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Proportion of Poor Filipinos in the First Semester of 2018 was Estimated at 21.1 Percent

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The 2018 first semester poverty incidence among population, or the proportion of poor Filipinos, was estimated at 21.1 percent (revised from the 21.0 percent released last 10 April 2019). Moreover, the poverty threshold was estimated at PhP 10,532 (from PhP 10,481), on average, for a family of five per month in the first semester of 2018.

Back estimation of the 2018 first semester poverty statistics was made 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 in the first semester 2018 poverty estimates for comparability with the 2021 first semester official poverty statistics, which will be released on 17 December 2021 at 9:00 AM.

The following are the highlights of the changes in the 2018 first semester poverty statistics:

Statistics	2018 First Semester Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	April 10, 2019 Release	Revised	April 10, 2019 Release	Revised
Average Monthly Food Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	7,337	7,374		
Subsistence Incidence (%)				
Families	6.2	6.2	1.8	1.8
Population	8.5	8.5	1.7	1.7



Average Monthly Poverty Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	10,481	10,532		
Poverty Incidence (%)				
Families	16.1	16.2	1.1	1.1
Population	21.0	21.1	1.1	1.1

Note: Regional, provincial, and highly urbanized city-level poverty statistics will be included in the report to be released on 17 December 2021.

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