



2nd Philippine Data Festival

03-04 October 2023



Organized by the PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

CONTEST MECHANICS

Data Reporting Contest

Contest Description: The Data Reporting Contest is an on-the-spot contest on the preparation of data reports using official statistics. The contest aims to highlight the importance of data-driven reporting in journalism and to encourage participants to become more proficient in the use of data. The participants will be given a topic and a set of related statistics as their basis in crafting a compelling report. The report should provide a thorough and informative analysis of the data and offer actionable recommendations or implications for future decision-making.

Contestants: Open to students and faculty members from the invited private and state universities and colleges in the Philippines. **One (1) contestant for the Student Category** and **one (1) contestant for the Non-Student Category** will be identified by each participating school prior to the conduct of the 2nd Philippine Data Festival and should register at:

https://bit.ly/2ndPHDataFest_RegistrationoftheAcademe.

Contest Mechanics:

1. Each contestant shall bring their own laptop or tablet, whichever is preferred for data report preparation. If the contestant is not able to bring his or her own laptop/tablet, he or she may prepare his or her article, handwritten in print (i.e. not in cursive).
2. Each contestant will be provided with the same set of tables containing PSA statistics as the basis for their data report. This will ensure a standardized basis for evaluation.
3. Contestants will be given a time limit of 50 minutes to prepare their report.
4. The article (including data visualization) in an electronic format should be written in English, double-spaced, with 12-point Arial font, and shall be composed of at least 500 words.
5. A4-sized paper must be used for articles that are handwritten. The contestant must ensure that their handwriting is clear, readable, and that they only use one side of each sheet, with corresponding written page number. The article shall be composed of at least 500 words.



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6. To conclude the report, participants should provide actionable recommendations based on their insights. These recommendations can be targeted towards policymakers, businesses, or other stakeholders related to the contest topic.
7. Use of the Internet and mobile phones during the contest is strictly prohibited. Thus, plagiarism will not be tolerated. All submitted entries will go through plagiarism detection software, and any instance of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
8. Upon completion of the contest, participants must submit their data report in electronic form or in handwritten before the designated deadline. The report should be in a readable format, such as a PDF or Word document.
9. All handwritten entries shall be submitted to the designated proctor. On the other hand, all entries in electronic form should be submitted to **ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph** with the subject “2nd PH Data Festival Data Reporting Contest”. The body of the email should contain the following information:
 - Name of the contestant
 - Name of the University/College
10. The panel of judges reserves the right to disqualify any submitted entry that does not comply with the mechanics or has concerns about copyright infringement.
11. By entering the competition, the participants declare that the articles submitted is their original work, has not been submitted to any other competition, and does not infringe on any third party's existing copyrights.
12. Winning articles will be announced during the closing ceremony of the 2nd PH Data Fest and will be posted on the **2nd PH Data Fest webpage: <https://psa.gov.ph/data-festival/2nd> on 04 October 2023.**
13. Decision of the judges shall be **final and irrevocable.**



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Contest Criteria for Judging:

The Data Reporting Contest will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Criteria for Judging	%	Description
1. Statistical Analysis	30%	Proper interpretation of statistical results and findings.
2. Insightfulness and Originality	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ability to identify and highlight significant patterns or trends in the data.Offering unique and original perspectives on the implications of the findings.Creative solutions or suggestions derived from the analysis.
3. Reporting Style and Structure	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarity and coherence of the report's structure.Effective organization of information.Succinct and polished writing style.
4. Visual Presentation	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effective use of data visualization to support findings.Clarity and accuracy in the visual representation of data.
5. Overall Impression	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The overall quality and professionalism of the report.Attention to detail and adherence to guidelines.
Total	100%	