

Did you know that ...

...in Zamboanga Peninsula, a family of 5 members needed at least P10,323/month in 2018 First Semester?

Based on the 2018 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) Visit 1, Zamboanga Peninsula's first semester per capita poverty threshold increased from ₱11,038 in 2015 to ₱12,388 in 2018.

This means that a family of five members in the region needed at least ₱10,323 monthly in the first semester of 2018 in order for them to have enough food and other basic needs. This was an increase from the ₱9,198 needed in the same period in 2015. This was computed as follows:

$[(₱12,388 \text{ Poverty Threshold} \times 5 \text{ average family size}) / 6 \text{ months}]$

It was estimated that about 32.4 percent of families in the region were considered poor in the first semester of 2018. This was an improvement compared to the 33.9 percent in the same period in 2015.

Among the provinces, Zamboanga del Norte had the highest poverty incidence of poor families at 41.2 percent. It was followed by Zamboanga Sibugay with 36.0 percent and Zamboanga del Sur with 35.8 percent. Meanwhile, Isabela City had a 52.6 percent poverty incidence in the first semester of 2018 which is higher than the 20.7 percent in the same period in 2015.

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, housing, fuel, light and water, maintenance and minor repairs, rental of occupied dwelling units, medical care, education, transportation and communication, non-durable furnishings, household operations, and personal care and effects.

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

Poverty Threshold – the minimum income/ expenditure required for a family/individual to meet the basic food and non-food needs.

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Table 1. Poverty Threshold Per Capita (in pesos) by Region/ Province/ Highly Urbanized City: First Semester 2015 and 2018

Region / Province	2015	2018
Region IX	11,038	12,388
Zamboanga del Norte	12,028	13,609
Zamboanga del Sur	10,120	11,829
City of Zamboanga	...	11,829
Zamboanga Sibugay	10,602	11,436
Isabela City	10,518	12,607

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Table 2. Poverty Incidence Among Families Estimates (%) by Region/Province/Highly Urbanized City: First Semester 2015 and 2018

Region / Province	2015	2018
Region IX	33.9	32.4
Zamboanga del Norte	51.7	41.2
Zamboanga del Sur	23.2	35.8
City of Zamboanga	...	12.4
Zamboanga Sibugay	39.4	36.0
Isabela City	20.7	52.6

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The Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) is a nationwide survey of households undertaken every three years. It is the main source of data on family income and expenditure, which include among others, levels of consumption by item of expenditure as well as sources of income in cash and in kind.

Note:

For information on the methodology behind the poverty threshold estimates as well as national and regional data on poverty, visit the PSA website at www.psa.gov.ph.