

**Table 2. Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Region of Origin and Place of Work Abroad, Philippines: 2004 and 2005  
(In Thousands)**

Selected Characteristics	2005	2004
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,180</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
National Capital Region	18.4	17.2
Cordillera Administrative Region	2.1	2.3
I - Ilocos	8.5	8.0
II - Cagayan Valley	4.7	5.2
III - Central Luzon	12.8	14.0
IVA - CALABARZON	17.1	18.5
IVB - MIMAROPA	1.4	1.3
V - Bicol	2.6	3.0
VI - Western Visayas	8.7	9.0
VII - Central Visayas	5.1	4.5
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.2	2.3
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	1.9	2.1
X - Northern Mindanao	2.8	2.7
XI - Davao	3.5	3.5
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	3.7	2.8
XIII - Caraga	1.5	1.0
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.0	2.8
<b>Place of Work</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Africa	1.7	1.3
Asia	76.6	76.4
East Asia	26.1	28.5
Hongkong	8.0	9.2
Japan	8.5	9.8
Taiwan	6.6	6.4
Other Countries in East Asia (ex. China, South Korea)	2.9	3.1
Southeast and South Central Asia	9.8	9.3
Malaysia	2.5	2.7
Singapore	5.3	4.2
Other Countries in SE & SC Asia (ex. Brunei)	2.0	2.3
Western Asia	40.7	38.6
Kuwait	4.2	4.2
Qatar	2.6	2.2
Saudi Arabia	21.2	21.9
United Arab Emirates	7.8	5.7
Other Countries in Western Asia (ex. Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan)	4.9	4.7
Australia	2.4	1.9
Europe	9.7	10.6
North and South America	9.3	9.1
Other Countries	0.1	0.4
Country Not Reported	0.3	0.2

*Note:* Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.  
The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

*Source:* Income and Employment Statistics Division, Survey on Overseas Filipinos Household Statistics Department  
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