



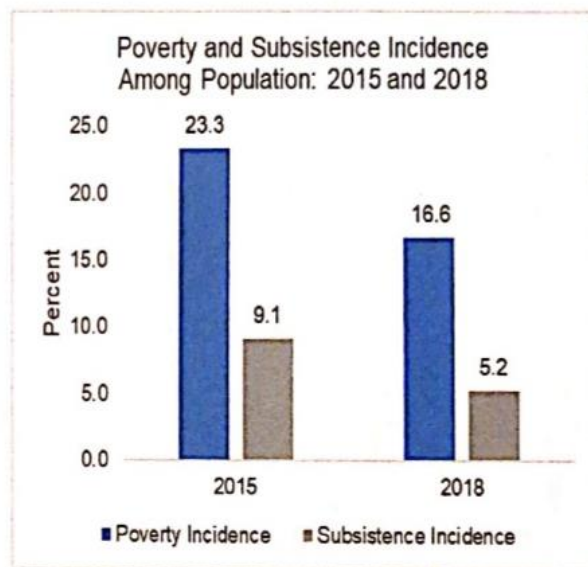
PRESS RELEASE

Proportion of Poor Filipinos was Estimated at 16.6 Percent in 2018

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The full year 2018 poverty incidence among population, or the proportion of poor Filipinos whose per capita income is not sufficient to meet their basic food and non-food needs, was estimated at 16.6 percent. This translates to 17.6 million Filipinos who lived below the poverty threshold estimated at PhP 10,727, on average, for a family of five per month in 2018. On the other hand, subsistence incidence among Filipinos, or the proportion of Filipinos whose income is not enough to meet even the basic food needs, was registered at 5.2 percent in 2018. The monthly food threshold for a family of five was estimated, on average, at PhP 7,528.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Note: The 2015 estimates were revised/updated based on the following: a) rebasing of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) market basket of prices from 2006 to 2012; and b) adoption of the 2015 Census of Population results for the weights in the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES).

Among families, the proportion of poor families in 2018 was estimated at 12.1 percent, which is equivalent to around three million families. Meanwhile, the subsistence incidence among families was recorded at 3.4 percent, or around 800 thousand food poor families in 2018.

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