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## **57.6 Percent of Students Who Pursued Environment-Related Degree Programs in 2023 Were Females**

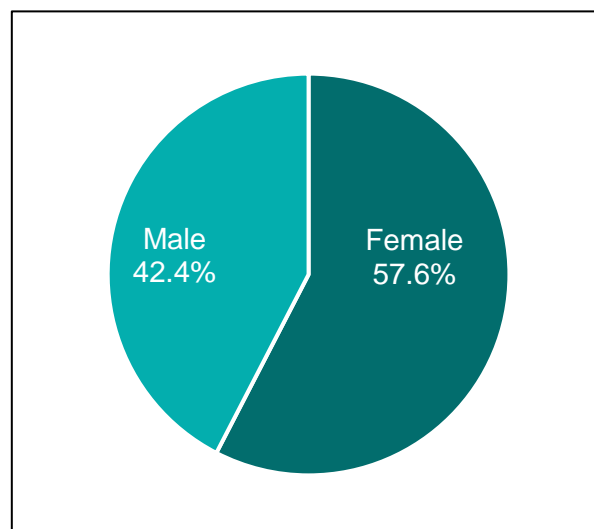
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The Compendium of Philippine Environment Statistics is a compilation of environment and related socioeconomic statistics collected from various government agencies. Component 6 Environmental Protection, Management, and Engagement is one of its components. This component compiles data pertaining to environmental protection and resource management expenditure. This includes a wide variety of programs and initiatives encompassing environmental information and education including the activities conducted for both private entities and local communities.

In the Academic Year 2022-2023, 31,183 students pursued environment-related degree programs, 17,959 or 57.6 percent of which were females while 13,224 or 42.4 percent were males. Moreover, 26.1 percent and 18.7 percent of the total number of enrolled students were females who pursued degree programs in Environmental Science and Forestry, respectively. (Figure 1 and Table 6.16)

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Students Pursuing Environment-related Higher Education by Sex, 2023



Source: Commission on Higher Education

The degree program in Environmental Science recorded the highest number of enrolled students at 13,046 or 41.8 percent of the total number of enrolled students. This was followed by Forestry with 10,582 number of students or 33.9 percent and Agro-Forestry with 3,790 number of students or 12.2 percent, respectively. On the other hand, Environmental Education recorded the lowest with only three enrolled students.

Among those who pursued Environmental Science, 62.4 percent were females and 37.6 percent were males. Students who enrolled in Forestry were females or 55.0 percent while 45.0 percent were males.



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