Region VIII (Eastern Visayas) is one of the three regions in central Philippines links the islands of Luzon and Mindanao through the National Maharlika Highway that runs through it. It is bordered by the Surigao Strait and the island of Mindanao on the south; by the San Bernardino Strait and the tip of the Bicol Peninsula on the north; the Maqueda Bay, Camotes and Visayan Sea and the islands of Cebu and Bohol on the west; and the Leyte Gulf, the Philippine Sea and the Pacific Ocean on the east.

**Population**

Region VIII population: 4.44 million
Region VIII households: 985.91 thousand
Region VIII population trend (2010-2016):
- 2010: 4.06 million
- 2011: 4.14 million
- 2012: 4.24 million
- 2013: 4.34 million
- 2014: 4.44 million
- 2015: 4.54 million
- 2016: 4.64 million

**Natural Disasters**

- Typhoon incidents per year: 3-5 (in thousands)
- Typhoon-affected population in the region per year: 1-2 million
- Number of disaster-affected people: 25,400

**Nutrition**

- Malnutrition among children (6-60 months old):
  - Stunting: 42%
  - Underweight: 26%
  - Wasting: 8%

**Wash**

- Water supply sources:
  - Tubed/piped: 57%
  - Dug well: 14%
  - Open pit: 11%
  - Spring: 7%
  - Bottled: 7%

**Education**

- Primary schools:
  - Male primary school students: 3,636K
  - Female primary school students: 3,64K

**Health**

- Hospitals (governmental): 52
- Rural health units: 160
- Barangay health stations: 902
- Midwives: 2,509
- Doctors: 1,683
- Dentists: 2,509

**Shelter**

- Housing tenure:
  - Rent free: 45%
  - Rent paid: 55%
  - Rent free with consent: 2%
  - Rent paid with consent: 2%
  - Rented: 4%
  - Salaged: 56%
  - Others: 3%

**Housing material**

- Roof/Wall material:
  - Wood: 40.7%
  - Light: 31.1%
  - Salvaged: 6.0%

**Livelihood**

- Labor force:
  - Agriculture: 21%
  - Industry: 8%
  - Service: 16%
  - Others: 15%

**Population statistics trend**

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