

QUICKSTAT - March 1998

(A Monthly Update of NSO's Most Requested Statistics)

INDICATOR	REFERENCE PERIOD and DATA		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(1988=100)	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1997
Philippines	251.4	248.0	234.0
Metro Manila (MM)	276.4	272.4	255.0
Areas Outside MM)	243.3	240.1	227.2
Inflation Rate	7.4	6.4	4.4
Purchasing Power of the Peso	0.40	0.40	0.43
FOREIGN TRADE (FOB value in million US\$)	Dec. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1996
Exports	2,230	2,308	1,883
Principal exports:^{1/}			
1. Electronics and components	1,047.88	1,063.48	680.77
2. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories	212.36	194.08	227.24
3. Input/Output/peripheral units	132.08	158.93	83.26
Imports	2,795	2,945	2,718
Principal Imports:^{1/}			
1. Electronics and components	554.43	607.85	415.18
2. Industrial machinery and Equipment	268.25	253.25	245.23
3. Telecommunications equipment and electrical machinery	263.52	286.42	255.19
Major Trading Partners:			
1. USA	1,348.86	1,415.33	1,209.43
2. Japan	908.94	992.12	954.99
3. Singapore	313.47	347.51	277.31
Total Trade	5,025	5,171	4,602
Balance of Trade	(564)	(554)	(835)
INDICES OF KEY MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS (1985=100)	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1996
Value of production	524.6	467.0 ^r	424.2
Gainers over last year^{2/}			
Electrical machinery	(95.7%)	88.3%	19.9%
Rubber products	50.4%	51.5%	(14.5%)
Miscellaneous manufactures	35.9%	20.4%	7.0%
Basic metals	26.8%	3.6%	(0.5%)
Volume of Production	170.8	158.6 ^r	143.01 ^r
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	Oct. 1997	Jul. 1997	Oct. 1996
Total labor force (million)	30.3	30.2	29.6
Labor force participation rate	65.5%	65.7%	65.8%

Employment rate	92.1%	91.3%	92.6%
Unemployment rate	7.9%	8.7%	7.4%
Underemployment rate	20.8%	23.1%	19.4%
PRIVATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3rd Qtr 1997	2nd Qtr 1997	3rd Qtr 1996
Philippines^{3/}			
Number	31,411	27,714	27,081
Total floor area (sq.m.)	5,471,871	4,182,902	4,729,605
Value (P1,000)	37,054,468	26,639,716	29,146,005
Residential			
Number	23,354	19,710	19,446
Total floor area (sq.m.)	1,773,799	1,814,939	2,092,498
Value (P1,000)	9,418,548	8,080,776	9,825,940
Nonresidential			
Number	2,798	2,991	3,259
Total floor area (sq.m.)	3,434,861	2,130,848	2,368,582
Value (P1,000)	25,312,126	15,732,045	16,304,261
INCOME & EXPENDITURES (at current prices)	1994	1991	1985
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME	P83,161	P65,186	P34,695
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY EXPENDITURES	P67,661	P51,991	P30,017
POPULATION	1995	1990	1980
Total	68,616,536	60,703,206	48,098,460
Male	34,584,170	30,538,285	24,128,755
Female	34,032,366	30,164,921	23,969,705
0-14 years	42.0%	39.6%	38.3%
15-64 years	54.6%	57.0%	58.2%
65 years and over	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
DENSITY (persons per square kilometer)	228	202	160
GROWTH RATE	2.32%	2.35%	2.71%
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	5.1	5.3	5.6
	1999	1998	1997
POPULATION PROJECTION (medium assumption) ^{4/}	74,723,373	73,130,985	71,538,593
VITAL STATISTICS	1993	1992	1991
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per thousand livebirths) ^{5/}	20.6	21.9	20.9
CRUDE BIRTH RATE (per thousand population) ^{5/}	25.1	25.8	26.9
CRUDE DEATH RATE (per thousand population) ^{5/}	4.8	4.9	4.7
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE (per thousand population) ^{5/}	14.1	14.0	14.0
FERTILITY (Source: National Demographic Survey)	1995-2000^{4/}	1993	1988
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE (Number of children per woman)	3.58	4.09	4.26
LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (years) medium assumption			1995-2000^{4/}
Male			65.58

Female		70.83
LITERACY RATE (Source: FLEMMS)		
	1994	1989
Simple literacy rate (10 years old and over)^{6/}	93.9%	89.8%
Functional literacy rate(10 to 64 years old)^{7/}	83.8%	75.4%

^{1/} Based on December 1997 ranking

^{2/} Based on November 1997 ranking

^{3/} Includes repairs and alterations

^{4/} Source: 1995 Census-Based National and Regional Population Projections, Volume 1

^{5/} Based on vital registration statistics

^{6/} Basic reading and writing skills

^{7/} Basic reading, writing and computational skills

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