

FAMILY PERCEPTION: Comparative Data on Number and Percentage of Families, by Special Income Strata,
Philippines: 2002 and 1999

Indicators on Family Situation	Number of Families ('000)						Percentages					
	2 0 0 2			1 9 9 9			2 0 0 2			1 9 9 9		
	All Families	Lowest 40%	Highest 60%	All Families	Lowest 40%	Highest 60%	All Families	Lowest 40%	Highest 60%	All Families	Lowest 40%	Highest 60%
PHILIPPINES	15,925	6,370	9,555	14,746	5,898	8,847						
Families' Situation in the Last 12 Months												
Better Off	2,437	596	1,842	2,031	576	1,456	15.3	9.4	19.3	13.8	9.8	16.5
Worst Off	4,900	2,272	2,628	4,998	2,232	2,767	30.8	35.7	27.5	33.9	37.8	31.3
About the Same Same	8,588	3,503	5,086	7,716	3,091	4,625	53.9	55.0	53.2	52.3	52.4	52.3
Reasons Why Families are Better Off												
New Job, with Higher Salary	254	43	210	212	41	171	10.4	7.3	11.4	10.4	7.2	11.7
Abundant Harvest	233	136	97	290	15	138	9.5	22.8	5.3	14.3	26.4	9.5
Better Health	322	76	246	271	70	201	13.2	12.7	13.4	13.4	12.2	13.8
More Earnings	1,197	267	930	952	246	706	49.1	44.8	50.5	46.9	42.8	48.5
More Remittances from Abroad	229	15	214	155	15	140	9.4	2.5	11.6	7.6	2.7	9.6
Inheritance	2	1	1	3	1	2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Government Assistance	8	0	8	7	3	4	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3
Others	192	58	134	141	47	94	7.9	9.8	7.3	7.0	8.2	6.5
Reasons Why Families are Worse Off												
Lost Job/Work	562	230	332	413	166	247	11.5	10.1	12.6	8.3	7.4	8.9
Natural Disaster, Drought	322	211	111	302	192	110	6.6	9.3	4.2	6.0	8.6	4.0
Increase Food Prices	1,491	589	902	2,347	871	1,476	30.4	25.9	34.3	47.0	39.0	53.3
Poor Health	346	195	151	262	145	117	7.1	8.6	5.8	5.2	6.5	4.2
Reduced Income	1,513	757	756	1,133	609	524	30.9	33.3	28.8	22.7	27.3	18.9
No Savings	260	120	140	195	100	95	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.9	4.5	3.4
Sold Assets	15	6	9	7	3	4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Loss of Government Assistance	39	17	21	28	10	18	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7
Others	352	146	206	312	135	177	7.2	6.4	7.8	6.2	6.1	6.4
Steps Taken by Families in Coping with Situation												
Changed the eating pattern	2,364	1,132	1,233	2,465	1,097	1,368	48.3	49.8	46.9	49.3	49.2	49.5
Taken the children out of school	467	232	235	500	231	269	9.5	10.2	8.9	10.0	10.4	9.7
HH member(s) migrated to city/other country	318	160	158	294	159	134	6.5	7.0	6.0	5.9	7.1	4.9
Received assistance from friends	1,332	671	661	1,086	518	568	27.2	29.5	25.1	21.7	23.2	20.5
Received assistance from government	325	154	171	244	129	114	6.6	6.8	6.5	4.9	5.8	4.1
Increased working hours	2,050	1,009	1,042	1,930	930	1,000	41.8	44.4	39.6	38.6	41.7	36.1
Others	945	380	565	996	379	617	19.3	16.7	21.5	19.9	17.0	22.3

Family Situation in the Next 12 Months

Improve	5,504	1,517	3,986	4,337	1,269	3,067	34.6	23.8	41.7	29.4	21.5	34.7
Stay the Same	8,237	3,746	4,491	7,381	3,256	4,125	51.7	58.8	47.0	50.1	55.2	46.6
Worsen	2,185	1,107	1,078	3,028	1,373	1,655	13.7	17.4	11.3	20.5	23.3	18.7

Steps of Ladder Where Families Presently Belong

1st Step	1,018	776	242	1,281	933	348	6.4	12.2	2.5	8.7	15.8	3.9
2nd Step	2,431	1,560	871	2,294	1,420	874	15.3	24.5	9.1	15.6	24.1	9.9
3rd Step	3,289	1,642	1,647	2,966	1,475	1,491	20.7	25.8	17.2	20.1	25.0	16.9
4th Step	2,916	1,089	1,828	2,413	855	1,558	18.3	17.1	19.1	16.4	14.5	17.6
5th Step	4,348	1,052	3,297	3,735	915	2,819	27.3	16.5	34.5	25.3	15.5	31.9
6th Step	1,184	177	1,007	1,194	190	1,004	7.4	2.8	10.5	8.1	3.2	11.3
7th Step	502	43	459	525	54	471	3.2	0.7	4.8	3.6	0.9	5.3
8th Step	176	18	158	226	22	204	1.1	0.3	1.7	1.5	0.4	2.3
9th Step	24	5	19	31	6	25	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
10th Step	38	9	29	81	28	52	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6

Source: Annual Poverty Indicators Survey
Income and Employment Statistics Division
Household Statistics Department
National Statistics Office
Republic of the Philippines