

2003 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES)

- The 2003 Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) is a nationwide survey of households undertaken every three years by the National Statistics Office (NSO). It is the main source of data on family income and expenditure which include among others levels of consumption by item expenditures as well as sources of income in cash and in kind. The results of FIES provide information on levels of living and disparities in income of Filipino families, as well as their spending patterns.
- The sampling design of the 2003 FIES uses that of 2003 Master Sample for household surveys. In this design, the country's 17 administrative regions were defined based on Executive Order 36 and 131.
- For comparability of results, the 2000 FIES data in this release were generated using the new regional grouping. However, Isabela City was not separated from Basilan as the city was not a domain in the sampling design used for the 2000 FIES. As such, Isabela City was included as part of Basilan which was under Region IX in 2000. In 2003, Isabela City (Basilan) is grouped under Region IX while the rest of the province of Basilan (excluding Isabela City) is grouped under ARMM.
- In 2000 Marawi City was a separate domain under Region XII. In 2003, with the use of the new master sample, Marawi City became part of ARMM together with the rest of Lanao del Sur.
- To be able to compare the 2003 FIES estimates with the 2000 FIES results in real terms, the effects of inflation have to be removed. For comparative purposes, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used to deflate the 2003 FIES estimates. The country's CPI for 2003 is estimated at 113.9.