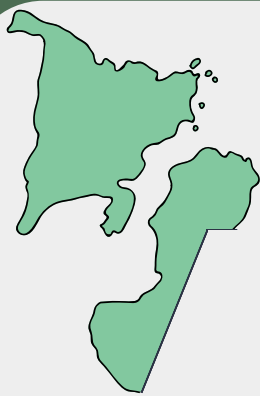


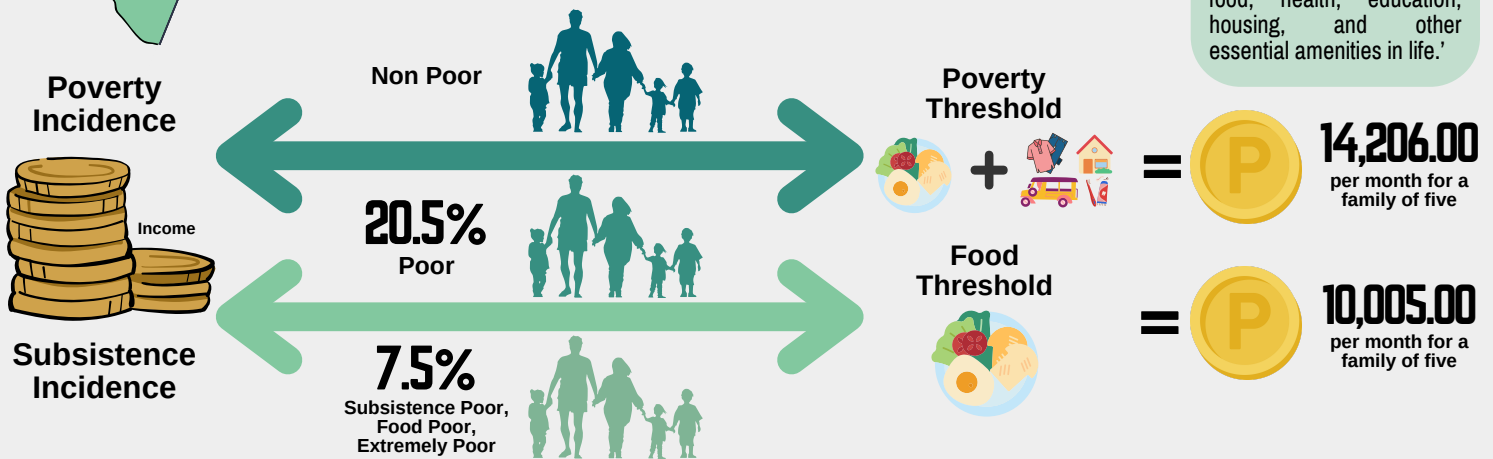
PRELIMINARY 2023 FIRST SEMESTER OFFICIAL POVERTY STATISTICS IN WESTERN VISAYAS



20.5% of Filipino Families in Western Visayas recorded as poor for the First Semester of 2023

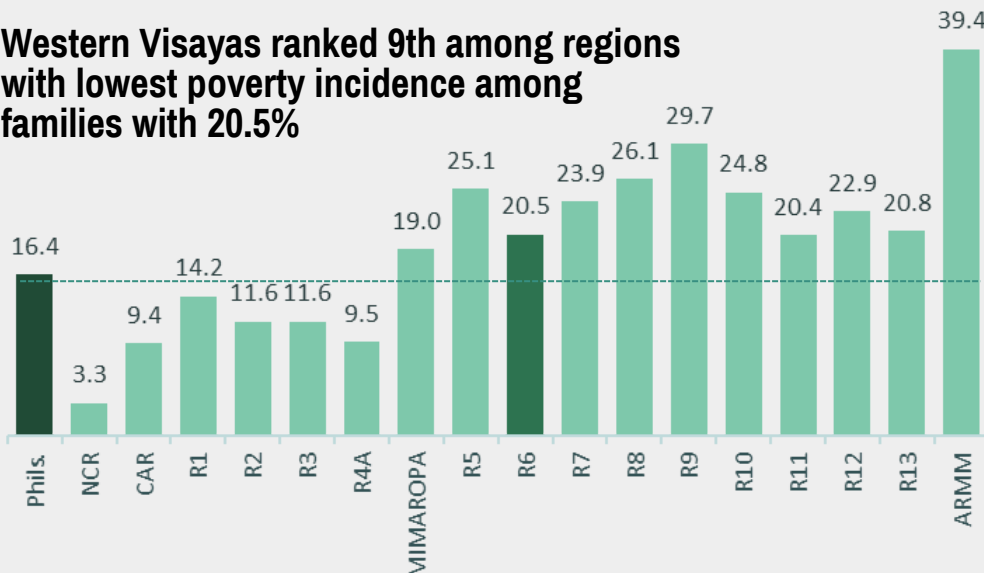
or about **414,000** families in the region live below the poverty threshold. Also, 7.5 percent or **151,000** families in Western Visayas are considered “food poor” whose income is below the food threshold.

Section 3 of RA 8625 of the 1997 Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act defines “poor” as ‘individuals and families whose income fall below the poverty threshold as defined by NEDA and/or cannot afford in a sustained manner to provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing, and other essential amenities in life.’



Poverty Threshold	Food Threshold	Poverty Incidence	Subsistence Incidence	Income Gap	Poverty Gap	Severity of Poverty
Is the minimum income required for a family or individual to meet the basic food and non-food needs, also known as POVERTY LINE .	Is the minimum income required for a family or individual to meet the basic food needs, which satisfy the nutritional requirement for economically necessary and socially desirable physical activities.	Proportion of families or individuals with per capita income less than the per capita POVERTY THRESHOLD to the total number of families or individuals.	Proportion of families or individuals with per capita income less than the per capita FOOD THRESHOLD to the total number of families or individuals.	The average income shortfall, expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold of families/individuals with oncome below the poverty threshold.	Refers to the income shortfall (expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold) of families with income below the poverty threshold, divided by the total number of families.	Is the total of the squared income shortfall (expressed in proportion to the poverty threshold) of families with income below the poverty threshold, divided by the total number of families. This is a poverty measure that is sensitive to income distribution among the poor.

Western Visayas ranked 9th among regions with lowest poverty incidence among families with 20.5%



Income Gap

25.3%

of poor families in the first semester of 2023 needs an additional monthly income of **Php 3,596.00** to move out of poverty.

Poverty Gap

5.2%

from 4.9 percent in 2021, poverty gap increased by 0.3 percentage points in 2023.

Severity of Poverty

1.9%

from 1.8 percent in 2021, severity of poverty increased by 0.1 percentage points in 2023.