could indeed inform wage policies. Concerns regarding data accuracy and respondent honesty were also addressed, with CSS Madulin assuring that PSA employs strict security protocols and training for researchers to ensure data reliability.

The event successfully disseminated key poverty data to stakeholders, aiding in informed decision-making for future development programs in City of Davao.



PSA DAVSUR CONDUCTS 2023 COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM DATA TURNOVER CEREMONY IN MATANAO, DAVAO DEL SUR

The Municipality of Matanao, Davao del Sur marked a significant milestone in data-driven governance with the 2023 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Data Turnover Ceremony held at the SB Legislative Building, Matanao, Davao del Sur on December 27, 2024. The event conducted by PSA Davao del Sur brought together 33 stakeholders from local government units, national agencies, and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to celebrate the successful completion of the initiative.

The ceremony was opened by PSA Davao del Sur's Supervising Statistical Specialist, Adeline G. Batucan, who acknowledged the collective efforts of all involved. An AVP of Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General was then showed wherein NS Mapa accentuated the significance of CBMS in uplifting communities through improved data access. Supervising Statistical Specialist Ma. Lea C. Magracia, representing PSA RSSO XI OIC-Regional Director Randolph Anthony B. Gales, delivered a message emphasizing how CBMS empowers local governments with critical data for addressing inequalities and guiding development efforts.

Chief Statistical Specialist Jessie A. Madulin presented the results of the CBMS, offering insights into Matanao's socioeconomic landscape and highlighting areas for future development. Lucky Plus Humlad from DICT-Davao del Sur also discussed the importance of accessible data systems in advancing local development. Mayor Vincent F. Fernandez accepted the data on behalf of the municipality, expressing concern over findings related to hunger in the community and underscoring tourism as a key economic driver. He shared his hope that the data would help in addressing these issues and fostering growth.

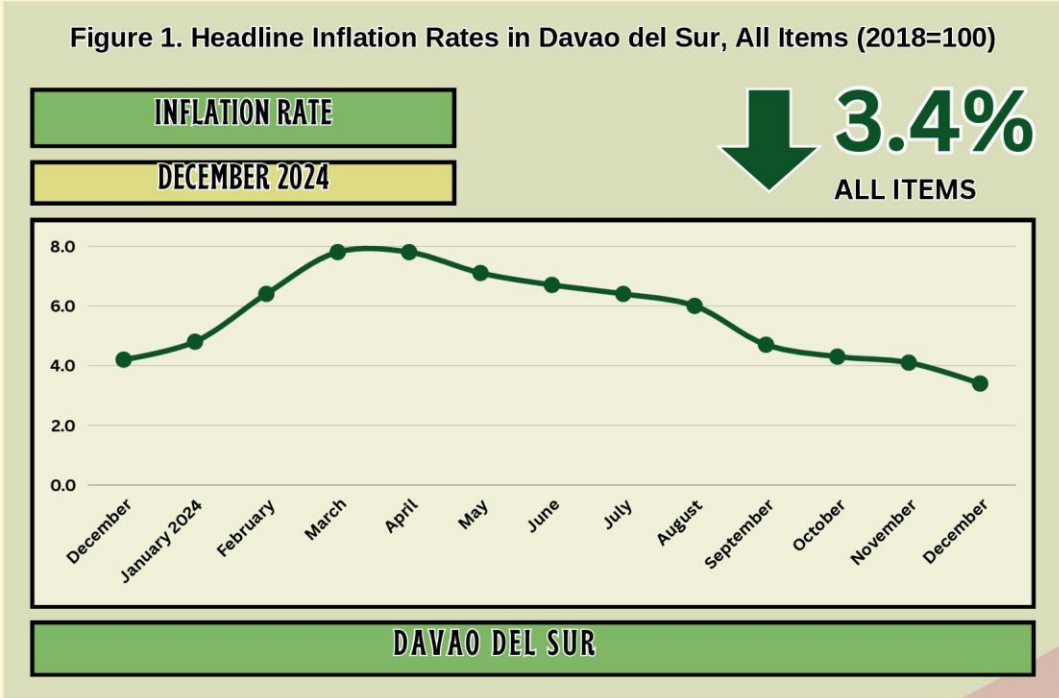
The event concluded with a call for continued cooperation in the 2024 CBMS, reinforcing the shared commitment to using data as a tool for positive, transformative change in Matanao. This ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter in evidence-based governance, paving the way for a brighter future for the community.



DAVAO DEL SUR INFLATION TREND FROM DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024

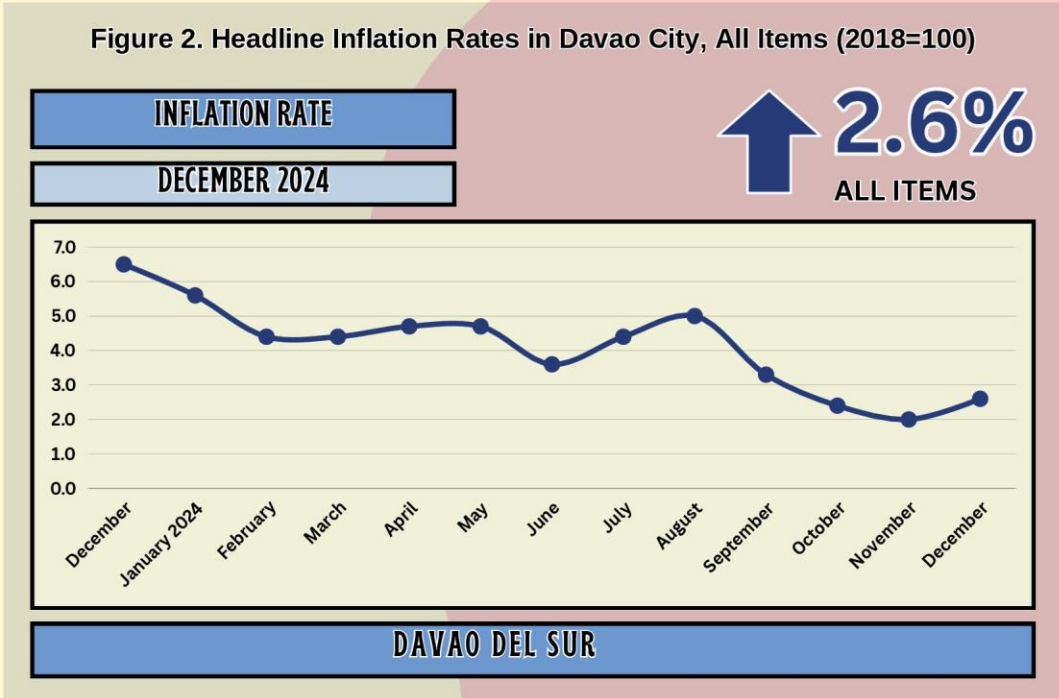
Inflation is an economic phenomenon characterized by a broad rise in prices of goods and services within an economy over a defined period. It is commonly quantified as a percentage increase in either the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Producer Price Index (PPI) over a specified timeframe.

Figure 1 presents the trend of the headline inflation rate in Davao del Sur on all items from December 2023 to December 2024.



DAVAO CITY INFLATION TREND FROM DECEMBER 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024

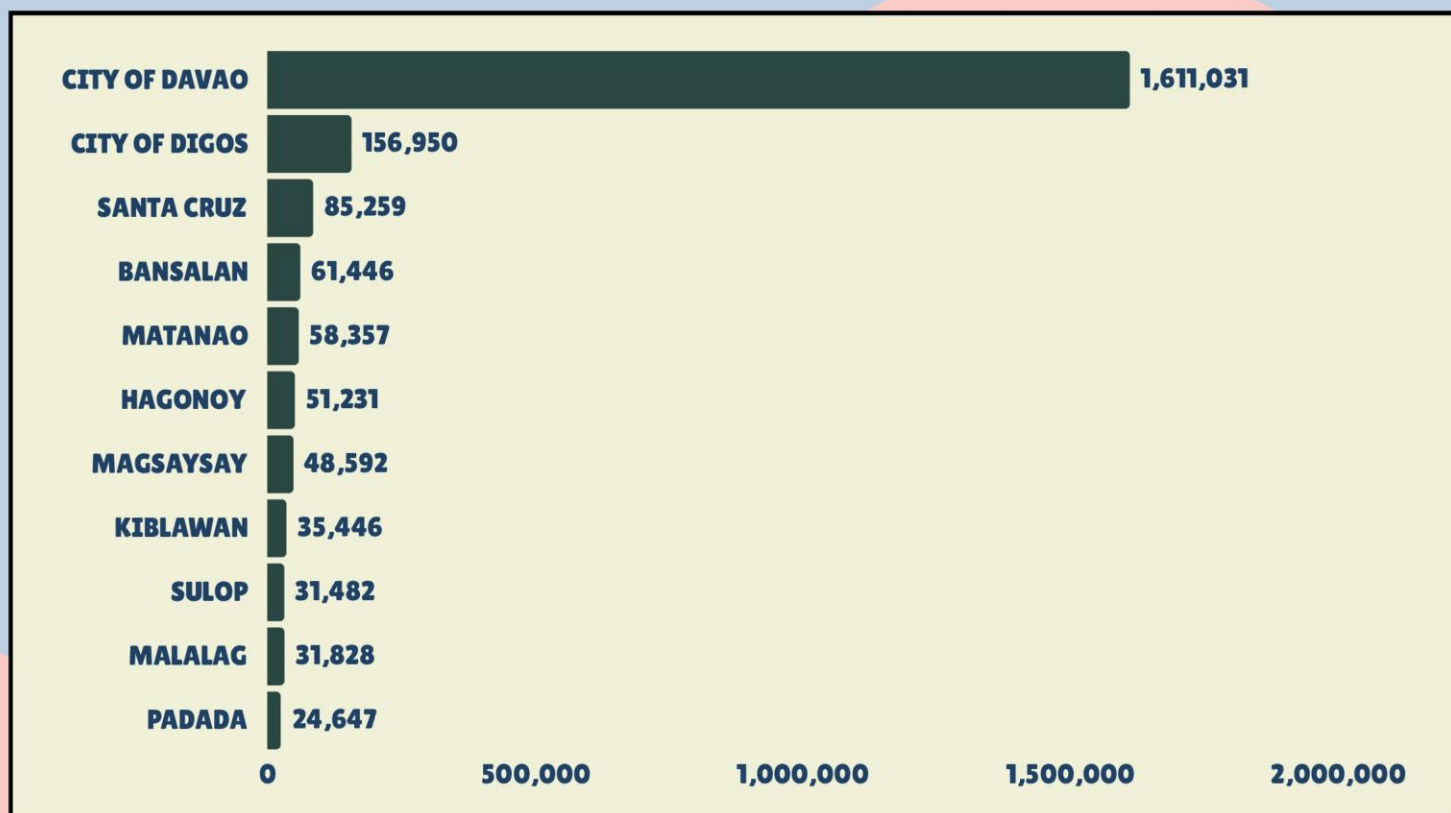
Moreover, Figure 2 presents the trend of the headline inflation rate in Davao City on all items from December 2023 to December 2024.



STATUS OF PHILSYS REGISTRATION AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024 OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND DAVAO CITY



Figure 3. Cumulative Number of Step 2 Registrants as of 31 December 2024 by City/Municipality: Davao del Sur and Davao City



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