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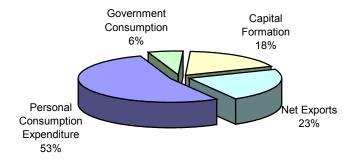
Household expenses make up more than half of CAR's total expenditures in 2004

Expenditures on the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), which shows the sum of the final uses of good and services in the region's economy, grew by 4.1 percent to reach \$\mathbb{P}\$27.2 billion in 2004 at constant 1985 prices. The increase was propelled mainly by the growth in Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) or the spending of households within the region.

Total household expenditures or PCE contributed more than half or 53.1 percent of the expenditures on CAR's GRDP. PCE grew significantly by 4.5 percent or from \rightleftharpoons 13.8 billion in 2003 to \rightleftharpoons 14.4 billion in 2004.

Net Exports, the second highest contributor to total regional expenditures at 22.8 percent, experienced minimal growth of 0.01 percent. This translates to an additional $\stackrel{\square}{=}$ 66.5 million pesos to the 2003 level.

Figure 1: Expenditure Shares on GRDP, CAR: 2004



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Capital Formation or investments in fixed capital, which accounted for 18.0 percent of the total expenditures in CAR, posted the highest growth rate of 7.9 percent in 2004. This was primarily due to the increase in construction spending by 7.1 percent. Breeding Stocks and Orchard Development increased slightly by 0.2 percent while investments in Durable Equipment declined by 2.7 percent.

Government consumption only posted a 1.0 percent increase in 2004. The 5.2 percentage point decline from the previous year's growth rate was attributed to the government's austerity measures.

Table 1: EXPENDITURES ON GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY TYPE OF EXPENDITURE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, 2002 to 2004

| At Constant 1985 Prices (In Thousand Pesos) | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------|------|--------------|-------------|
| TYPE OF EXPENDITURE | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | Percent Distribution | | | Growth Rates | |
| | | | | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 - 2003 | 2003 - 2004 |
| Personal Consumption Expenditure | 13,519,465 | 13,796,764 | 14,420,031 | 53.6 | 52.8 | 53.1 | 2.1 | 4.5 |
| 2. Government Consumption | 1,541,247 | 1,636,945 | 1,653,004 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 1.0 |
| 3. Capital Formation | 5,157,433 | 4,534,131 | 4,893,709 | 20.4 | 17.4 | 18.0 | (12.1) | 7.9 |
| A. Fixed Capital | 5,092,879 | 4,439,174 | 4,656,415 | 20.2 | 17.0 | 17.1 | (12.8) | 4.9 |
| 1. Construction | 4,031,146 | 3,295,735 | 3,531,307 | 16.0 | 12.6 | 13.0 | (18.2) | 7.1 |
| Durable Equipment Breeding Stock and | 641,454 | 711,837 | 692,716 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.55 | 11.0 | (2.7) |
| Orchard Development | 420,279 | 431,602 | 432,392 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 0.2 |
| B. Changes in Stocks | 64,554 | 94,957 | 237,294 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 47.1 | 1.5 |
| 4. Net Exports | 5,014,866 | 6,142,731 | 6,209,241 | 19.9 | 23.5 | 22.8 | (0.8) | 0.01 |
| GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT | 25,233,010 | 26,110,571 | 27,175,984 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 3.5 | 4.1 |