

Table C. Percent Distribution of Population 6-24 Years Old Who are Not Attending School by Reason for not Attending and Region, Philippines: 2003

Reason for Not Attending School and Region	Population 6-24 years old who are not attending school
Philippines	11,640
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	1.5
No school within the barangay	0.4
No regular transportation	0.2
High cost of education	19.9
Illness / disability	2.5
Housekeeping	11.8
Employment / looking for work	30.5
Lack of personal interest	22.0
Cannot cope with school work	2.2
Others	9.1
Not reported	*
National Capital Region	1,547
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.1
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	14.9
Illness / disability	1.4
Housekeeping	13.6
Employment / looking for work	51.8
Lack of personal interest	8.0
Cannot cope with school work	0.6
Others	9.5
Not reported	-
Cordillera Administrative Region	179
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.7
No school within the barangay	0.2
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	17.9
Illness / disability	3.6
Housekeeping	10.6
Employment / looking for work	22.7
Lack of personal interest	25.6
Cannot cope with school work	3.4
Others	15.3
Not reported	-
I - Ilocos	582
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.7
No school within the barangay	0.3
No regular transportation	0.2
High cost of education	21.4
Illness / disability	2.6
Housekeeping	15.1
Employment / looking for work	25.0
Lack of personal interest	23.4
Cannot cope with school work	2.6
Others	8.8
Not reported	-

II - Cagayan Valley	365
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.4
No school within the barangay	0.9
No regular transportation	0.2
High cost of education	32.2
Illness / disability	5.2
Housekeeping	12.6
Employment / looking for work	18.6
Lack of personal interest	21.9
Cannot cope with school work	1.1
Others	7.0
Not reported	-
III - Central Luzon	1,329
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.2
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	27.9
Illness / disability	2.1
Housekeeping	13.0
Employment / looking for work	32.8
Lack of personal interest	14.1
Cannot cope with school work	1.4
Others	8.1
Not reported	0.3
IVA - CALABARZON	1,523
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.2
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	18.4
Illness / disability	2.1
Housekeeping	13.6
Employment / looking for work	44.5
Lack of personal interest	15.2
Cannot cope with school work	1.2
Others	4.7
Not reported	-
IVB - MIMAROPA	328
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	4.8
No school within the barangay	0.3
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	18.6
Illness / disability	3.5
Housekeeping	13.1
Employment / looking for work	19.2
Lack of personal interest	27.5
Cannot cope with school work	5.8
Others	7.2
Not reported	-
V - Bicol	626
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.9
No school within the barangay	-
No regular transportation	-
High cost of education	27.1
Illness / disability	3.5
Housekeeping	5.7
Employment / looking for work	20.7
Lack of personal interest	24.6
Cannot cope with school work	3.9

Others	13.6
Not reported	-
VI - Western Visayas	730
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	1.4
No school within the barangay	0.3
No regular transportation	0.1
High cost of education	18.5
Illness / disability	2.7
Housekeeping	12.2
Employment / looking for work	27.2
Lack of personal interest	24.7
Cannot cope with school work	2.9
Others	10.0
Not reported	-
VII - Central Visayas	881
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	1.6
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	0.1
High cost of education	13.0
Illness / disability	3.2
Housekeeping	10.0
Employment / looking for work	34.8
Lack of personal interest	24.9
Cannot cope with school work	3.5
Others	8.8
Not reported	-
VIII - Eastern Visayas	531
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	1.6
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	0.4
High cost of education	17.6
Illness / disability	2.4
Housekeeping	7.3
Employment / looking for work	13.7
Lack of personal interest	40.8
Cannot cope with school work	1.6
Others	14.5
Not reported	-
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	453
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	6.1
No school within the barangay	0.5
No regular transportation	0.2
High cost of education	13.6
Illness / disability	2.4
Housekeeping	8.7
Employment / looking for work	14.9
Lack of personal interest	35.3
Cannot cope with school work	2.2
Others	16.1
Not reported	-
X - Northern Mindanao	503
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	2.3
No school within the barangay	0.7
No regular transportation	0.5
High cost of education	20.6
Illness / disability	2.0
Housekeeping	10.0

Employment / looking for work	22.0
Lack of personal interest	30.9
Cannot cope with school work	2.9
Others	8.1
Not reported	-
XI - Davao	575
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	3.1
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	0.1
High cost of education	21.9
Illness / disability	2.8
Housekeeping	14.4
Employment / looking for work	26.3
Lack of personal interest	22.9
Cannot cope with school work	1.6
Others	6.7
Not reported	-
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	546
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	2.9
No school within the barangay	0.1
No regular transportation	1.2
High cost of education	26.3
Illness / disability	2.2
Housekeeping	14.1
Employment / looking for work	22.3
Lack of personal interest	18.0
Cannot cope with school work	1.6
Others	11.1
Not reported	-
XIII - Caraga	312
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	0.9
No school within the barangay	0.6
No regular transportation	0.6
High cost of education	20.9
Illness / disability	2.3
Housekeeping	9.4
Employment / looking for work	21.9
Lack of personal interest	33.5
Cannot cope with school work	1.1
Others	8.8
Not reported	-
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindoro	630
Number (in '000)	
Total	100.0
Schools are very far	4.2
No school within the barangay	3.3
No regular transportation	0.3
High cost of education	13.8
Illness / disability	2.3
Housekeeping	9.8
Employment / looking for work	13.9
Lack of personal interest	39.6
Cannot cope with school work	4.7
Others	7.9
Not reported	-

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: National Statistics Office
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