

DID YOU KNOW



Assault or homicide is the top external cause of death in the Philippines for almost a decade.

- Assault or homicide was recorded as the top external cause of death from 2006 to 2014
- Incidents of assault or homicide declined from 2006 to 2009 and from 2011 to 2013, but went up rapidly in 2014 (30 percent).
- From 2013 to 2014, the number of deaths due to assault among children ages below 15 increased nearly four times, while almost doubled for ages 15-19.
- Deaths due to assault among males were 10 times more than that of females.
- National Capital Region, CALABARZON (Region IVA) and Western Visayas (Region VI) had the highest number of deaths due to assault from 2006 to 2013. In 2014, SOCCSKSARGEN (Region 12) registered the most number of deaths due to assault.
- The number of victims of assault killed using firearms was steady at about seven thousand from 2006 to 2013, but abruptly increased to ten thousand in 2014.

Table 1. Number of registered deaths caused by assault (homicide) by sex, by age group and by type of weapon, Philippines: 2006-2014

Year	Total assault deaths	Sex		Age group										Type of weapon		
		Male	Female	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	Fire-arm	Sharp/Blunt objects	Other
2006	13,056	12,071	985	186	723	1,471	1,826	1,735	1,892	1,608	1,360	2,239	16	6,837	5,827	392
2007	12,602	11,651	951	180	812	1,440	1,783	1,629	1,740	1,526	1,199	2,269	24	6,650	5,555	397
2008	12,523	11,477	1,046	226	793	1,443	1,734	1,614	1,692	1,469	1,220	2,332	-	6,879	5,329	315
2009	12,249	11,297	952	194	776	1,424	1,657	1,609	1,653	1,401	1,210	2,325	-	6,883	5,039	327
2010	12,318	11,302	1,016	200	739	1,392	1,586	1,658	1,674	1,493	1,248	2,327	1	6,767	5,211	340
2011	11,986	10,905	1,081	195	711	1,269	1,546	1,598	1,601	1,467	1,226	2,371	2	7,214	4,510	262
2012	11,534	10,483	1,051	176	658	1,202	1,450	1,683	1,525	1,400	1,127	2,311	2	6,998	4,247	289
2013	11,313	10,264	1,049	160	568	1,082	1,404	1,586	1,535	1,437	1,202	2,312	27	7,089	3,892	332
2014	14,712	13,123	1,589	588	978	1,481	1,772	2,023	1,948	1,779	1,434	2,667	42	10,328	3,715	669

Table 2. Number of registered deaths caused by assault (homicide) by region, Philippines: 2006-2014

Year	Region																Foreign Country	
	NCR	CAR	I	II	III	IVA	IVB	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	ARMM		Caraga
2006	1,914	220	541	424	988	1,858	251	663	1,092	920	691	612	711	1,009	536	218	408	-
2007	1,792	228	559	366	889	1,662	288	628	1,121	987	725	664	623	974	477	223	395	1
2008	1,813	216	580	331	934	1,667	289	615	1,150	902	588	579	684	981	590	207	397	-
2009	1,702	187	588	364	823	1,608	241	652	1,212	910	655	654	677	873	585	103	415	-
2010	1,643	194	544	373	854	1,750	284	684	1,207	928	653	635	750	838	526	92	363	-
2011	1,721	214	514	389	911	1,713	263	612	1,017	863	542	669	711	768	602	89	388	-
2012	2,003	170	402	395	848	1,622	259	544	1,024	729	503	537	707	767	577	133	314	-
2013	1,814	125	450	341	766	1,524	224	536	938	890	487	622	740	764	630	80	382	-
2014	1,618	195	468	379	998	1,623	253	530	847	905	1,120	741	761	848	1,792	1,209	425	-

Note: Figures are not adjusted for under-registration.
Source: Vital Statistics Division, Philippine Statistics Authority