



did you know that...

... Davao Oriental had the highest increase in Human Development Index?

From a 0.497 Human Development Index (HDI) in 1997, Davao Oriental's HDI climbed to 0.564 in 2000, equivalent to a 13.4 percent increase. The province posted the highest increase among the provinces in the Philippines, turning its rank from 65th to the 48th. Consequently, Davao Oriental has become the province with second highest HDI in Region XI.

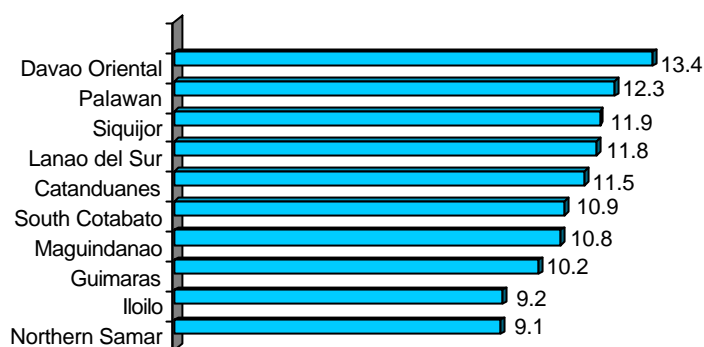
The Human Development Index is a measure of human development performance of a country or province. It focuses on three indicators: health as measured by life expectancy; education as measured by the combined elementary and secondary enrollment rate and functional literacy rate; and income as measured by real per capita income.

Mindanao Human Development Index, by Province: 1997, 2000

PROVINCE	1997	Rank	2000	Rank
Philippines	0.629		0.656	
Region IX				
Basilan	0.439	73	0.425	75
Zamboanga del Norte	0.510	63	0.532	63
Zamboanga del Sur	0.525	55	0.529	65
Region X				
Bukidnon	0.538	45	0.569	45
Camiguin	0.537	47	0.563	50
Misamis Occidental	0.538	46	0.552	59
Misamis Oriental	0.543	41	0.575	38
Region XI				
Davao	0.530	53	0.558	52
Davao del Sur	0.521	58	0.553	56
Davao Oriental	0.497	65	0.564	48
Sarangani	0.494	66	0.516	68
South Cotabato	0.536	48	0.595	32
Sultan Kudarat	0.533	49	0.554	55
Region XII				
Lanao del Norte	0.470	71	0.512	69
North Cotabato	0.519	59	0.553	58
ARMM				
Lanao del Sur	0.419	76	0.464	72
Maguindanao	0.425	75	0.461	73
Sulu	0.336	77	0.351	77
Tawi-Tawi	0.430	74	0.390	76
Caraga Region				
Agusan del Norte	0.515	60	0.546	60
Agusan del Sur	0.482	70	0.482	71
Surigao del Norte	0.532	51	0.558	53
Surigao del Sur	0.522	57	0.567	46

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

The Ten Most Improved Provinces in HDI, Philippines:
1997 - 2000



Four provinces from Mindanao are among the top 10 provinces with highest improvement in HDI. These provinces are Davao Oriental, Lanao del Sur, South Cotabato and Maguindanao.

Using the HDI classification, 17 provinces in Mindanao experienced medium development, while 6 were classified as having low range of development. This is an improvement from the 1997 HDI wherein only 14 provinces classified as having medium development, while 9 had low development.

In Region XI, South Cotabato remained to have a better HDI than the other provinces in the region. With an increase of its HDI from 0.536 in 1997 to 0.595 in 2000, South Cotabato improved its rank from 48th to 32nd, making it as the province with highest HDI in Mindanao.

All provinces in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) were classified as having low human development. None of these provinces surpassed the HDIs of the provinces in Region XI.

Remarkably, no province in Mindanao had higher HDI than the Philippines. This implies that the provinces in Visayas and Luzon have higher HDI compared to the provinces in Mindanao. On the average, Mindanao has an HDI of 0.503, which translates to medium development.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX CLASSIFICATION

(Based on United Nations Development Program Classification):

High - if the country/province has an HDI of 0.80 to 1.0,
Medium - if the country/province has an HDI of 0.50 to 0.79,
Low - if the country/province has an HDI of 0.0 to 0.49