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More than half of Filipinos 15 years and over have ever migrated (Results from the 2018 National Migration Survey)

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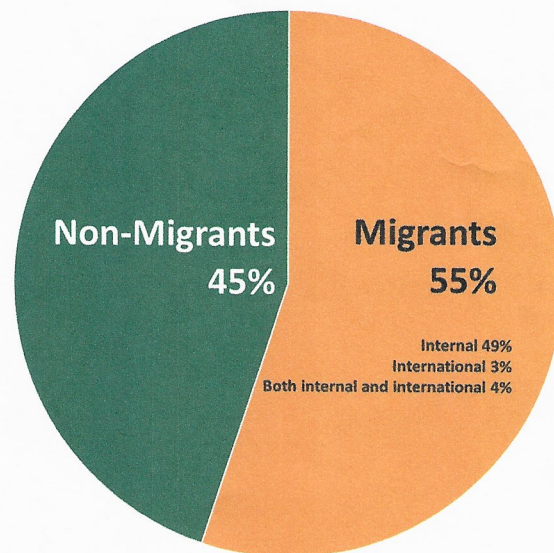
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Based on the 2018 National Migration Survey (NMS 2018), about 55 percent of Filipinos age 15 and over have ever moved to or resided in another city/municipality, province, region or country for three months or more since birth. Forty-nine percent (49%) moved within the country (internal migrants), three percent moved to/from another country (international migrants), and four percent were both internal and international migrants. For each type of migration, there are slightly more female than male migrants. Non-migrants, i.e., those who never moved is estimated at 45 percent (Figure 1 and Table 1).

In terms of period migration, 15 percent of Filipinos changed their residence over the past five years, of which 13 percent were internal migrants. Moreover, over half of these internal migrants were less than 30 years old (Tables 2 and 3).

On average, recent migrants were better educated than non-migrants with more of them having reached college or tertiary level. Furthermore, international migrants were better educated than internal migrants, but those who have both internal and international migration experience in the last five years had the highest proportion with college education among all migrant types (Table 3).

Figure 1. Percent distribution of population age 15 and over by migration experience (ever moved), Philippines, 2018



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Table 1. Migration experience of 3 months or more

Percent distribution of population age 15 and over by migration experience (ever moved), by sex, Philippines, 2018

Migration experience	Males	Females	Both sexes
Ever moved for 3 months or more since birth	52.6	57.6	55.1
Internal migrants	46.8	50.5	48.7
International migrants	2.3	2.7	2.5
Both internal and international	3.5	4.4	4.0
Non-migrants	47.4	42.4	44.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	23,003	23,352	46,355

Note: Excludes non-Filipino citizens. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Table 2. Migration experience in the past 5 years

Percent distribution of population age 15 and over by migration experience in the past 5 years, by sex, Philippines, 2018

Migration experience	Males	Females	Both sexes
Period migration (last five years)	15.0	14.5	14.7
Internal migrants	12.8	12.2	12.5
International migrants	1.9	2.1	2.0
Both internal and international	0.3	0.2	0.3
Non-migrants	85.0	85.5	85.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	12,101	13,452	25,553

Note: Excludes non-Filipino citizens and non-migrants since birth. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Table 3. Background characteristics of respondents by migration status in the past 5 years

Percent distribution of respondents age 15 and over by migration experience in the past 5 years by background characteristics, Philippines, 2018

Background characteristic	Migrants			Non-migrants
	Internal	International	Both	
Age group				
15-19	13.7	0.5	0.0	5.0
20-29	43.7	26.6	46.9	14.3
30-39	22.2	40.0	43.2	21.3
40-49	10.9	18.5	6.8	22.4
50-59	4.1	7.2	0.9	19.0
60 and over	5.4	7.2	2.2	18.0
Education				
Less than high school graduate	36.8	18.2	12.2	42.8
High school graduate	35.2	43.5	23.2	31.4
College level or higher	28.0	38.3	64.5	25.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	3,191	506	70	21,786

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.