



Least poor residents in the Cordilleras found in BLISTT area

Table 1. TOP 20 MUNICIPALITIES/CITIES
City and Municipal-level Small Area Poverty Estimates
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR): 2000, 2003 & 2009

Province	Municipality/ City	Poverty Incidence			Inc/Dec		Rank *		
		2000	2003	2009	2000-2003	2003-2009	2000	2003	2009
Benguet	Baguio City	6.7	2.8	2.4	(3.9)	(0.4)	1	1	1
Benguet	La Trinidad	14.4	5.6	5.4	(8.8)	(0.2)	2	2	2
Benguet	Itogon	30.1	19.7	8.9	(10.4)	(10.8)	4	6	3
Benguet	Tuba	36.9	19.1	14.2	(17.8)	(5.0)	10	5	4
Benguet	Mankayan	42.5	14.4	16.5	(28.2)	2.1	13	3	5
Mt. Prov	Bontoc	37.9	21.1	16.7	(16.7)	(4.4)	11	8	6
Abra	Bangued	21.4	19.7	16.8	(1.7)	(3.0)	3	6	7
Kalinga	Tabuk	35.4	28.1	17.3	(7.3)	(10.8)	7	10	8
Ifugao	Lamut	31.7	29.2	18.2	(2.5)	(11.0)	5	11	9
Benguet	Sablan	49.1	33.3	19.3	(15.8)	(14.0)	17	16	10
Ifugao	Lagawe	35.9	30.0	19.9	(6.0)	(10.1)	9	13	11
Ifugao	Banaue	53.0	31.1	20.9	(21.9)	(10.2)	19	14	12
Benguet	Bokod	46.4	14.5	21.5	(31.9)	7.0	16	4	13
Ifugao	Kiangian	46.4	32.2	22.9	(14.1)	(9.4)	15	15	14
Abra	Tayum	41.7	36.7	23.7	(5.0)	(12.9)	12	19	15
Apayao	Santa Marcela	35.9	22.6	23.8	(13.3)	1.2	8	9	16
Kalinga	Lubuagan	62.1	50.4	24.8	(11.8)	(25.6)	20	20	17
Ifugao	Hingyon	52.4	29.6	25.2	(22.9)	(4.3)	18	12	18
Kalinga	Rizal (Liwari)	43.8	34.9	25.3	(8.9)	(9.6)	14	18	19
Abra	Pidigan	33.1	34.4	25.9	1.3	(8.6)	6	17	20

* Out of 77 cities and municipalities

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

Table 2. BOTTOM 20 MUNICIPALITIES
City and Municipal-level Small Area Poverty Estimates
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR): 2000, 2003 & 2009

Province	Municipality/ City	Poverty Incidence			Inc/Dec		Rank *		
		2000	2003	2009	2000-2003	2003-2009	2000	2003	2009
Abra	Bucloc	63.7	62.7	77.2	(1.0)	14.5	62	69	77
Benguet	Kibungan	68.6	37.7	67.9	(30.9)	30.2	38	41	76
Abra	Lacub	64.2	61.5	67.2	(2.7)	5.8	40	68	75
Abra	Sallapadan	42.0	38.0	62.0	(4.1)	24.1	16	42	74
Benguet	Kabayan	57.9	39.0	58.6	(18.9)	19.6	77	44	73
Abra	Tubo	60.0	51.0	56.4	(9.0)	5.3	45	59	72
Abra	Malibcong	65.4	53.5	55.6	(11.9)	2.1	50	63	71
Benguet	Bakun	60.7	41.4	53.7	(19.3)	12.3	74	52	70
Abra	Boliney	66.8	73.5	50.6	6.7	(23.0)	69	75	69
Ifugao	Tinoc	76.4	46.0	49.6	(30.4)	3.6	30	54	68
Abra	Villavieja	45.8	54.8	49.1	9.0	(5.7)	76	64	67
Ifugao	Asipulo	65.5	55.5	47.5	(10.0)	(8.0)	70	65	66
Mt. Prov	Paracelis	70.3	59.9	46.7	(10.4)	(13.2)	58	66	65
Abra	Licuan-Bayani	55.1	50.8	46.7	(4.3)	(4.2)	68	58	64
Abra	Langiden	52.5	63.8	46.0	11.4	(17.8)	56	71	63
Abra	Tineg	79.4	69.0	43.2	(10.5)	(25.7)	53	73	62
Abra	Pilar	39.4	39.0	42.8	(0.4)	3.8	23	46	61
Abra	San Isidro	50.4	65.5	42.3	15.2	(23.2)	64	72	60
Benguet	Buguias	48.9	21.2	42.0	(27.8)	20.8	72	11	59
Abra	Lagayan	62.6	52.5	41.4	(10.1)	(11.1)	63	62	58

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Five out of the 6 BLISTT areas are among the least poor areas in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). BLISTT refers to Baguio City and the adjacent Benguet municipalities of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay. The top 10 least poor municipalities in CAR include Baguio City (1st), La Trinidad (2nd), Itogon (3rd), Tuba, (4th), and Sablan (10th). This was revealed by the 2009 Small Area Estimates (SAE) of poverty recently released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB).

The least poor residents in CAR have consistently been found in Baguio City and La Trinidad since 2000. On one hand, 6 municipalities among the top 20 continue to improve in their rankings: Tuba, Bontoc, Lamut, Lagawe, Banaue and Kiangian. On the other hand, the ranking of 5 municipalities have slid since 2000: Bangued, Santa Marcela, Hingyon, Rizal and Pidigan.

Among the top 20, the municipality of Lubuagan in Kalinga is the most improved with poverty incidence declining by a remarkable 25.6 percentage points, from 50.4% in 2003 to 24.8% in 2009. Alternately, Bokod in Benguet has the highest increase in its poverty incidence with 7.0 percentage points from 14.5% in 2003 to 21.5% in 2009. In 2009, Mankayan and Santa Marcela also posted increases in their poverty incidences by 2.1 and 1.2 percentage points, respectively.

Thirteen (13) of the poorest 20 municipalities in CAR are found in Abra with Bucloc having the highest poverty incidence with 77.2% of its population in 2009 considered poor. While Benguet has 6 municipalities in the top 20, its 4 other municipalities are in the bottom 20: Kibungan, Kabayan, Bakun and Buguias.

Only 2 municipalities in the bottom 20 have managed to consistently improve their rankings: Paracelis in Mt. Province and Tineg in Abra. Tineg is also the most improved among the bottom 20 with a decline in poverty incidence by 25.7 percentage points from 2003 to 2009. Meanwhile, 7 municipalities have seen their rankings erode with Sallapadan in Abra dropping deepest from rank 23 in 2000 to rank 74 in 2009.

Moreover, 11 municipalities in the poorest 20 show increases in their poverty incidences in 2009 with Kibungan in Benguet recording the highest increase of 30.2 points, from a poverty incidence of 37.7% in 2003 to 67.9% in 2009.

A total of 9 CAR municipalities have more than half of their population considered poor: Bucloc, Kibungan, Lacub, Sallapadan, Kabayan, Tubo, Malibcong, Bakun and Boliney.

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