



SPECIAL RELEASE

Proportion of Poor Filipinos in 2015 was 23.3 Percent

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The full year 2015 poverty incidence among population, or the proportion of poor Filipinos, was estimated at 23.3 percent (revised from the 21.6 percent released last 27 October, 2016). This translates to 23.5 million Filipinos (from 21.9 million) who lived below the poverty threshold estimated at PhP 9,452 (from PhP 9,064), on average, for a family of five per month in 2015.

Back estimation of the full year 2015 poverty statistics was made due to the following:

- rebasing of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) market basket prices from 2006 to 2012; and
- adoption of the 2015 Census of Population (PopCen) results for the weights in the FIES.

These were incorporated in the 2015 full year poverty estimates for comparability with the full year 2018 official poverty statistics, which will be released on 06 December 2019, 10:00 am.

The following are the highlights of the changes due the back estimation in 2015:

Statistics	2015 Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	Oct. 27 2016 Release	Revised	Oct. 27 2016 Release	Revised
Monthly Food Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	6,329	6,605		
Subsistence Incidence (%)				
Family	5.7	6.4	5.7	3.5
Population	8.1	9.1	5.7	3.4
Monthly Poverty Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	9,064	9,452		
Poverty Incidence (%)				
Family	16.5	17.9	3.7	2.2
Population	21.6	23.3	3.5	2.1

Note: Regional, provincial and other poverty statistics will be included in the Report to be released on 6 December 2019.

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