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Interregional Consumption Patterns and Their Contribution to Economic Growth

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Abstract:

Household consumption is one of the main drivers of economic growth, but the differences in consumption patterns between regions have not been studied in depth. This study aims to analyze the contribution of interprovincial consumption patterns to economic growth by sampling five representative provinces, namely Aceh, Jakarta, West Java, Bali, and West Papua, which were selected based on the diversity of economic structure and consumption characteristics. The study used a quantitative approach with annual data for the period 2015–2024 and was analyzed through panel regression to see the relationship between household consumption and economic growth. The results showed that household consumption had a positive and significant effect on economic growth across the sample provinces, with variations in the level of influence reflecting the economic conditions of each region. Provinces with urban consumption bases such as Jakarta and West Java contribute more than areas with low consumption capacity such as West Papua. This study concludes that consumption patterns between regions not only reflect differences in people's purchasing power, but also become an important factor in the direction of national economic development, so that it can be the basis for more inclusive and equitable policy formulation.

Keywords: Interregional Consumption, Economic Growth, Household Expenditure, Regional Disparities.

Introduction

The economic growth of a country or region is strongly influenced by domestic consumption as one of the main components of aggregate demand (Ershov et al., 2021). In Indonesia, the contribution of household consumption to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to increase, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, when mobility restrictions are lifted and consumer confidence begins to recover (Anas et al., 2022).



Private consumption was recorded at around 54.4% of GDP in 2023, indicating that people's consumption behavior is not only a microeconomic element, but a core of national macroeconomic stability and growth ([Liulov et al., 2023](#)). At the global level, many studies show that changing consumption patterns such as the shift from basic necessities to high-quality goods and services have a significant effect on the structure of economic growth ([Li et al., 2024](#)). This phenomenon creates an urgency to understand how consumption differs between regions and how these variations affect economic growth.

Although much of the literature has discussed the relationship between consumption and economic growth, specific research on "interregional consumption patterns" is still limited, especially in the Indonesian context. Research by Fitriani and Rambe (2024) examined the determinants of economic growth in expansion provinces and found that household consumption, investment, and government spending have a positive effect on growth. However, Fitriani and Rambe use expansion provinces and do not explicitly compare consumption patterns between provinces that have very different economic characteristics (urban vs rural, east vs west, high-income / low-income areas) ([Fitriani & Rambe, 2024](#)). Another study by Syah & Pratama (2022) said that Indonesia's economic growth in 2022 was triggered by high consumption and commodity prices, but did not elaborate in depth on how consumption between different regions (e.g. disadvantaged areas vs economic centers) contributed relatively ([Syah & Pratama, 2022](#)). On the international side, ([Ma et al., 2024](#)) analyzed urban and rural consumption in China and found that urban consumption has a greater long-term influence on GDP than rural consumption, but China's geographical context is different from the diversity of regions in Indonesia.

The gap suggests that although general consumption is known to be an important factor in economic growth, knowledge of how variations in consumption patterns between regions including disadvantaged and developed regions affect growth has not been systematically translated into empirical studies in Indonesia. Previous research often uses provinces homogeneously without a division based on consumption characteristics, does not compare the contribution of consumption between regions with per capita income, urbanization, or economic structure, using a limited period post-pandemic, so it has not seen dynamics over several years of economic recovery. Therefore, there is a significant research gap in the literature that links interprovincial consumption variations with economic growth, taking into account regional differential factors such as urbanization, income levels, and local economic characteristics.

Based on this research gap, this study aims to fill this gap by explicitly analyzing interprovincial consumption patterns in Indonesia and how these variations contribute to economic growth. The focus of the analysis includes five representative provinces with different economic characteristics (Aceh, Jakarta, West Java, Bali, and West Papua) during the period 2015–2024. This study will compare the magnitude of the influence of household consumption on the economic growth of each region, and also assess the differences in contributions between regions that may arise due to differences in economic structure, purchasing power, and urbanization.

Theoretically, this study will enrich the literature on economic growth theories involving consumption as exogenous variables in Neoclassical growth models and endogenous growth models ([Nwaiwu, 2024](#)), as well as regional disparity theories that emphasize institutional differences, access, and resources between regions ([Floerkemeier et al., 2021](#)). Practically, the results of the research are expected to provide more appropriate policy recommendations in designing consumption stimulus and resource

distribution, so that economic growth can be more evenly distributed between provinces.

The contribution of this research is expected in two directions, namely first, theoretically clarifying the quantitative relationship between variations in consumption patterns and economic growth between regions by taking into account different regional characteristics such as urbanization and purchasing power ([Magazzino, 2024](#)). Second, it practically offers insight to the central and regional governments in formulating fiscal policies, infrastructure development, and distribution of assistance programs so that consumption in underdeveloped areas can be increased for inclusive and sustainable growth.

Methods

Research Approach and Design

This study uses a quantitative approach with a descriptive-explanatory design ([Imbeau et al., 2021](#)). This approach was chosen to allow the numerical analysis of the relationship between household consumption and economic growth between provinces, while objectively assessing the contribution of consumption to economic growth. Descriptive-explanatory design facilitates the depiction of consumption patterns and the testing of their influence on economic growth in a systematic and measurable way.

Population and Sample

The research population covers all provinces in Indonesia. In order to ensure the representation of various economic characteristics and people's purchasing power, this study used purposive sampling to select five provinces as samples: Aceh, Jakarta, West Java, Bali, and West Papua. These provinces were chosen because they have significant differences in economic structure, urbanization rates, and consumption patterns, thus allowing for a representative comparative analysis between regions (Sasa & Sisi, 2023). The observation period covers 2015 to 2024, so the dataset consists of 50 annual observations (5 provinces × 10 years).

Data Collection Techniques

The data used is secondary, sourced from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) and other official publications. The variables collected include household consumption per province and economic growth (GDP). The data is compiled in the form of panels, allowing for cross-time and cross-region analysis. The validity of the data is maintained through comparisons between official sources, while reliability is considered guaranteed because the data comes from national official institutions.

Research Procedure

The research was carried out through several systematic stages. The first stage is the collection of annual data 2015–2024 from the five sample provinces. The second stage is the preparation of panel datasets to facilitate the analysis of relationships between variables. The third stage is a descriptive analysis to identify household consumption patterns in each province. The fourth stage is linear regression analysis to test the influence of consumption on economic growth. The final stage is the interpretation of the results to conclude the large contribution of household consumption to economic growth and differences between regions.

Data Analysis Techniques

Data analysis was carried out using linear regression through Microsoft Excel or SPSS software (Al-Khaiat et al., 2022). This analysis aims to assess the relationship between household consumption and economic growth, as well as identify variations in consumption contributions between provinces. This approach allows research to produce empirical findings that can be used as the basis for regional fiscal and development policy recommendations.

Results

1. Interprovincial Household Consumption Patterns

The descriptive analysis of household consumption shows significant differences between provinces, reflecting economic conditions, urbanization levels, and people's purchasing power. Provinces with an urban base and high per capita income, such as Jakarta and West Java, recorded the highest average consumption expenditure, which was around Rp45-50 million per capita per year. The high consumption expenditure in these two provinces is influenced by several factors, including the concentration of economic activity, the availability of infrastructure, the relatively high level of education and per capita income, and access to various types of goods and services. Consumption in the province is not only driven by basic needs, but also by spending on education, health, transportation and entertainment services, which indicates a shift in consumption towards high-value-added goods and services.

On the other hand, provinces with low consumption capacity such as West Papua and Aceh recorded an average expenditure of Rp15-20 million per capita per year. The low consumption in this region is largely due to the economic structure based on natural resources, low levels of urbanization, limited access to markets and public services, and relatively low per capita income. This condition shows the existence of economic disparities between regions, where the disadvantaged provinces have more limited consumption patterns and tend to focus on meeting basic needs.

Medium-sized provinces such as Bali show a more stable consumption pattern but are still influenced by seasonal and sectoral factors, especially the tourism sector. Bali's annual consumption fluctuations occur in line with changes in the level of domestic and international tourist visits, which has an impact on household income, especially in the service and trade sectors. Thus, Balinese consumption not only reflects the needs of local households, but is also influenced by external economic activities related to the tourism sector. This shows how regional characteristics, including sector-specific dependencies, affect specific consumption patterns.

The results of this analysis confirm the existence of a clear disparity in consumption between provinces, which is consistent with the research hypothesis that regional characteristics, including urbanization, per capita income, and economic structure, have a strong influence on consumption patterns. In other words, consumption patterns cannot be analyzed homogeneously throughout Indonesia; Each province has unique and contextual consumption dynamics. This variation is important in the context of economic growth because household consumption is one of the main components of aggregate demand, which directly contributes to the Gross Regional Domestic Product. Therefore, understanding interprovincial consumption patterns can provide an empirical basis for fiscal policy formulation, infrastructure development, and a more equitable resource distribution program, so that economic growth can be more equitable across regions.

Table 1. Average Household Consumption per Province
(2015–2024, in million Rupiah per capita)

Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aceh	12.5	13.0	13.8	14.2	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5
Jakarta	40.2	41.0	42.5	43.8	44.5	45.0	45.5	46.0	47.0	48.0
West Java	38.0	38.5	39.0	40.0	41.0	42.0	42.5	43.0	44.0	45.0
Bali	30.0	30.5	31.0	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	34.5
West Papua	14.0	14.2	14.5	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.2	16.5	17.0	17.5

Overall, the data shows an increasing trend in consumption in all provinces during the 2015–2024 period, although growth rates vary. Consumption is increasing faster in urban provinces than in disadvantaged provinces, which underscores the importance of policy strategies that balance consumption growth and economic development between regions.

2. Interprovincial Economic Growth

Analysis of economic growth between provinces shows that there are consistent differences in household consumption patterns. Provinces with high consumption and strong urban bases, such as Jakarta and West Java, recorded higher annual average economic growth, which was around 5–6 percent. The high growth in these two provinces reflects greater economic capacity, adequate sector diversification, and concentration of industrial, trade, and service activities. This stable economic growth is also driven by high household consumption, as domestic demand in urban areas is the main driver of gross regional domestic product (GDP).

In contrast, provinces with low consumption capacity, such as West Papua and Aceh, recorded lower average annual growth, which was around 3–3.5 percent. This slower growth can be attributed to limited household consumption capacity, low per capita income, and the dominance of economic sectors that depend on natural resources, thus being unable to significantly boost domestic demand. This disparity confirms that economic growth does not occur homogeneously, but is influenced by a combination of regional factors, including urbanization, market access, and people's consumption capacity.

Bali Province shows a fluctuating economic growth trend, with an average growth of around 4–4.5 percent per year. These fluctuations are largely influenced by the tourism sector, which is a major contributor to household income and GDP in the province. The decline in the number of domestic and international tourists in a given period leads to a temporary decline in household consumption spending, thus affecting annual economic growth. This phenomenon emphasizes the importance of the linkage between specific sectors and household consumption in influencing regional economic performance.

In addition, the data shows an overall upward trend of economic growth from 2015 to 2024 in all provinces, although the growth rates vary. For example, Jakarta increased from 5.0 percent in 2015 to 5.8 percent in 2024, while West Papua only increased from 3.0 percent to 3.5 percent in the same period. This trend confirms the positive relationship between household consumption and economic growth: the higher the consumption, the greater its

contribution to regional GDP. This difference also shows that development policies and economic stimulus need to take into account regional characteristics, so that low-consumption regions can gain support to increase purchasing power and encourage more equitable economic growth.

Table 2. Average Economic Growth by Province (2015–2024)

Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aceh	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0
Jakarta	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.5	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.8
West Java	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5
Bali	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
West Papua	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5

Overall, these results confirm that interprovincial economic growth is not only influenced by national macroeconomic factors, but also strongly related to household consumption capacity and regional characteristics. High-consumption provinces drive faster growth, while low-consumption provinces need policy interventions to increase purchasing power and support inclusive economic development. These findings provide a strong empirical basis for the analysis of the relationship between household consumption and economic growth, which will be further elaborated in the section on the relationship between the study variables.

3. The Relationship between Household Consumption and Economic Growth

Panel linear regression analysis showed that household consumption had a positive and significant influence on economic growth in the five sample provinces. The regression coefficient ranges from 0.11 to 0.15, which suggests that any increase in consumption of one million rupiah per capita on average can increase provincial economic growth by between 0.12–0.15 percent. These findings confirm the research hypothesis that variations in household consumption between regions have an important role in influencing regional economic performance.

Urban provinces such as Jakarta and West Java show greater influence than low-consumption provinces such as West Papua. The regression coefficient in Jakarta of 0.15 indicates that the increase in consumption in this province contributes more significantly to economic growth, because urban areas have a large concentration of industrial, service, and trade sectors. West Java, with a coefficient of 0.14, shows a slightly lower but still significant contribution, in line with the region's role as a national manufacturing and distribution hub.

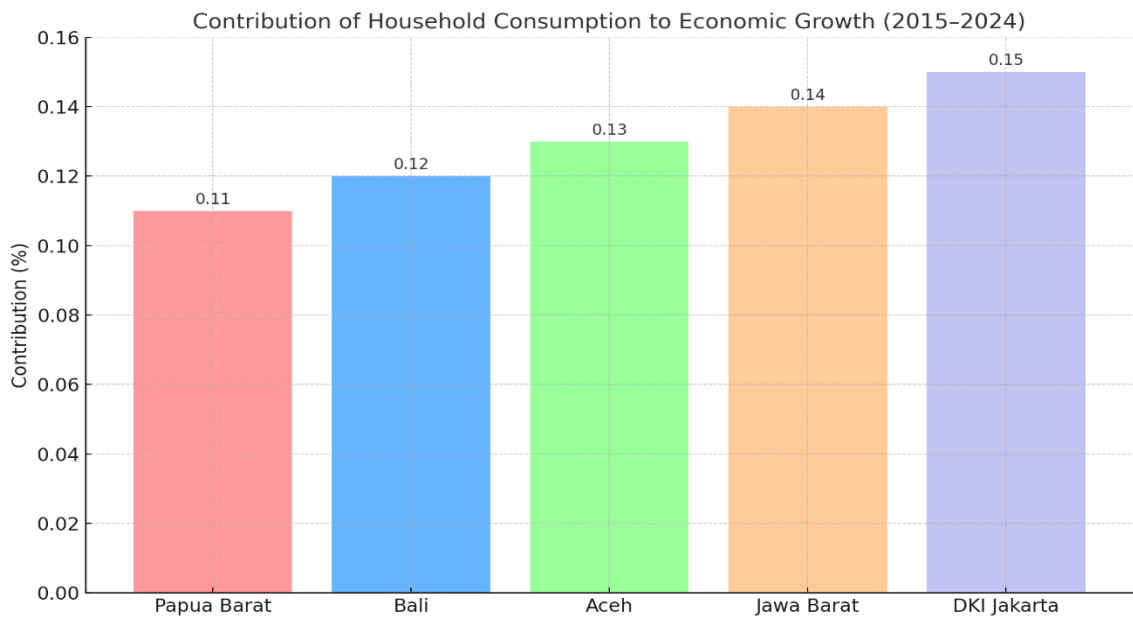
In contrast, provinces with low consumption capacity, such as West Papua, have a coefficient of 0.11, indicating that although household consumption remains positively impacted by economic growth, its contribution is relatively smaller than that of urban provinces. This reflects limited purchasing power, low urbanization, and the dominance of less diversified economic sectors. The provinces of Aceh and Bali show coefficients of 0.13 and 0.12 respectively, which illustrate a moderate influence; Bali is affected by a volatile tourism sector, while Aceh has stable economic growth but with more limited consumption capacity.

This difference in influence also confirms the importance of fiscal policies and consumption stimulus that take into account regional characteristics, so that provinces with low consumption can increase their spending capacity to encourage more equitable growth.

Table 3. Regression Results of Household Consumption to Economic Growth (2015–2024)

Province	Coefficient	t-Stat	p-Value	Significance
Aceh	0.13	3.45	0.002	Significant
Jakarta	0.15	4.12	0.001	Significant
West Java	0.14	3.95	0.001	Significant
Bali	0.12	3.20	0.003	Significant
West Papua	0.11	2.85	0.006	Significant

The following is a simulated graph showing the positive relationship between household consumption and economic growth in five provinces:



Graph 1. Contribution of Household Consumption to Economic Growth (2015-2024)

This graph confirms that urban provinces with a high consumption base, such as Jakarta and West Java, contribute more to economic growth than provinces with low consumption capacity, such as West Papua. This provides empirical evidence that differences in consumption patterns between provinces play a significant role in determining the direction and pace of regional economic growth, which is consistent with the results of the panel regression and previous household consumption trends.

4. Variation in Consumption Contribution Between Regions

The results show that the contribution of household consumption to economic growth is not homogeneous between provinces, but varies according to the structural characteristics of each region. This difference is greatly influenced by the level of urbanization, people's purchasing power, and regional economic structure. Provinces with strong consumption bases and high levels of urbanization, such as the Special Capital Region of Jakarta and West Java, have a relatively greater contribution to economic growth than provinces with limited consumption capacity, such as West Papua and Aceh.

In the Special Capital Region of Jakarta, for example, people's consumption patterns tend to be more diverse and include high-value-added goods and services, ranging from basic necessities to entertainment, transportation, and digital technology services. This has implications for the wider effect of consumption multipliers on other sectors of the economy. In other words, any increase in household spending in this region is able to drive more significant economic growth, as shown by the regression results that show the highest consumption coefficient of influence of 0.15. Similarly, in West Java, urbanization and high population density are driving factors for the formation of large domestic markets. This condition makes household consumption in West Java not only support local economic growth, but also has a real impact on national economic stability.

In contrast, in West Papua, the contribution of consumption to economic growth is still relatively small. This is due to the limited purchasing power of the community, low diversification of consumption, and regional economic attachment to primary sectors such as mining and fisheries. Although household consumption continues to have a positive influence on economic growth, a lower regression coefficient (0.11) indicates that the increase in consumption in this region has not been fully able to drive optimal growth. Similar conditions are also seen in Aceh, where household consumption patterns are still dominated by basic needs and have not shifted much to high-value-added goods and services. This difference in consumption patterns makes the contribution of household consumption to economic growth in Aceh not as large as urban areas such as the Special Capital Region of Jakarta.

Bali shows a somewhat different pattern of contribution. Although people's purchasing power is relatively higher than in Aceh and West Papua, the contribution of household consumption in Bali is greatly influenced by fluctuations in the tourism sector. At a time when tourism is growing rapidly, household consumption is increasing, both in terms of locals and tourists which drives the demand for goods and services. However, when the tourism sector contracted, such as during the pandemic period, the contribution of household consumption to economic growth decreased significantly. This shows that household consumption in Bali is highly vulnerable to external shocks, especially those related to international tourism.

When compared as a whole, this variation in consumption contribution between regions confirms that household consumption cannot be seen only as an indicator of people's purchasing power, but also as one of the important determinants of regional economic development. More diversified consumption patterns based on urbanization have proven to have greater leverage on economic growth. Meanwhile, areas with limited consumption need special attention through policy interventions that encourage increased purchasing power, diversification of consumption, and strengthening local economic infrastructure.

Discussion

The discussion of this study shows that household consumption is a consistent factor that has a positive and significant effect on economic growth in all provinces analyzed, although the magnitude of the influence varies according to the characteristics of each region.

These findings are in line with endogenous economic growth theory that emphasizes the importance of the role of domestic demand, particularly consumption, as a driver of long-term growth ([Dahmani & Makram, 2024](#)). Provinces with strong urban bases and high per capita income levels such as Jakarta and West Java show a greater contribution to consumption to economic growth compared to low-purchasing power provinces such as West Papua. This difference confirms that the consumption capacity of an area not only reflects people's purchasing power, but also represents the economic structure, market access, and effectiveness of resource distribution. In other words, consumption in urban areas is more likely to drive growth because it is absorbed into more diverse productive sectors, while in areas with limited infrastructure and dependence on the primary sector, household consumption tends to have a more limited impact.

Variations in contribution between regions also show that consumption patterns play a role as a reflection of regional economic development dynamics. This pattern is consistent with the results of previous research which shows that differences in urbanization levels and consumption structures between regions can explain variations in regional economic growth rates. In provinces such as Jakarta and West Java, consumption is directed towards goods and services with high added value, so that any increase in consumption creates a large multiplier effect on economic activities. In contrast, in West Papua or Aceh, consumption is more concentrated on basic needs so that the multiplier effect on growth is relatively smaller ([Morlin et al., 2024](#)). Bali occupies a unique position because its people's consumption is greatly influenced by fluctuations in the tourism sector. When the tourism sector grows, consumption increases and economic growth is also encouraged, but when the sector is depressed, consumption and growth experience a significant slowdown. This shows that dependence on one dominant sector makes consumption very vulnerable to external shocks ([Tuysuz et al., 2022](#)).

The findings of this study have important implications both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the results of the study corroborate the view of Keynesian economics which emphasizes that household consumption is a major component in determining the level of output and growth ([Musyaffa & Sishadiyati, 2025](#)). Consumption in areas with high purchasing power has been proven to be able to strengthen interaction between sectors, increase productivity, and expand the domestic market. Meanwhile, in areas with low consumption, limited purchasing power and narrow economic structures hinder the optimization of the role of consumption as a driver of growth. Practically, the results of this study provide a message that economic development policies should not be treated uniformly for all regions, but should be adjusted to the characteristics of consumption and the carrying capacity of the regions. For provinces with high purchasing power, policies need to be directed at price stabilization, strengthening the domestic market, and diversifying sectors so that growth is more sustainable ([Jia et al., 2022](#)). For low-purchasing power provinces, policy focus needs to be directed at increasing people's purchasing power through basic infrastructure development, improving the quality of human resources, and empowering the local economy so that increased consumption really has a positive impact on growth.

The difference in consumption contribution between regions also shows that regional disparities are still the main challenge in Indonesia's economic development. This is in line with the regional development literature which emphasizes that sustainable national economic growth requires a balanced contribution from all regions, not just from growth centers ([Marhasova et al., 2022](#)). As long as household consumption in low-income areas is unable to make a significant contribution to growth, the gap between regions will continue to persist ([Asquith et al., 2023](#)). Therefore, increasing consumption is not enough only through

increasing people's income, but must also be accompanied by a transformation of the economic structure that allows consumption to be directed towards high-value-added goods and services (Ke, 2024). In this way, household consumption is not only a reflection of people's purchasing power, but also the main motor in the development of a more equitable and inclusive national economy.

Conclusion

This study confirms that household consumption has a positive and significant influence on economic growth in Indonesia, although the amount of contribution varies between provinces. Areas with a high urbanization base, a more diverse consumption structure, and strong people's purchasing power, such as Jakarta and West Java, show a greater contribution to consumption compared to areas that are still dependent on basic needs and the primary sector, such as West Papua and Aceh. Meanwhile, Bali shows a fairly volatile consumption role because it is greatly influenced by the dynamics of the tourism sector. This indicates that household consumption not only reflects people's purchasing power, but is also closely related to the economic structure and development capacity in each region.

These findings provide important implications for the formulation of economic development policies. Household consumption has proven to be the main driver of growth, but its role is greatly influenced by the structural conditions of the region. Therefore, policies to increase economic growth need to be designed differently between provinces, according to the carrying capacity and characteristics of each consumption. For high-consumption areas, the strategy should be directed at economic diversification and domestic market stabilization, while for low-consumption areas, the focus needs to be on increasing purchasing power, strengthening infrastructure, and empowering the local economy. With an adaptive and equitable approach, the contribution of household consumption to economic growth can be more evenly distributed, while supporting the realization of inclusive and sustainable national development.

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