

TABLE 2. Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Region of Origin and Place of Work Abroad, Philippines: 2007 and 2008

| Selected Characteristics | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Philippines (in thousands) | 2,002 | 1,747 |
| Region | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| National Capital Region | 14.0 | 16.0 |
| Cordillera Administrative Region | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| I - Ilocos | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| II - Cagayan Valley | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| III - Central Luzon | 14.5 | 14.3 |
| IVA - CALABARZON | 18.4 | 17.7 |
| IVB - MIMAROPA | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| V - Bicol | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| VI - Western Visayas | 7.8 | 8.5 |
| VII - Central Visayas | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| VIII - Eastern Visayas | 2.9 | 2.1 |
| IX - Zamboanga Peninsula | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| X - Northern Mindanao | 2.8 | 3.1 |
| XI - Davao | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| XII - SOCCSKSARGEN | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| XIII - Caraga | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Place of Work | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Africa | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Asia | 78.2 | 78.1 |
| East Asia | 18.8 | 20.9 |
| Hong Kong | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| Japan | 5.1 | 5.6 |
| Taiwan | 4.2 | 5.5 |
| Other countries in East Asia (ex. China, South Korea) | 3.6 | 3.1 |
| Southeast and South Central Asia | 10.3 | 10.3 |
| Malaysia | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Singapore | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Other countries in Southeast and South Central Asia (ex. Brunei) | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Western Asia | 49.1 | 46.8 |
| Kuwait | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Qatar | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| Saudi Arabia | 20.4 | 19.8 |
| United Arab Emirates | 14.6 | 12.1 |
| Other countries in Western Asia (ex. Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan) | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Australia | 2.4 | 1.9 |
| Europe | 9.4 | 9.2 |
| North and South America | 8.4 | 9.3 |
| Other countries | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Country not reported | 0.0 | 0.1 |

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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