

QUICKSTAT - March 1997

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

INDICATOR	REFERENCE PERIOD and DATA		
	February 1997	January 1997	February 1996
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1988=100)			
Philippines	234.0	233.0	224.1
Metro Manila (MM)	255.0	252.7r	239.2r
Areas Outside MM	227.2	226.6	219.2
Inflation Rate	4.4	5.0	11.8
Purchasing Power of the Peso	0.43	0.43	0.45
FOREIGN TRADE (FOB value in million US\$)	January 1997	December 1996	January 1996
Exports	1,692	1,883	1,420
Principal exports: ^{1/}			
1. Electronic and components	732.86	680.77	559.71
2. Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	144.29	227.24	197.54
3. Input/Output/Peripheral Units	100.73	83.26	18.21
Imports	2,837	2,718	2,236
Principal imports: ^{1/}			
1. Electronics and components	411.73	415.18	286.25
2. Telecommunication equipment and electrical machinery	341.21	255.19	170.70
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	316.63	290.02	208.03
Major trading partners:			
1. USA	1,230.70	1,209.43	878.84
2. Japan	851.86	954.99	664.00
3. Singapore	262.99	277.31	211.63
Total Trade	4,529	4,602	3,656
Balance of Trade	(1,145)	(835)	(816)
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT	October 1996	July 1996	October 1995
Total labor force (million)	29.6	29.7	28.0
Labor force participation rate	65.8%	65.5%	65.6%
Employment rate	92.6%	92.3%	91.6%
Unemployment rate	7.4%	7.7%	8.4%
INDICES OF KEY MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS (1985=100):	December 1996	November 1996	December 1995
Value of production	418.6	431.2	416.1
Gainers over last year ^{2/}			
Furniture and fixtures	23.3%	11.2%	70.1%
Nonmetallic mineral products	21.9%	13.9%	11.2%

Beverage	10.6%	8.9%	3.9%
Tabacco	9.4%	4.9%	14.2%
Volume of Production	140.4	145.9	144.1
	<u>1994</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1985</u>
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME (Source: FIES)	P83,161	P65,186	P34,695
(at current prices)			
ANNUAL AVERAGE FAMILY EXPENDITURES	P67,661	P51,991	P30,017
(at current prices)			
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>
POPULATION	68,616,536	60,703,206	48,098,460
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	5.1	5.3	5.6
		<u>1994</u>	<u>1989</u>
LITERACY RATE (Source: FLEMMS)		93.9%	89.8%
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
INFANT MORTALITY RATE ^{3/}	20.6	21.9	20.9
(per thousand live births)			
CRUDE BIRTH RATE	25.1	25.8	26.9
(per thousand population)			
CRUDE DEATH RATE	4.8	4.9	4.7
(per thousand population)			
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE	14.1	14	14
(per thousand population)			
		<u>1993</u>	<u>1988</u>
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE		4.09	4.26
(No. of children per woman)			
LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (years)		<u>1995</u>	
Male		64.9	
Female		70.2	
PRIVATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	<u>3rd Qtr 1996</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 1996</u>	<u>3rd Qtr 1995</u>
Philippines ^{4/}			
Number	26,814	20,573	18,100
Total floor area (sq.m.)	4,729,829	3,956,154	3,064,879
Value (P1,000)	29,147,428	22,293,581	17,457,174
Residential			
Number	19,179	14,227	13,007
Total floor area (sq.m.)	2,092,722	1,628,952	1,351,283
Value (P1,000)	9,827,363	7,118,747	5,822,811
Nonresidential			
Number	3,259	2,472	1,992
Total floor area (sq.m.)	2,368,582	2,045,652	1,432,489

Value (P1,000)	16,304,261	13,501,913	9,402,523
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^{1/} Based on January 1997 ranking

^{2/} Based on December 1996 ranking

^{3/} Based on vital registration system

^{4/} Includes repairs and alterations

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