

Table 2 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Region of Origin and Place of Work Abroad, Philippines: 2005 and 2006

Selected Characteristics	2006	2005
Philippines (in thousands)	1,515	1,326
Region	100.0	100.0
National Capital Region	16.4	17.4
Cordillera Administrative Region	2.2	2.0
I - Ilocos	7.6	8.7
II - Cagayan Valley	5.3	4.6
III - Central Luzon	14.5	13.4
IVA - CALABARZON	16.8	17.6
IVB - MIMAROPA	1.3	1.5
V - Bicol	2.5	2.6
VI - Western Visayas	9.5	8.5
VII - Central Visayas	5.5	5.3
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.2	2.1
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2.2	1.8
X - Northern Mindanao	2.8	2.7
XI - Davao	3.1	3.3
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	4.0	3.5
XIII - Caraga	1.1	1.4
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.1	3.4
Place of Work	100.0	100.0
Africa	1.7	1.7
Asia	78.3	76.7
East Asia	22.6	26.0
Hong Kong	7.0	8.0
Japan	6.0	8.5
Taiwan	6.1	6.5
Other countries in East Asia (ex. China, South	3.5	3.0
Southeast and South Central Asia	9.9	10.0
Malaysia	2.8	2.6
Singapore	5.0	5.4
Other countries in Southeast and South Central Asia		
(ex. Brunei)	2.1	2.0
Western Asia	45.8	40.7
Kuwait	4.8	4.1
Qatar	3.7	2.6
Saudi Arabia	21.8	21.4
United Arab Emirates	9.2	7.8
Other countries in Western Asia (ex. Bahrain, Israel,		
Lebanon, Jordan)	6.3	4.8
Australia	1.2	1.9
Europe	9.5	9.6
North and South America	9.2	9.7
Other countries	-	0.1
Country not reported	0.2	0.3

Note: 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)

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