

Region X's economy hit P1-trillion mark in 2024



From left to right (clockwise): Participants of the News Conference; Director Aves delivering the report of Economic Performance of Northern Mindanao in 2024; NEDA X OIC Cua delivering the NEDA Statement; and Resource Speakers answering questions during the open forum.

Region X officially entered the trillion-peso economy in 2024, as reported by the Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office X (PSA-RSSO X) in a News Conference of the 2024 Economic Performance of Northern Mindanao on 22 April 2025. The event was held in a venue in Cagayan de Oro City with a total of 66 participants, consisting of 33 representatives from regional line agencies, 10 media personnel, one research director from the academe, four representatives from sample establishments, and 18 PSA officials and staff.

Regional Director Janith C. Aves reported the growth rate of the region's economy to be 6.0 percent in 2024, an increase from the 5.2 percent in 2023. This growth boosted the Gross Regional Domestic Product by ₱59.33 billion, bringing it to a remarkable ₱1.04 trillion, making Region X one of only six regions to have reached this milestone. The main growth driver was Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, which contributed 1.9 percentage points to the region's overall growth. Construction followed with a 0.9 percentage point contribution, while Manufacturing added 0.6 percentage point. Combined, these three industries accounted for 3.4 percentage points, which was more than half of the region's total 6.0 percent economic growth. Moreover, looking at the three major industries, Industry recorded the fastest expansion at 7.5 percent, higher than the previous year's growth of 3.8 percent. Services showed a growth of 7.4 percent from 7.7 percent in 2023, and Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing grew marginally by 0.1 percent from 0.2 percent in 2023.

OIC-Regional Director Richardson T. Cua of the National Economic and Development Authority X expressed commitment in sustaining the economic momentum by revitalizing agriculture, strengthening industry collaboration, attracting investments, and advancing key infrastructure projects to drive inclusive and sustainable regional growth.

"With the RDC-X at the helm, we will work even harder to ensure that our development strategies are implemented effectively and on time. Together, let us build a Northern Mindanao where everyone enjoys a *matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay*", said OIC Cua in his statement during the news conference.

PSA X leads Focus Group Discussion on Updating the Philippine System of National Accounts

In line with its mandate to provide timely and relevant statistics for decision-making and policy formulation, the Philippine Statistics Authority RSSO X (PSA) successfully conducted a two-day Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on the construction sector last 22–23 April 2025 in Cagayan de Oro City. The activity was organized to gather insights from both public and private stakeholders on current construction data practices, challenges, and opportunities for improving statistical estimates, particularly in the area of construction and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF). The public sector session was attended by representatives from the Provincial and City Engineering Offices, the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU), and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).



Meanwhile, the private sector session was joined by architects, engineers, and company representatives from key players in the industry, such as JBT Builders and Pueblo de Oro Developer.

PSA X implements Mobile Civil Registry System Outlet

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and its concessionaire, Unisys Managed Services Corporation (UMSC) implemented the PSA Mobile Civil Registry System (CRS) Outlet in Region X.

The PSA Mobile CRS Outlet accepts transactions for copy issuance of birth, marriage, and death certificates, Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) and Certificate of No Death (CENODEATH). The issuance of requested civil registry documents in a security paper released onsite started in November 2024.

This initiative aims to bring civil registration services closer to the people.

For the first quarter of 2025, PSA Region X successfully deployed its Mobile CRS Team in the following areas:

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| January 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Cagayan de Oro CityMunicipal Hall Quezon, BukidnonLimketkai Atrium, Cagayan de Oro City |
| February 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">San Francisco De Asis, El Salvador CityMunicipal Hall, El Salvador CityFemale Dorm, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro CitySM Downtown, Cagayan de Oro CityRobinsons Mall, Iligan CityImpasug-ong, BukidnonManolo Fortich, BukidnonDon Carlos, Bukidnon |
| March 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro CityMale Dorm, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Cagayan de Oro CityKalabaylabay, El Salvador CityCommission on Audit Region X, Cagayan de Oro CityCabanglasan, BukidnonBolisong, El Salvador CityJasaan, Misamis Oriental |



PSA awards Outstanding Partners of MISSI and PPS

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office X (PSA-RSSO X) honored outstanding partner establishments of the Monthly Integrated Survey of Selected Industries (MISSI) and the Producer Price Survey (PPS) during the News Conference on the 2024 Economic Performance of Northern Mindanao on 22 April 2025 held in Cagayan de Oro City.

MISSI and PPS are key statistical activities that generate vital data used in the estimation of the economic accounts. These indicators support evidence-based planning and policymaking aimed at sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

In his opening message, Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa acknowledged the crucial role of sample establishments producing quality economic statistics. “Through the compilation of this granular accounts, particularly, the regional and provincial accounts, we are confident that this will bring us a step closer to the change we desire in the lives of our countrymen which is driven by the impact of well-informed plans and policies shaped by these indicators.”, Usec. Mapa said during the news conference.

The PSA-RSSO X recognized three exemplary respondents in the region for their commitment and timely submission of reports: Del Monte Philippines Inc. (Cannery), Nestlé Philippines Inc. (CDO), and Pilipinas Kao Inc.



RD Janith Aves, Mr. Anthony Abalos, and Mr. Joewell Loise Larida handed the plaque of recognition to the awardees which were represented by Ms. Stiffany Caangay, HR Supervisor of Del Monte Philippines Inc. and Ms. Aimee Rose Macquiling, A&F Senior Supervisor of Pilipinas Kao Inc. during the News Conference on the 2024 Economic Performance of Northern Mindanao on 22 April 2025 in Cagayan de Oro City.

The PSA extends its sincere appreciation to all participating establishments for their continued support and cooperation. The PSA looks forward to strengthening its partnership with stakeholders in the years ahead, as it remains committed to monitoring and advancing the economic development of the country through timely and accurate data.



PSA X Regional Director Janith Aves and Chief Statistical Specialist Maria Liza Bigornia awarded the plaque of recognition to Nestlé Philippines Inc. (CDO) with the Factory Manager Noel Lonzanida on 08 May 2025 at Nestlé CDO Factory, Tablon, Cagayan de Oro City.

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The word “Patsada” is a Bisaya word commonly used in common conversation in Northern Mindanao added as an adjective. It means “Nice” or “Nice-looking”. It is usually abridged in the form “Tsada” which makes it more fun and appealing to use. PSA RSSO X adopted the word in the newsletter title because it embodies the niceties of the office’s accomplishments for the quarter and as a flagship word being promoted as a branding of the region.

Patsada Diez Newsletter started as the official quarterly publication of PSA RSSO X but has become a monthly publication starting 2024.

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