



## SPECIAL RELEASE

### Official Poverty Statistics of Davao del Norte: First Semester of 2021

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A resident of Davao del Norte needed at least PhP 2,257 to meet his or her monthly basic requirements to stay out of poverty in the first semester of 2021. Hence, a family of five in Davao del Norte needed a monthly income of at least PhP 11,287 to meet their basic food and non-food needs.

**Table 1. Poverty Thresholds, Davao Region and Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

	Monthly per Capita Poverty Threshold		Monthly Poverty Threshold for a Family of Five	
	2018	2021	2018	2021
Davao Region	2,120	2,221	10,598	11,103
Davao del Norte	2,121	2,257	10,604	11,287

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

This translates to a first semester per capita poverty threshold of PhP 13,545 for 2021, up by 6.4 percent compared to the first semester of 2018 figure of PhP 12,725.

On the other hand, a monthly income of no less than PhP 1,573 was needed by an individual in Davao del Norte to suffice for his or her basic food needs. Consequently, a five-member family residing in Davao del Norte needed a monthly income of at least PhP 7,867 to meet their basic food needs.

**Table 2. Food Thresholds, Davao Region and Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

	Monthly per Capita Threshold		Monthly Threshold for a Family of Five	
	2018	2021	2018	2021
Davao Region	1,480	1,548	7,400	7,741
Davao del Norte	1,486	1,573	7,431	7,867

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

This translates to a first semester per capita food threshold of PhP 9,440 for 2021, up by 5.9 percent compared to the first semester of 2018 figure of PhP 8,917.

The poverty incidence of families in Davao del Norte was estimated at 13.6 percent, or roughly 14 out of 100 families were considered poor in the first semester of 2021. The estimate was lower than the figure in the first semester of 2018 which was estimated at 14.5 percent. Similarly, the estimated number of poor families has dropped by 7.7 percent from 37,398 families in the first semester of 2018 to 34,509 families in the first semester of 2021.

**Table 3. Poverty Incidence among Families, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Poverty Incidence among Families
2018	14.5
2021	13.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 4. Magnitude of Poor Families, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Magnitude of Poor Families
2018	37,398
2021	34,509

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Meanwhile, the proportion of families in Davao del Norte in extreme poverty whose incomes were not sufficient to meet basic food needs stood at 4.2 percent in the first semester of 2021. Consequently, the estimated number of subsistence poor families dropped by 4.5 percent from 11,096 families in the first semester of 2018 to 10,595 in the first semester of 2021.

**Table 5. Subsistence Incidence among Families, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Poverty Incidence among Families
2018	4.3
2021	4.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 6. Magnitude of Subsistence Poor Families, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Magnitude of Poor Families
2018	11,096
2021	10,595

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The latest poverty estimated also indicated that 18 out of 100 individuals in Davao del Norte were not able to meet the basic food and non-food requirements in the first semester of 2021. This figure was lower than the first semester of 2018 estimate of 18.9 percent. The magnitude



of poor individuals likewise declined by 3.0 percent, from 196,474 individuals in the first semester of 2018 to 190,500 individuals in the first semester of 2021.

**Table 7. Poverty Incidence among Population, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Poverty Incidence among Population
2018	18.9
2021	17.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 8. Magnitude of Poor Population, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Magnitude of Poor Population
2018	196,474
2021	190,500

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

On the other hand, an increase in the proportion of individuals in Davao del Norte with incomes insufficient to meet the basic food needs was observed in the first semester of 2021. Subsistence incidence among population was estimated at 6.2 percent in the first semester of 2021 and 5.8 percent in the first semester of 2018. The magnitude of poor individuals increased by 7.9 percent, from 60,731 individuals in the first semester of 2018 to 65,508 individuals in the first semester of 2021.

**Table 9. Subsistence Incidence among Population, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Poverty Incidence among Families
2018	5.8
2021	6.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 10. Magnitude of Subsistence Poor Population, Davao del Norte: 2018 and 2021**

Reference Period	Magnitude of Poor Families
2018	60,731
2021	65,508

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

In order to get out of poverty, a poor family of five needed an average additional monthly income of PhP 2,540, or 22.5 percent of the poverty threshold, in the first semester of 2021. This is referred to as the income gap. In the first semester of 2018, the income gap in Davao del Norte was 22.5 percent relative to the poverty threshold.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### **Food Threshold**

The minimum income required to meet the basic food needs, satisfying the nutritional requirements set by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) to ensure that one remains economically and socially productive.

### **Poverty Threshold**

The minimum income required to meet the basic food and non-food needs such as clothing, fuel, light and water, housing, rental of occupied dwelling units, transportation and communication, health and education expenses, non-durable furnishing, household operations and personal care and effects.

### **Poverty Incidence**

The proportion of Filipino families or individuals with percapita income or expenditure less than the per capita poverty threshold to the total number of families or individuals.

### **Subsistence Incidence**

The proportion of Filipino families or individuals whose incomes fall below the food threshold.

### **Income Gap**


The average income shortfall, expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold, of families or individuals with income below the poverty threshold.

### **Poverty Gap**

The total income or expenditure shortfall, expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold, of families or individuals with income or expenditure below the poverty threshold, divided by the total number of families or individuals.

### **Severity of Poverty**

The total of the squared income or expenditure shortfall, expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold, of families or individuals with income or expenditure below the poverty threshold, divided by the total number of families or individuals.

  
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