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NCR and CALABARZON are Top Migrant Destinations (Results from the 2018 National Migration Survey)

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Results of the first National Migration Survey conducted in the country indicated that NCR and CALABARZON are the top lifetime migrant destination regions in the country, followed by Central Luzon, Davao Region and Central Visayas (Table 1).

Lifetime migrants are defined as those who are now residing in a place different from the usual residence of their mother at the time of their birth. About four in ten Filipinos are lifetime migrants. The change in residence most commonly involved movement from one region to another (23%), followed by movement from one city/municipality to another within the same province (12%) (Table 2).

In contrast to lifetime migration, only 15 percent of Filipinos migrated in the past five years, of which 13 percent moved within the country (internal migrants), while two percent moved to/from another country (international migrants) (Table 3).

For inter-regional migration in the past five years, NCR and CALABARZON remained the most common destination regions but at the same time, also registered the largest number of out-migrants in the same period (Table 4).

CALABARZON, NCR and Central Visayas were the top local intended destinations of the 14 percent of Filipinos who intended to move in the next five years (Table 5).

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Table 1. Intra-regional and Inter-regional lifetime migrants

Distribution of lifetime intra-regional and inter-regional (in-migrants, out-migrants, net migrants) age 15 and over by region, Philippines, 2018 (in thousands)

Region	Intra-regional lifetime migrants	Inter-regional lifetime migrants (in thousands)		
		In-migrants	Out-migrants	Net number of migrants
National Capital Region	1,655	4,031	2,262	1,769
Cordillera Administrative Region	542	194	246	-52
I - Ilocos Region	1,295	406	893	-487
II - Cagayan Valley	943	299	514	-215
III - Central Luzon	1,695	1,369	832	537
IVA - CALABARZON	2,201	3,846	856	2,990
MIMAROPA Region	859	428	432	-4
V - Bicol	2,096	389	1,811	-1,422
VI - Western Visayas	2,429	390	1,592	-1,202
VII - Central Visayas	2,379	801	1,303	-502
VII - Eastern Visayas	1,650	323	1,395	-1,072
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	1,163	425	695	-270
X - Northern Mindanao	1,462	647	705	-58
XI - Davao	1,349	881	622	260
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	1,181	787	486	300
XIII - CARAGA	739	367	681	-314
ARMM	1,088	158	416	-258

Note: Excludes non-Filipino citizens, those who were born abroad, those with no information on mother's residence at time of birth, and non-migrants.

Table 2. Lifetime migration by sex

Percent distribution of population age 15 and over by lifetime migration experience, by sex, Philippines, 2018

Migration experience	Males	Females	Both sexes
Migrants	36.8	43.3	40.1
Inter-regional	20.6	24.7	22.7
Inter-provincial ¹	4.6	5.6	5.1
Inter-municipality	11.6	13.0	12.3
Non-migrants	63.1	56.7	59.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	22,950	23,302	46,252

Note: Excludes non-Filipino citizens, those who were born abroad, and those with no information on mother's residence at time of birth. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

¹ Excludes those born and/or currently residing in National Capital Region (NCR)

Table 3. 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 NMS 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 4. Intra-regional and Inter-regional period migrants

Distribution of period intra-regional and inter-regional (in-migrants, out-migrants, net migrants) age 15 and over by region, Philippines, 2018 (in thousands)

Region	Intra-regional period migrants	Inter-regional period migrants (in thousands)		
		In-migrants	Out-migrants	Net number of migrants
National Capital Region	281	388	509	-121
Cordillera Administrative Region	89	37	19	18
I - Ilocos Region	164	69	26	42
II - Cagayan Valley	106	34	28	7
III - Central Luzon	119	41	109	-68
IVA - CALABARZON	512	293	184	109
MIMAROPA Region	146	60	24	37
V - Bicol	347	162	103	59
VI - Western Visayas	292	63	53	10
VII - Central Visayas	372	79	75	3
VII - Eastern Visayas	261	186	31	156
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	232	73	52	21
X - Northern Mindanao	228	96	79	17
XI - Davao	269	111	57	53
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	205	80	59	21
XIII - CARAGA	89	76	79	-3
ARMM	200	67	40	27

Note: Excludes non-Filipino citizens, those who were born abroad, those with no information on mother's residence at time of birth, and non-migrants.

Table 5. Intended migration destinations by sex

Percent distribution of the population age 15 and over who intend to move within the next 5 years by place to move to, by sex, Philippines, 2018

Place to move to	Males	Females	Both sexes
Region			
National Capital Region	18.0	16.1	17.0
Cordillera Administrative Region	1.9	1.5	1.7
I - Ilocos Region	1.8	2.2	2.0
II - Cagayan Valley	1.6	1.6	1.6
III - Central Luzon	9.4	8.8	9.1
IVA - CALABARZON	19.1	21.0	20.1
MIMAROPA Region	2.9	3.1	3.0
V - Bicol	4.6	7.8	6.2
VI - Western Visayas	4.2	3.5	3.9
VII - Central Visayas	10.9	10.5	10.7
VII - Eastern Visayas	4.6	5.3	5.0
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	4.2	2.4	3.2
X - Northern Mindanao	5.0	4.3	4.6
XI - Davao	5.4	5.4	5.4
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	2.8	3.0	2.9
XIII - Caraga	1.9	1.6	1.8
ARMM	1.5	2.0	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	1,795	1,897	3,692

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