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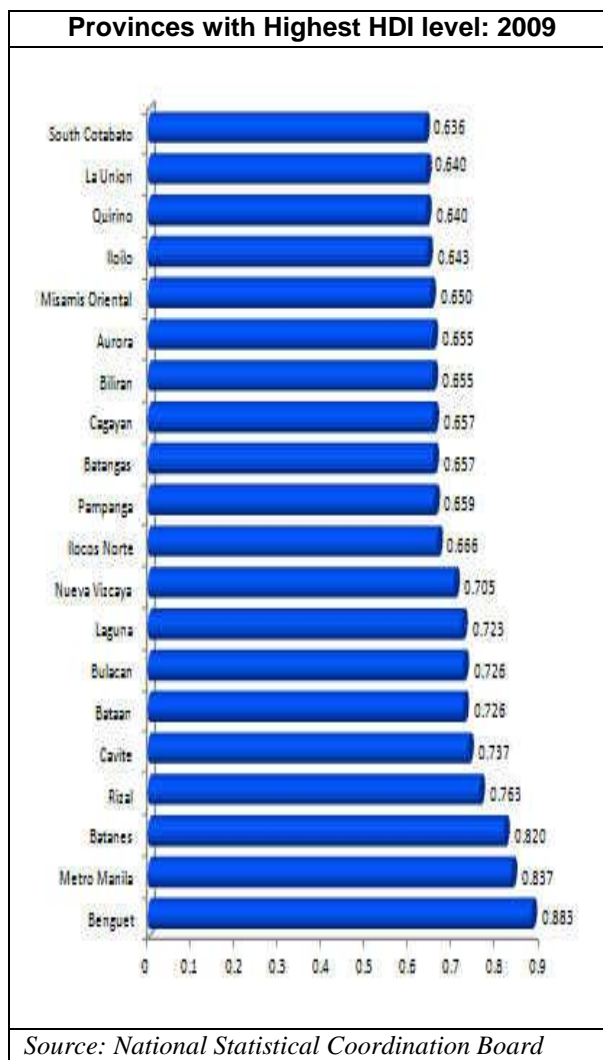
Did you know that ...

...Iloilo is rank 17th among the 80 provinces of the country and rank 1st among the 6 provinces of Western Visayas in the 2009 Human Development Index?

The result of the 2009 Human Development Index (HDI) released by the National ranked 17th among the 80 provinces of the country and ranked 1st among the 6 provinces of Western Visayas having a medium HDI of 0.643 in 2009. This indicates that people leaving in this province enjoyed a better quality of life than in other provinces of Western Visayas.

The top provinces with the highest HDI levels were from Region II- 4 provinces (Bataanes, Nueva Vizcaya, Cagayan & Quirino); 4 provinces from Region III (Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga & Aurora); 4 provinces from Region IV-A (Rizal, Cavite, Laguna & Batangas); 2 provinces from Region I (Ilocos Norte & La Union); and one province each from Regions VI, VIII, X, XII, CAR & NCR.

All provinces of Western Visayas except Aklan were categorized under the medium-HDI range.



The Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite index measuring achievements in three basic dimensions of human development, which are: to lead a long and healthy life; to acquire knowledge; and to have access to the resources needed for a decent standard of living. A province can be classified under high-HDI if its index is 0.800 and above; medium if index is within the range of 0.500-0.799; and low if its index is below 0.500.

Per HDI component, Iloilo and Negros Occidental having indices of 0.829 and 0.814, respectively were classified into high-HDI group for Life Expectancy Index. The rest of the provinces were at medium-HDI group. Life expectancy at birth in Iloilo is at 72.4 years, about 0.4 year higher than the national average and the highest among the six provinces of

Western Visayas. The Life Expectancy Index (LEI) is measured using the indicator on life expectancy at birth.

Provinces with Highest HDI level: 2009

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Iloilo was on the lead in Education Index (EI) posting the highest composite index of 0.906. Following were Aklan and Guimaras with indices of 0.887 and 0.809, respectively. It is interesting to note that all provinces of Western Visayas were classified under high-HDI group for education index. The EI was estimated as a composite of the mean years of schooling and expected average years of schooling. The mean years of schooling for adult in Iloilo was 9.2 years, or 0.5 year higher than the national average of 8.7 years while the average years of schooling for the youths was 12.8 years in the provinces of Iloilo and Antique. Aklan posted the highest average years of schooling with 13.1 years.

Iloilo was also highest in the Income Index (II) at 0.354. All the 6 provinces of Western Visayas however, were classified into low-HDI group in the standard of living component. The Income Index is measured using the real per capita income. Per capita income demonstrates the relative ability to buy commodities and meet basic needs.

2009 Human Development Index by Province: Western Visayas

Province	2009 HDI	Rank ^{1/}	Rank ^{2/}	Life Expectancy at Birth ^{3/}	Life Expectancy Index	Mean Years of Schooling 2008 ^{4/}	Expected Years of Schooling 2008 ^{4/}	Education Index	Income Index
Aklan	0.478	6	63	66.9	0.742	8.7	13.1	0.887	0.166
Antique	0.513	5	48	64.9	0.711	7.3	12.8	0.808	0.235
Capiz	0.543	3	37	65.2	0.715	7.6	12.2	0.800	0.280
Guimaras	0.532	4	38	69.2	0.778	8.1	11.6	0.809	0.239
Iloilo	0.643	1	17	72.4	0.829	9.2	12.8	0.906	0.354
Negros Occ.	0.558	2	34	71.4	0.814	8.1	11.6	0.805	0.265

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Notes: 1/- Rank in Region VI out of 6 Provinces

2/- Rank in Philippines out of 80 provinces;

3/- Linear projection based on 1995 and 2000 life tables by Flieger and Cabigon

4/- 2008 Annual Poverty Indicator Survey