



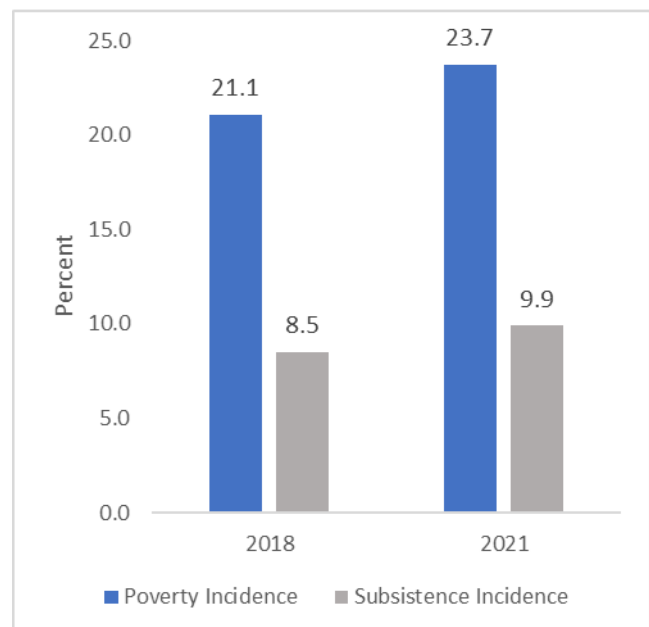
# PRESS RELEASE

## Proportion of Poor Filipinos Registered at 23.7 Percent in the First Semester of 2021

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The First Semester 2021 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 23.7 percent. This translates to 26.14 million Filipinos who lived below the poverty threshold estimated at PhP 12,082, on the average, for a family of five per month in the first semester of 2021. 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 9.9 percent or about 10.94 million Filipinos in the first semester of 2021. On the average, the monthly food threshold for a family of five for the same period was estimated at PhP 8,393. (Figure 1, and Tables 2 and 4)

Figure 1. Poverty and Subsistence Incidence Among Population, Philippines: First Semester 2018 and 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Note: The First Semester 2018 estimates were updated due to the adoption of the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015) results for the weights used in the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) and the urban-rural classification of barangays. These were incorporated to ensure comparability with the 2021 estimates.

Among families, the First Semester 2021 poverty incidence was estimated at 18.0 percent, which is equivalent to around 4.74 million poor families. Meanwhile, the subsistence incidence among families was recorded at 7.1 percent, or around 1.87 million food poor families in the first semester of 2021. (Tables 1 and 3)

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