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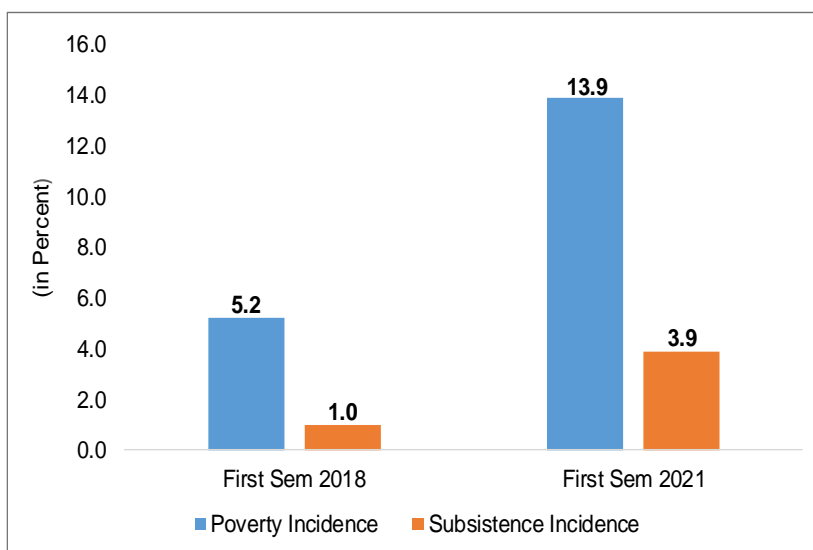
Proportion of Poor Filipinos in La Union registered at 13.9 percent in First Semester of 2021

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The First Semester of 2021 poverty incidence among population in La Union, or the proportion of poor Filipinos in the province whose per capita income is not sufficient to meet their basic food and non-food needs, was estimated at 13.9 percent. This translates to 116.0 thousand Filipinos in the province who lived below the poverty threshold estimated at PhP11,510, on the average, for a family of five per month in the First Semester of 2021. (Figure 1 and Table 2)

Figure 1. Poverty Incidence and Subsistence Incidence La Union: First Semester 2018 and First Semester 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.

On the other hand, subsistence incidence among Filipinos in La Union, or the proportion of Filipinos whose income is not enough to meet even the basic food needs in the province, was registered at 3.9 percent or about 32.3 thousand 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 PhP8,045. (Figure 1 and Table 4)

Among families, the First Semester of 2021 poverty incidence was estimated at 10.7 percent, which is equivalent to around 21.5 thousand poor families. Meanwhile, the subsistence incidence among families was recorded at 2.8 percent, or around 5.6 thousand food poor families in the First Semester of 2021. (Tables 1 and 3).


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**Table 1. Poverty Threshold, Poverty Incidence, and Magnitude of Poor Families
La Union: First Semester 2018 and First Semester 2021**

Statistics	Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021
Monthly Poverty Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	9,068	11,510		
Poverty Incidence among Families (%)	3.7	10.7 *	18.7	10.9
Magnitude of Poor among Families ('000)	7.1	21.5	18.9	11.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Notes:

u = updated; 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.

*significant change; The increase or decrease of the poverty incidence among families between 2018^u and 2021 is significant at 10% level of significance ($\alpha = 0.10$).

**Table 2. Poverty Threshold, Poverty Incidence, and Magnitude of Poor Population
La Union: First Semester 2018 and First Semester 2021**

Statistics	Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021
Monthly Poverty Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	9,068	11,510		
Poverty Incidence among Population (%)	5.2	13.9 *	19.4	9.6
Magnitude of Poor among Population ('000)	42.4	116.0	20.0	10.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Table 3. Food Threshold, Subsistence Incidence, and Magnitude of Food Poor Families

La Union: First Semester 2018 and First Semester 2021

Statistics	Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021
Monthly Food Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	6,455	8,045		
Subsistence Incidence among Families (%)	0.6	2.8 *	36.7 ^{b/}	16.2
Magnitude of Food Poor among Families ('000)	1.1	5.6	36.8	16.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Notes:

u = updated; 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.

*significant change; The increase or decrease of the subsistence incidence among families between 2018^u and 2021 is significant at 10% level of significance ($\alpha = 0.10$).

b/ Coefficient of variation of 2018^u provincial subsistence incidence among families is greater than 20%

Table 4. Food Threshold, Subsistence Incidence, and Magnitude of Food Poor Population, La Union: First Semester 2018 and First Semester 2021

Statistics	Estimate		Coefficient of Variation	
	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021	First Sem 2018 ^u	First Sem 2021
Monthly Food Threshold for a Family of Five (PhP)	6,455	8,045		
Subsistence Incidence among Population (%)	1.0	3.9 *	37.6 ^{b/}	16.3
Magnitude of Food Poor among Population ('000)	8.4	32.3	38.0	16.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Notes:

u = updated; 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.

*significant change; The increase or decrease of the subsistence incidence among families between 2018^u and 2021 is significant at 10% level of significance ($\alpha = 0.10$).

b/ Coefficient of variation of 2018^u provincial subsistence incidence among population is greater than 20%