



What is BIMP-EAGA?

The Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area, or BIMP-EAGA, is a cooperation initiative established in 1994 to spur development in remote and less developed areas in the four participating Southeast Asian countries.

The subregion covers the entire sultanate of Brunei Darussalam; the provinces of Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Maluku and West Papua of Indonesia; the states of Sabah and Sarawak and the federal territory of Labuan in Malaysia; and the island of Mindanao and the province of Palawan in the Philippines. These areas are geographically far from the national capitals, yet strategically close to each other. These states and provinces account for 62.4% of the land area of the BIMP-EAGA countries; yet they make up around 19.0% of their population and 18.4% of the labor force.

Through BIMP-EAGA, the four countries want to generate balanced and inclusive growth as well as contribute to regional economic integration in the ASEAN Economic Community. They want to boost trade, tourism, and investments by easing the movement of people, goods, and services across borders; making the best use of common infrastructure and natural resources; and taking the fullest advantage of economic complementation.



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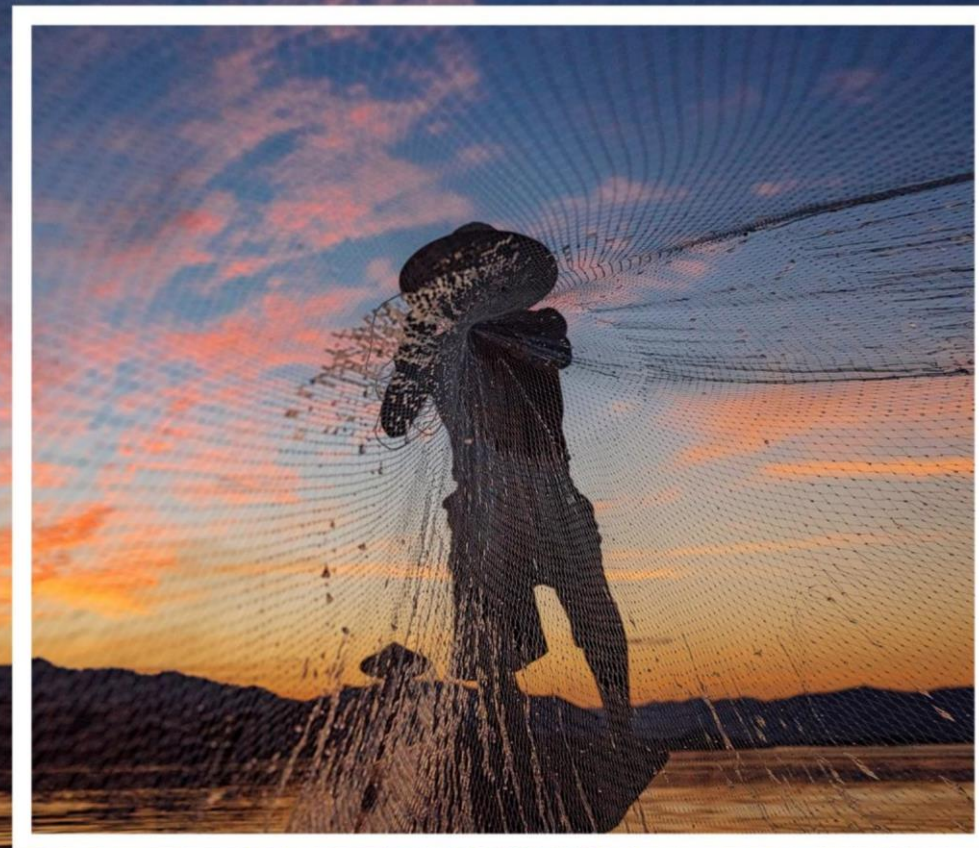


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BIMP-EAGA AT A GLANCE

A Statistical Information Brief

PROFILE



The Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) was established in 1994 to accelerate the socioeconomic development of less-developed, marginalized and geographically remote areas in these four countries as a broader goal to narrow development gaps. The BIMP-EAGA covers the entire sultanate of

Brunei Darussalam; nine provinces in Kalimantan, Sulawesi, the island chains of Maluku and Papua (Indonesia); state of Sabah and Sarawak and Federal Territory of Labuan (Malaysia) and; Mindanao and Palawan (Philippines).

In addition, these states and provinces are vast, accounting for **62.4%** in land area of BIMP; but sparsely populated with **around 19.0%** of BIMP's population and **18.4%** of the labor force. The population density of EAGA is **48 persons per square kilometer**. Despite these challenges, EAGA contributes about **17.7%** of the total economic activity and **18.9%** of total trade in BIMP.



The BIMP-EAGA covers a land area of **1.6 million square kilometers** which accounts for **62.4 percent** of the BIMP.



In 2019, the BIMP-EAGA had a combined population of **77.2 million**. That is equivalent to **19.0 percent** of BIMP's population. The BIMP-EAGA area is sparsely populated, with a population density of **48 persons per square kilometer**.



The BIMP-EAGA accounted for **18.4 percent** of the BIMP's total labor force.



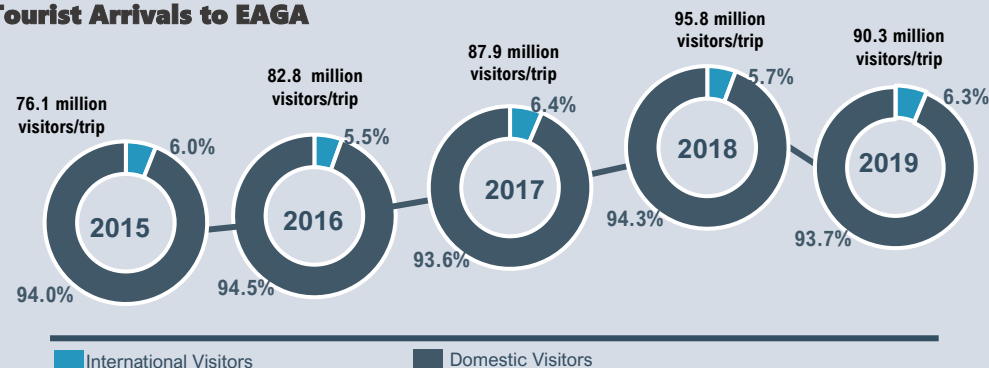
The EAGA GDP at current prices was at **US\$334.4 billion** and accounted for **17.7 percent** of BIMP's GDP. The GDP was pegged at current PPP\$ recorded at **PPP\$930.7 billion**.



The EAGA trade in goods recorded at **US\$107.6 billion** and accounted for **18.9 percent** of the BIMP.

TOURISM

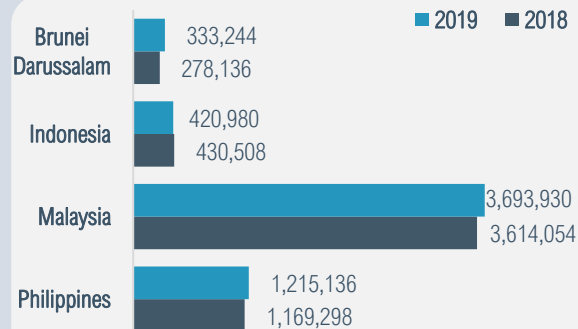
Tourist Arrivals to EAGA



Domestic tourism is the **main contributor to Tourism in EAGA** which contributed more than **93.7 percent** of visitors arrival in 2019.

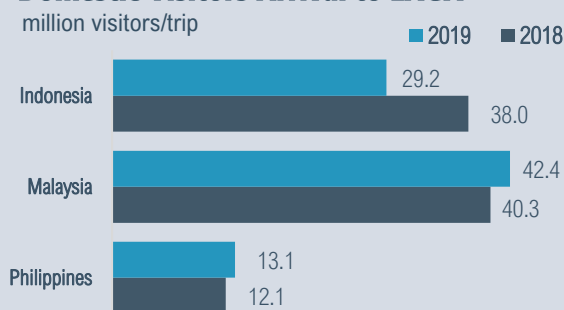
Foreign Visitors Arrival to EAGA

number of visitors/trip



Foreign Tourist Arrivals increased in 2019 for **Brunei-EAGA, Malaysia-EAGA, and Philippine-EAGA**. Meanwhile, **decrease** in foreign tourist arrivals was noted for **Indonesia-EAGA**.

Domestic Visitors Arrival to EAGA



In 2019, **increase in domestic arrivals** was noted for **Malaysia-EAGA and Philippine-EAGA**.



ECONOMY

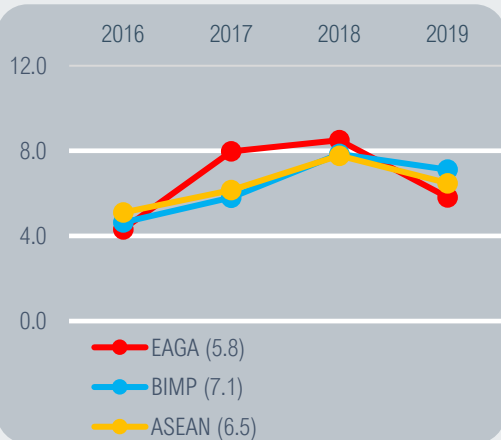
KEY INDICATORS IN 2019

Key economic indicators in 2019 revealed that EAGA was lagging behind BIMP. Also, for GDP per capita at current US\$ and PPP\$ for EAGA was still lower than BIMP and ASEAN.

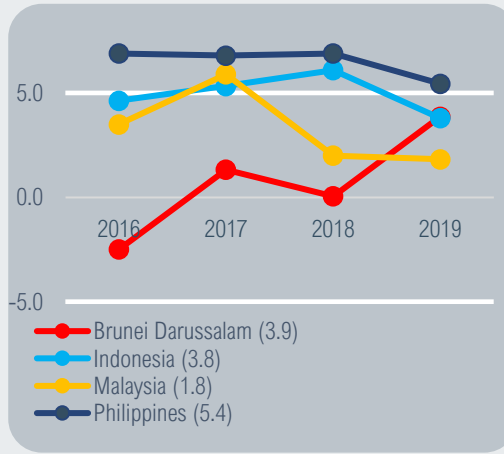
	EAGA	BIMP	ASEAN
Annual Growth Rate of Real GDP in percent	4.3	5.9	4.7
Per Capita GDP Current US\$	4,334.3	4,651.3	4,827.4
Per Capita GDP Current PPP\$	12,063.1	13,060.7	12,905.0
Total Goods Imports in billion US\$	30	296	1,393
Total Goods Exports in billion US\$	78	274	1,424
Unemployment in percent	4.6	5.1	n/a

Real GDP growth for EAGA is average growth rate
Annual growth rate of ASEAN is from the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook 2020

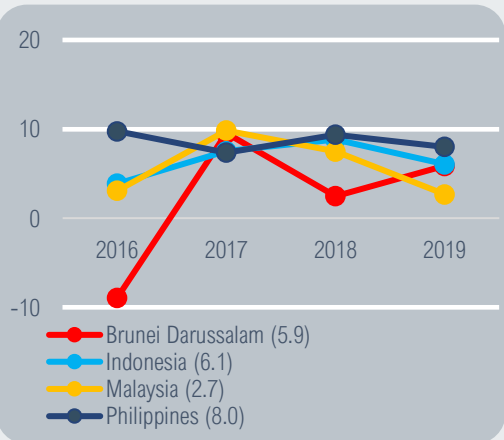
GDP Growth Rates at Current PPP\$ in EAGA, BIMP and ASEAN (%)



Real GDP Growth at National Currency in EAGA (%)

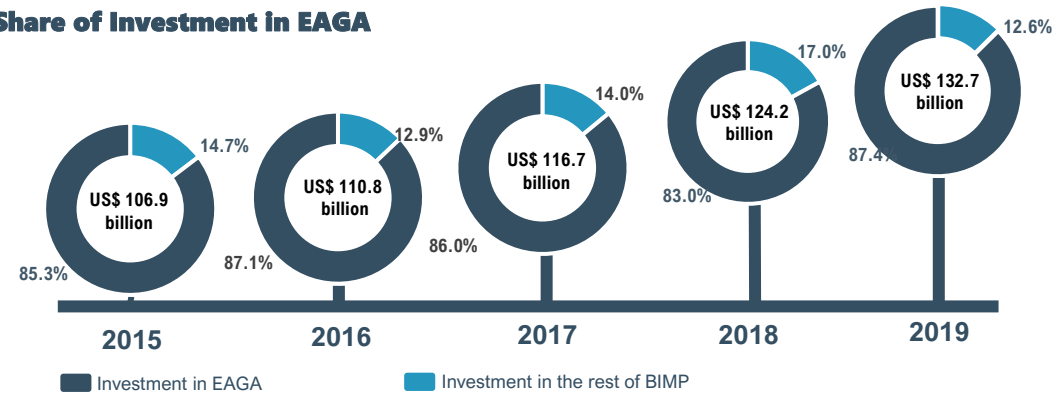


GDP Growth Rates at Current PPP\$ in EAGA (%)



INVESTMENT

Share of Investment in EAGA

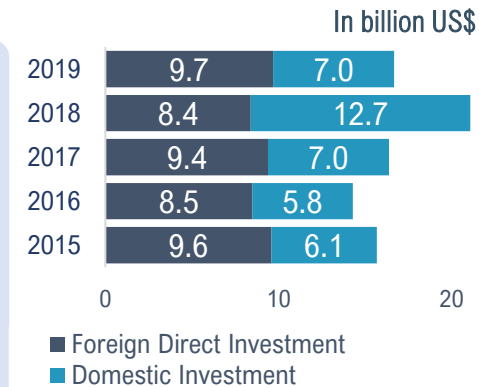


In 2019, investment for BIMP recorded an increase of 6.9 percent from 2018. On the contrary, investment for EAGA declined by 20.9 percent.

Realized and Approved Investment in EAGA



Size of Investment in EAGA



In 2019, Foreign Direct Investment in EAGA increased with an annual growth rate of 15.2 percent while Domestic Investment posted a 44.9 percent decline.

In 2019, increase in Foreign Direct Investment of Indonesia-EAGA and Malaysia-EAGA were noted. However, Brunei-EAGA and Philippine-EAGA posted declines in FDI by 27.6 percent and 92.2 percent, respectively.

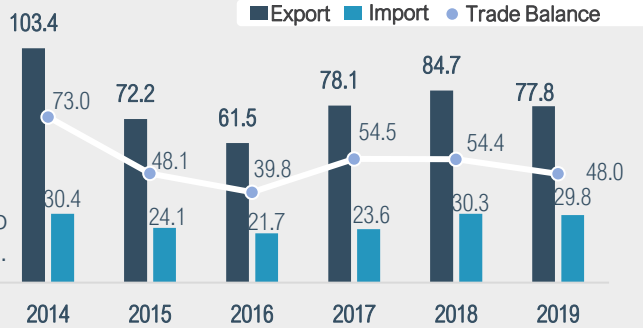
In the same period, domestic investment in Indonesia-EAGA, Malaysia-EAGA, and Philippine-EAGA declined.



TRADE IN GOODS

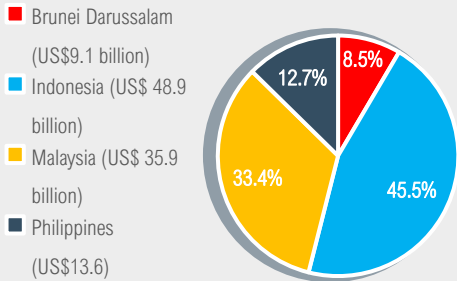


Trade in Goods, EAGA

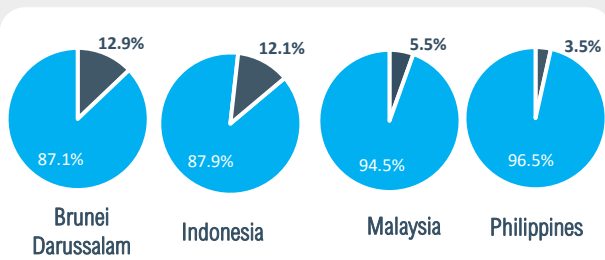


EAGA exports in 2019 continued to dominate total trade.

Total Trade Share in EAGA, 2019

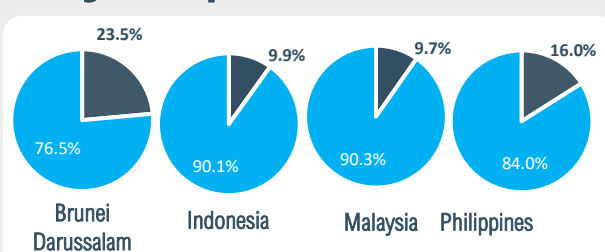


Subregional Exports



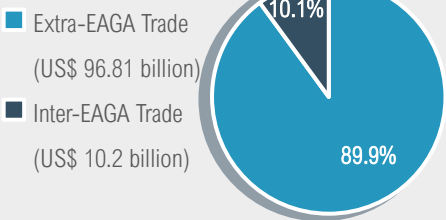
Export to Extra-EAGA for all EAGAs exceeded 87.0 percent. The Philippines had the highest rate of exportation to Extra-EAGA among EAGAs with 96.5 percent of its total exports.

Subregional Imports



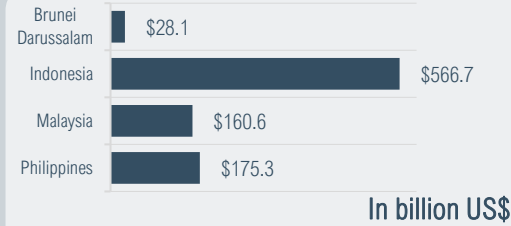
Imports from Extra-EAGA for all EAGA regions exceeded 76.0 percent.

Inter and Extra-EAGA Trade, 2019



In 2019, trade with the rest of the world (Extra-EAGA) dominated trade in goods of BIMP-EAGA with a share of 89.9 percent. Meanwhile, 10.1 percent were trade with BIMP (Inter-EAGA).

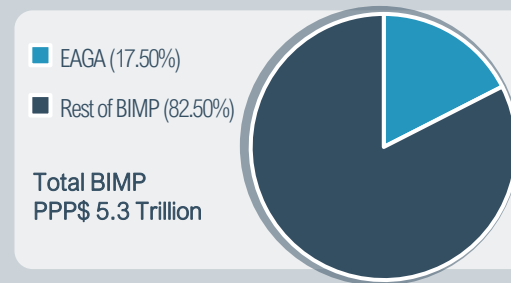
GDP at Current PPP\$ in EAGA, 2019



In billion US\$

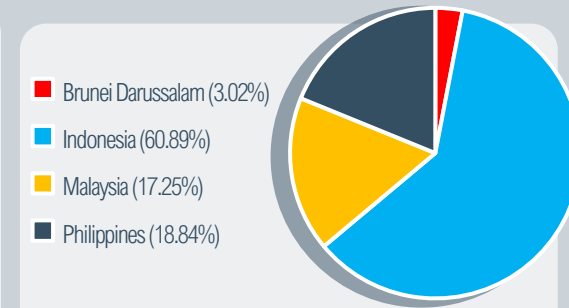
Within the EAGA in 2019, Indonesia-EAGA was the largest economy with a GDP at PPP\$566.7 billion.

Share of EAGA GDP in BIMP GDP at current PPP\$, 2019



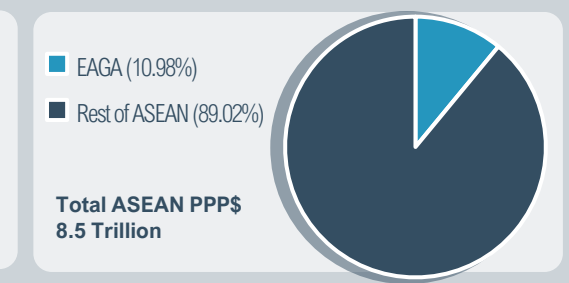
Total BIMP PPP\$ 5.3 Trillion

GDP share at current PPP\$ in EAGA, 2019



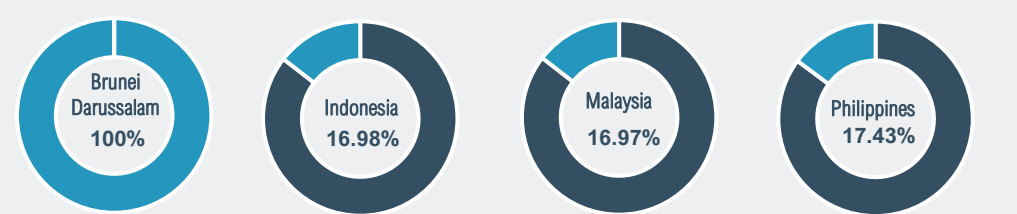
Indonesia-EAGA constituted 60.89 percent of the BIMP-EAGA total economy.

Share of EAGA GDP in ASEAN GDP at current PPP\$, 2019



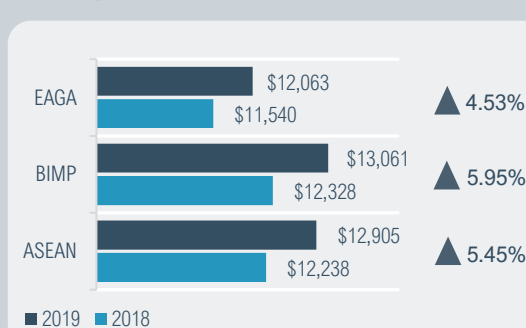
Total ASEAN PPP\$ 8.5 Trillion

Size of EAGA in BIMP GDP at current PPP\$, 2019

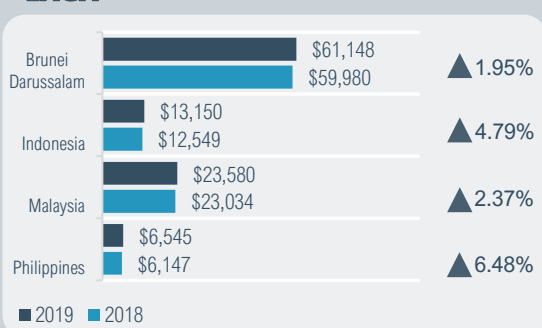


Indonesia-EAGA, Malaysia-EAGA, and Philippine-EAGA GDP at current PPP\$ registered almost similar shares to their national economy recording 17.0 to 17.4 percent share in 2019.

GDP per Capita at Current PPP\$ in EAGA, BIMP and ASEAN

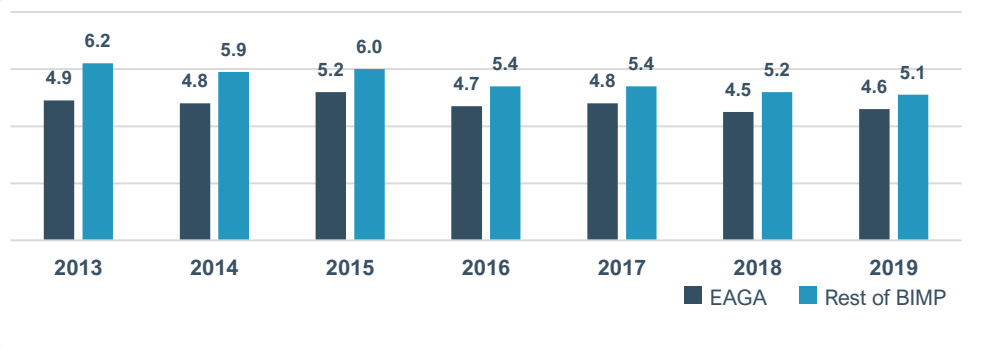


GDP per Capita at Current PPP\$ in EAGA



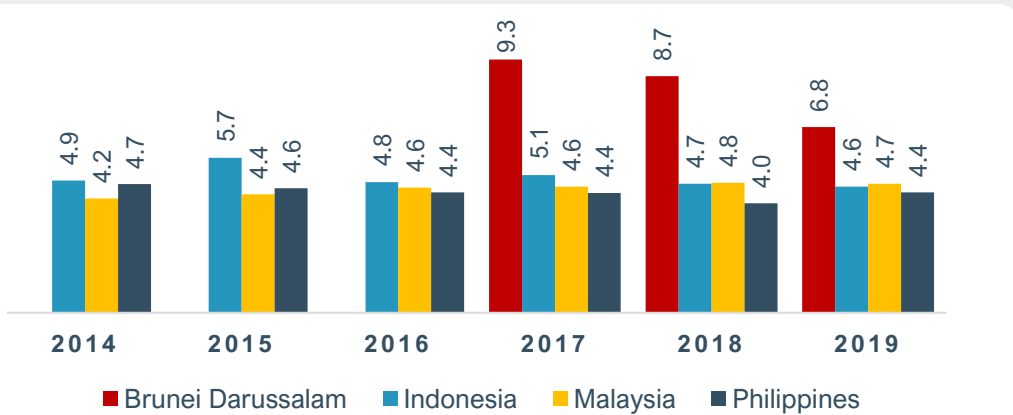
EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Rate in BIMP and EAGA (%)



In 2019, unemployment rate in EAGA increased by 1.2 percent compared with 2018. Unemployment in EAGA remained lower than that of BIMP.

Unemployment Rate in EAGA (%)



2014 to 2016 unemployment rate of Brunei Darussalam is not available

In 2019, unemployment rate in Brunei-EAGA, Indonesia-EAGA, and Malaysia-EAGA were lower than compared with 2018. Meanwhile, unemployment in Philippine-EAGA was higher than that of 2018.



POVERTY

Poverty Incidence in EAGA



About 11 in every 100 persons in Indonesia-EAGA experienced poverty in 2019



About 14 in every 100 persons in Malaysia-EAGA experienced poverty in 2019

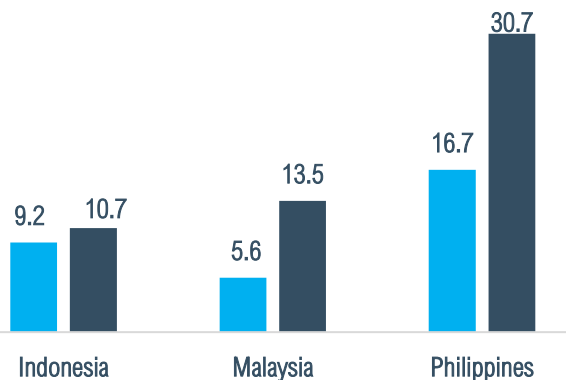


About 31 in every 100 persons in Philippine-EAGA experienced poverty in 2018

Note: No poverty line estimates for Brunei Darussalam. Poverty shown are the latest available data from each countries.

Poverty Incidence in EAGA and Comparison to their National level

■ National ■ EAGA



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The poverty incidence in EAGA region continued to be on a downtrend but higher than the national level.

