

TABLE 2 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Region of Origin and Place of Work Abroad, Philippines: 2008 and 2009

Selected Characteristics	2009	2008
Philippines (in thousands)	1,912	2,002
Region (percentage)	100.0	100.0
National Capital Region	13.9	14.0
Cordillera Administrative Region	2.1	1.9
I - Ilocos	8.6	7.8
II - Cagayan Valley	5.7	5.5
III - Central Luzon	14.7	14.5
IVA - CALABARZON	16.4	18.4
IVB - MIMAROPA	1.7	2.2
V - Bicol	3.0	3.1
VI - Western Visayas	9.2	7.8
VII - Central Visayas	6.1	5.6
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.9	2.9
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2.2	1.8
X - Northern Mindanao	2.8	2.8
XI - Davao	2.8	2.8
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	4.2	4.5
XIII - Caraga	1.3	1.2
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	2.4	3.3
Place of Work (percentage)	100.0	100.0
Africa	2.0	1.5
Asia	79.3	78.2
East Asia	17.5	18.8
Hong Kong	6.0	5.9
Japan	4.5	5.1
Taiwan	3.4	4.2
Other countries in East Asia (including China, South Korea)	3.5	3.6
Southeast and South Central Asia	9.6	10.3
Malaysia	1.8	2.6
Singapore	6.0	6.2
Other countries in Southeast and South Central Asia (including Brunei)	1.8	1.5
Western Asia	52.1	49.1
Kuwait	3.7	3.7
Qatar	6.1	5.1
Saudi Arabia	21.6	20.4
United Arab Emirates	15.4	14.6
Other countries in Western Asia (including Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan)	5.4	5.4
Australia	2.6	2.4
Europe	8.3	9.4
North and South America	7.9	8.4
Other countries	-	0.2

Notes: 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 year.

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