



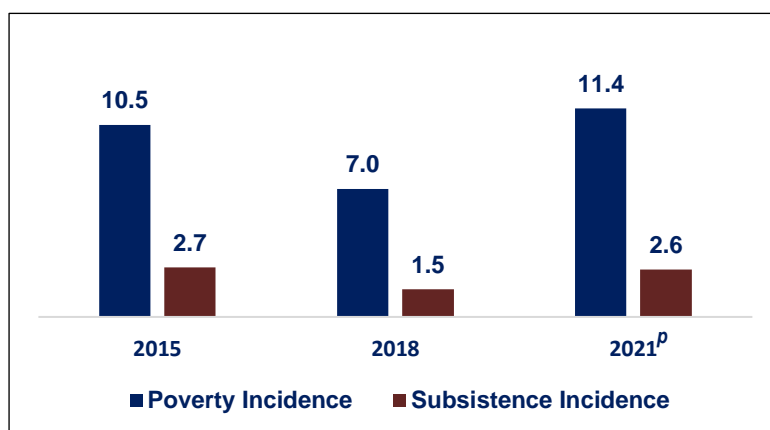
PRESS RELEASE

Proportion of Poor Filipinos in Central Luzon was Estimated at 11.4 Percent in 2021

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- Based on the preliminary results of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) in 2021, the poverty incidence among population, or the proportion of Filipinos in Central Luzon whose per capita income cannot sufficiently meet the individual basic food and non-food needs, was estimated at 11.4 percent. This translates to around 1.4 million Filipinos in Central Luzon who lived below the poverty threshold.
- Among families, 8.3 percent of Filipino families in Central Luzon were considered poor which equates to around 248 thousand poor families.
- The poverty threshold in Central Luzon was estimated at PhP13,160 for a family of five in 2021. On average, per month, an individual in Central Luzon needed at least PhP2,632 to meet his/her basic food and non-food needs.
- The subsistence incidence among Filipinos in Central Luzon or the proportion of Filipinos whose income is not enough to meet even just the basic food needs was registered at 2.6 percent or about 321 thousand Filipinos. It was estimated that a family of five needed at least PhP9,392 per month to meet their basic food requirements.

**Figure 1. Poverty and Subsistence Incidence Among Population
Central Luzon: 2015, 2018 and 2021^P**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority
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The following are the highlights of the 2021 Full Year Poverty Statistics in Central Luzon:

	Statistics
Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold (PhP)	31,584
Average Monthly Poverty Threshold per Family* (PhP)	13,160
Poverty Incidence (%)	
Among Families	8.3
Among Population	11.4
Annual Per Capita Food Threshold (PhP)	22,540
Average Monthly Food Threshold per Family* (PhP)	9,392
Subsistence Incidence (%)	
Among Families	1.6
Among Population	2.6

**Refers to a family of five*

The Poverty Statistics was computed using the income from FIES and price data from the Philippine Statistics Authority, and food bundle designed by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute.


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