

**Table D. Basic Literacy Rate of Population 10 Years Old and Over, by Sex, Age Group and Region
Philippines: 2003**

Age Group and Region	Population 10 years old and over (in thousands)			Basic literacy rate (in percent)		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Philippines	61,964	31,020	30,944	93.4	92.6	94.3
10 - 14	9,692	4,917	4,774	94.7	93.1	96.4
15 - 19	8,690	4,353	4,337	96.7	95.6	97.8
20 - 24	7,676	3,822	3,854	96.4	95.4	97.5
25 - 29	6,595	3,316	3,280	95.2	94.0	96.5
30 - 39	11,349	5,758	5,591	93.9	92.8	95.1
40 - 49	8,132	4,142	3,989	92.8	92.3	93.4
50 - 59	4,901	2,450	2,451	89.3	88.9	89.7
60 and over	4,929	2,262	2,668	82.2	83.5	81.0
National Capital Region	8,318	3,994	4,324	99.0	98.9	99.1
10 - 14	942	492	450	99.5	99.3	99.8
15 - 19	1,066	481	585	99.5	100.0	99.1
20 - 24	1,343	609	734	99.5	99.3	99.7
25 - 29	1,072	521	551	99.3	98.8	99.8
30 - 39	1,637	821	816	99.0	98.7	99.2
40 - 49	1,045	533	512	99.4	99.4	99.3
50 - 59	627	298	329	97.6	98.0	97.2
60 and over	586	239	347	96.2	95.4	96.7
Cordillera Administrative Region	1,082	552	530	91.6	92.0	91.1
10 - 14	168	86	82	95.7	94.8	96.6
15 - 19	160	81	80	96.8	96.8	96.8
20 - 24	135	71	64	95.3	94.0	96.8
25 - 29	109	56	53	97.8	96.4	99.4
30 - 39	199	101	98	95.1	94.2	96.0
40 - 49	139	74	65	89.2	88.4	90.1

50 - 59	74	36	38	81.2	81.1	81.4
60 and over	99	48	51	68.0	80.3	56.5
I - Ilocos	3,345	1,693	1,653	97.4	97.6	97.3
10 - 14	518	270	247	97.9	96.9	99.0
15 - 19	438	241	198	99.6	99.3	
20 - 24	404	220	184	98.4	97.8	99.1
25 - 29	325	161	164	97.9	96.8	98.9
30 - 39	617	315	302	98.6	98.3	99.0
40 - 49	443	216	227	98.6	98.7	98.5
50 - 59	279	133	146	96.8	97.2	96.4
60 and over	321	136	185	88.6	93.1	85.3
II - Cagayan Valley	2,290	1,156	1,134	92.7	92.1	93.5
10 - 14	356	180	176	94.9	93.3	96.6
15 - 19	293	161	131	98.4	98.1	98.7
20 - 24	255	138	117	96.8	95.2	98.7
25 - 29	217	101	116	95.3	95.9	94.7
30 - 39	449	225	224	92.6	90.3	95.0
40 - 49	336	173	163	92.8	90.4	95.4
50 - 59	179	82	97	88.2	89.7	87.0
60 and over	206	96	110	77.3	80.2	74.8
III - Central Luzon	6,844	3,440	3,404	96.9	96.8	96.9
10 - 14	1,061	534	527	97.3	96.6	98.0
15 - 19	963	485	478	98.1	97.5	98.8
20 - 24	858	450	408	98.3	97.4	99.3
25 - 29	743	372	371	98.4	97.8	99.0
30 - 39	1,224	617	607	98.0	97.7	98.4
40 - 49	929	460	469	97.3	97.8	96.7
50 - 59	555	281	274	96.8	96.6	96.9
60 and over	510	241	269	85.3	89.7	81.4
IVA - CALABARZON	8,132	4,045	4,087	97.2	96.8	97.5
10 - 14	1,217	617	600	98.0	97.4	98.5
15 - 19	1,059	532	527	98.5	98.4	98.7
20 - 24	1,098	516	582	98.5	97.4	99.5

25 - 29	915	459	456	98.7	98.5	98.9
30 - 39	1,554	812	743	97.7	97.2	98.3
40 - 49	1,085	561	524	96.7	95.7	97.8
50 - 59	631	311	321	94.2	92.7	95.7
60 and over	572	238	334	90.5	94.3	87.8
IVB - MIMAROPA	1,760	897	863	91.2	91.4	91.0
10 - 14	321	172	149	94.1	94.2	94.0
15 - 19	252	125	127	94.3	94.3	94.3
20 - 24	190	98	91	94.5	94.7	94.3
25 - 29	176	88	88	89.0	88.1	90.0
30 - 39	313	162	151	91.2	90.3	92.1
40 - 49	224	113	111	92.8	92.0	93.6
50 - 59	142	80	62	87.6	86.0	89.8
60 and over	143	59	84	78.3	85.3	73.3
V - Bicol	3,504	1,801	1,703	95.0	93.8	96.3
10 - 14	667	336	331	96.3	95.1	97.6
15 - 19	507	282	224	96.8	95.9	98.0
20 - 24	380	199	180	97.1	95.5	99.0
25 - 29	334	178	156	96.5	94.2	99.1
30 - 39	585	293	292	93.6	90.9	96.4
40 - 49	438	227	212	94.4	93.2	95.6
50 - 59	281	138	143	92.1	92.1	92.1
60 and over	312	148	164	91.1	92.2	90.2
VI - Western Visayas	4,878	2,435	2,443	92.8	91.6	94.0
10 - 14	818	396	423	94.7	92.0	97.2
15 - 19	695	354	341	97.9	97.5	98.3
20 - 24	508	280	229	96.6	95.1	98.6
25 - 29	440	221	219	93.8	91.0	96.7
30 - 39	840	409	430	94.4	93.8	95.0
40 - 49	673	334	339	92.9	91.8	94.0
50 - 59	425	213	213	89.3	88.5	90.1
60 and over	478	228	250	77.6	76.9	78.2

VII - Central Visayas	4,599	2,314	2,285	92.4	91.5	93.2
10 - 14	719	368	351	94.6	92.2	97.1
15 - 19	631	304	328	95.9	93.8	97.9
20 - 24	558	267	291	95.5	93.3	97.6
25 - 29	480	250	230	93.2	92.9	93.5
30 - 39	798	413	385	94.0	92.6	95.4
40 - 49	616	327	289	94.2	93.5	95.0
50 - 59	379	193	185	87.1	88.5	85.7
60 and over	418	193	225	77.0	79.9	74.5
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2,754	1,427	1,327	90.1	87.0	93.3
10 - 14	500	263	237	92.3	88.2	96.9
15 - 19	415	223	192	95.0	91.6	98.8
20 - 24	265	145	120	93.0	90.4	96.1
25 - 29	265	137	128	94.0	91.1	97.2
30 - 39	456	230	226	89.9	85.8	94.0
40 - 49	323	169	154	87.9	85.0	91.0
50 - 59	262	137	125	85.2	81.6	89.2
60 and over	269	123	145	79.4	79.2	79.6
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2,260	1,137	1,123	88.9	86.8	90.9
10 - 14	378	193	185	92.5	89.3	95.9
15 - 19	350	169	181	94.3	90.7	97.6
20 - 24	246	121	124	94.3	91.4	97.2
25 - 29	206	113	94	93.7	91.3	96.5
30 - 39	410	196	213	90.6	88.5	92.5
40 - 49	278	144	134	86.1	86.5	85.6
50 - 59	186	95	92	80.1	80.3	79.9
60 and over	206	107	99	70.0	69.6	70.5
X - Northern Mindanao	2,804	1,413	1,391	91.8	90.1	93.5
10 - 14	488	240	249	92.2	89.5	94.8
15 - 19	406	199	207	95.3	92.6	97.9
20 - 24	300	156	144	97.1	95.5	98.8
25 - 29	285	147	138	94.6	90.7	98.7
30 - 39	491	256	235	90.2	88.4	92.1
40 - 49	391	195	195	92.7	91.3	94.0

50 - 59	221	115	106	88.7	89.9	87.4
60 and over	222	104	118	78.6	79.9	77.4
XI - Davao	2,950	1,508	1,442	90.3	88.0	92.7
10 - 14	496	250	246	91.6	89.5	93.7
15 - 19	433	212	221	95.1	93.8	96.4
20 - 24	345	175	170	94.6	92.3	96.9
25 - 29	325	167	158	91.7	88.1	95.6
30 - 39	514	275	239	90.6	86.8	95.0
40 - 49	405	206	199	91.6	87.6	95.7
50 - 59	226	115	111	80.9	81.2	80.5
60 and over	207	109	99	74.6	77.0	72.0
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	2,574	1,291	1,283	87.3	85.9	88.8
10 - 14	425	208	217	88.6	84.2	92.8
15 - 19	383	188	195	93.8	91.2	96.4
20 - 24	319	154	165	95.0	95.2	94.9
25 - 29	289	153	136	88.0	86.5	89.6
30 - 39	548	280	267	88.9	88.7	89.0
40 - 49	311	159	152	81.3	81.7	81.0
50 - 59	149	77	72	76.1	75.1	77.1
60 and over	150	72	78	67.6	64.9	70.0
XIII - Caraga	1,635	816	819	92.1	89.5	94.6
10 - 14	305	154	150	94.8	92.8	96.8
15 - 19	265	129	135	95.5	93.1	97.9
20 - 24	169	87	82	95.7	94.7	96.6
25 - 29	140	66	75	93.0	92.8	93.1
30 - 39	278	137	141	92.7	89.2	96.2
40 - 49	202	103	99	91.3	89.2	93.6
50 - 59	140	69	71	88.0	83.4	92.4
60 and over	137	71	65	77.9	73.4	82.9
ARMM	2,235	1,100	1,134	70.2	71.0	69.4
10 - 14	315	160	155	74.0	73.0	75.2
15 - 19	374	185	188	86.4	84.1	88.7
20 - 24	303	136	167	77.0	78.1	76.0

25 - 29	275	127	148	78.9	77.9	79.9
30 - 39	436	215	221	68.1	68.6	67.7
40 - 49	293	148	145	56.0	63.2	48.6
50 - 59	145	78	66	43.1	50.1	34.8
60 and over	95	50	45	41.8	46.5	36.5

Notes: **Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.**
Due to sample size limitation, 100.0 percent here does not imply complete absence of illiteracy but implies a very high literacy rate.

Source: **National Statistics Office**
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