

CONTINUOUS DROP IN THE SHARE OF YOUTH POPULATION WHO ARE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT OR EDUCATION (NEE) TO THE TOTAL YOUTH POPULATION

This issue of LABSTAT Updates aims to provide a profile of youth population not in employment or education in the Philippines. Youth NEE rate refers to the proportion of young people in the age group 15 to 24 years old who are unemployed or economically inactive and those who are not enrolled in any education (formal or non-formal) during the reference period.

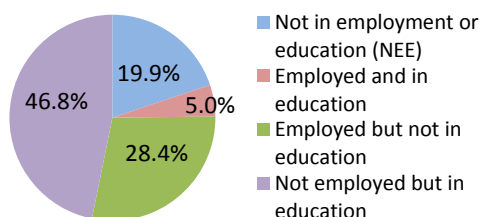
Specifically, this report features the proportion of youth population NEE to the total youth population, its disaggregation by sex, by geographical location and by educational attainment. Statistics in this report were sourced from the results of the Labor Force Survey for the period of 2018 and previous years, for the statistical tables containing historical data from 2006.

One in every five young people aged 15-24 years is not in employment or education (NEE)

The number of youth population aged 15-24 years was estimated at 19.9 million in 2018. This figure represented 27.8 percent of the total working age population (71.3 million). Persons not in employment are those either unemployed or not in the labor force (economically inactive). (Table 1)

Of the 19.9 million, nearly half (46.8%) or 9.3 million was not economically active while attending school (Table 1).

Figure 1 - Youth Population 15-24 Years Old by Economic Activity, Philippines: 2018



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

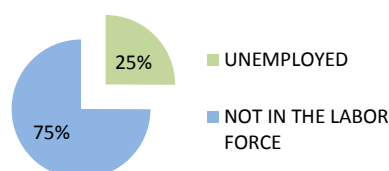
On the other hand, those who are employed but not in education accounted for more than one fourth (28.4%) or 5.63 million of the total youth population. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

The share of youth population who are not in employment or education (NEE) was placed at 19.9 percent (Table 1). This implied that about one in every five youth aged 15-24 years was both out-of-school and either unemployed or not in the labor force. The remaining 5% of the youth population were employed and at the same time enrolled in formal education. (Figure 1)

Three in every four youth population NEE are not in the labor force

Among the young persons not in employment or education, majority (2.95 million or 75%) were not in the labor force or those who are neither employed nor unemployed; while 0.99 million or 25 percent actively participated in the labor force but remained unemployed. (Figure 2)

Figure 2 - Percent of Youth Population Who are Not in Employment or Education by Employment Status, Philippines: 2018



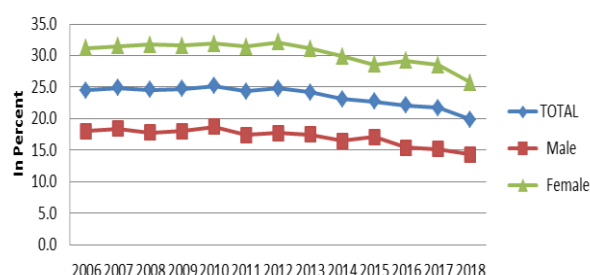
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

More out-of-school young women are either unemployed or not in the labor force

One in every four (25.7%) young population who were not in employment or education were females, while about 14.3 percent were males.

For the period 2006-2018, the proportion of NEE to the youths' total population ranged from 19.9 to 25.2 percent; 23.6 percent on the average. This exhibited a declining trend over the years, with the slowest rate recorded in 2018. (Table 2)

Figure 3 - Youth Population Who are Not in Employment or Education 15-24 Years, % of Youth Population, Philippines: 2006-2018



Note: In 2014, the province of Leyte was not included due to typhoon Yolanda.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

Over the 13-year period, inactivity among young women consistently dominated.

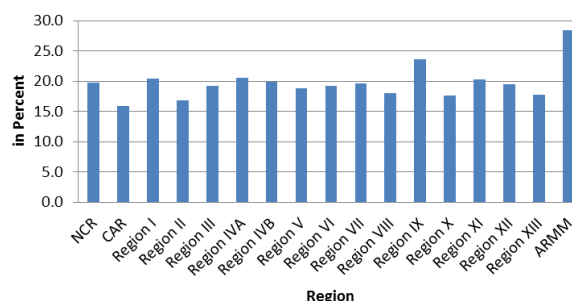
NEE rate for young women was higher by 11.4 to 14.4 percentage points than the corresponding rates of men between 2006 to 2018. (Figure 3)

ARMM posts the highest incidence of youth NEE among regions

In 2018, the highest proportion of youth NEE to the total youth population within the region was reported in ARMM with 28.4 percent. Region IX placed second with 23.6 percent. Lowest NEE rate was recorded in CAR at 15.9 percent. (Figure 4)

Meanwhile, CALABARZON recorded the highest share of inactive young people, followed by NCR and Region III with 11.1 and 10.2 percent, respectively. Less than 7 percent share was reported for the rest of the regions. (Table 3)

Figure 4 - Youth Population Who are Not in Employment or Education by Region, Philippines: 2018



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

Higher prevalence of NEE found among youth with no grade completed.

By level of educational attainment, incidence of NEE was highest among young people with no grade completed at 68.8 percent. On the other hand, the lowest proportion was reported for those who completed or at least in senior high school level (7.3% and 3.9%, respectively). (Table 4)

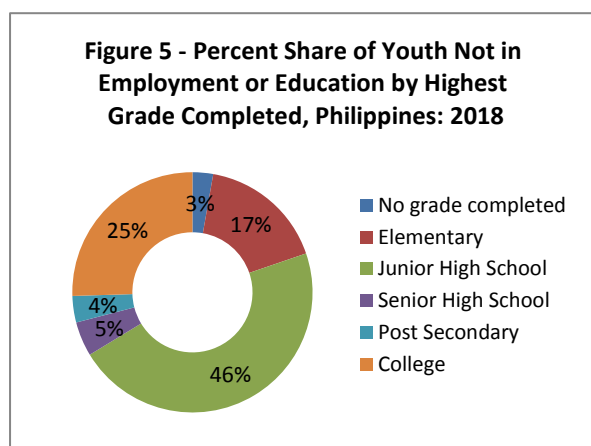
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Among the youth NEE, almost half was in junior high school level (46.6%); a quarter was in college level (25.5%) and 17.0 percent had attained primary education. (Figure 5)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

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**Table 1 - Youth Population Aged 15-24 Years Old by Economic Activity and Sex,
Philippines: 2018**

Youth Population (in Thousand)		Not in Employment or Education (NEE)		Employed and currently attending school		Employed but not in education		Not employed but in education	
		No. ('000)	%	No. ('000)	%	No. ('000)	%	No. ('000)	%
Total	19,859	3,944	19.9	986	5.0	5,634	28.4	9,296	46.8
Male	10,224	1,466	14.3	584	5.7	3,630	35.5	4,544	44.4
Female	9,635	2,477	25.7	401	4.2	2,004	20.8	4,752	49.3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

Table 2 - Youth Population Not in Employment or Education, 15-24 Years Old, Philippines: 2006-2018

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Youth Population Not In Education and Not in Employment, 15-24 Years Old, % of Youth Population	TOTAL	24.5	24.9	24.6	24.7	25.2	24.3	24.8	24.2	23.1	22.7	22.1	21.7	19.9
	Male	18.0	18.4	17.8	18.0	18.7	17.4	17.7	17.5	16.5	17.1	15.4	15.2	14.3
	Female	31.2	31.5	31.7	31.6	31.9	31.4	32.1	31.1	29.9	28.6	29.2	28.5	25.7
Total Youth Population Not in Education and Not in Employment (000)	TOTAL	4162	4,295	4,333	4,425	4,591	4,514	4,690	4,669	4,435	4,439	4,354	4,274	3,944
	Male	1545	1,614	1,590	1,641	1,738	1,648	1,706	1,722	1,609	1,695	1,558	1,545	1,466
	Female	2617	2,681	2,743	2,784	2,853	2,866	2,983	2,947	2,826	2,744	2,796	2,729	2,477
Total Youth Population (000)	TOTAL	16967	17,275	17,594	17,910	18,220	18,576	18,928	19,285	19,223	19,522	19,669	19,734	19,859
	Men	8591	8,758	8,933	9,105	9,280	9,459	9,634	9,812	9,777	9,938	10,089	10,143	10,224
	Women	8376	8,517	8,662	8,805	8,940	9,118	9,293	9,473	9,445	9,584	9,580	9,591	9,635

Notes: 1. Annualized data for 2014 is the average of estimates for April, July and October survey rounds. The estimates for these rounds exclude data of Leyte province only while that of January exclude Region VIII.

2. Annualized data for 2015 is the average of estimates for January, April, July and October survey rounds. The estimates for these rounds exclude data of Leyte province only.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

**Table 3 - Youth Not in Employment or Education by Region, 15-24 Years Old,
% of Youth Population, Philippines: 2018**

REGION	Youth Household Population	NEE	Percent to Total	Percent Share
Total	19,859	3,944	19.86	100.0
National Capital Region	2,224	439	19.7	11.1
Cordillera Administrative Region	364	58	15.9	1.5
Region I - Ilocos Region	928	189	20.4	4.8
Region II - Cagayan Valley	643	108	16.8	2.7
Region III - Central Luzon	2,099	404	19.2	10.2
Region IVA - CALABARZON	2,699	555	20.6	14.1
MIMAROPA Region	628	125	19.9	3.2
Region V- Bicol	1,306	246	18.8	6.2
Region VI - Western Visayas	1,492	286	19.2	7.3
Region VII - Central Visayas	1,457	287	19.7	7.3
Region VIII - Eastern Visayas	974	175	18.0	4.4
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	782	184	23.6	4.7
Region X - Northern Mindanao	957	169	17.6	4.3
Region XI - Davao	963	195	20.3	4.9
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	927	181	19.5	4.6
Region XIII - Caraga	569	101	17.8	2.6
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	847	241	28.4	6.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.

Table 4 - Youth Population 15-24 Years Old Not In Education and Not in Employment by Highest Grade Completed, % of Youth Population, Philippines: 2018

Highest Grade Completed	Youth Population	NEE	Percent to Total Youth Population	Percent Share
Total	19,859	3,944	19.9	100.0
No grade completed	159	110	68.8	2.8
Elementary	2,176	669	30.8	17.0
Elementary Undergraduate	1,088	343	31.5	8.7
Elementary Graduate	1,087	327	30.0	8.3
Junior High School	9,852	1,836	18.6	46.6
Junior High Undergraduate	4,965	721	14.5	18.3
Junior High Completed	4,887	1,116	22.8	28.3
Senior High School	2,516	183	7.3	4.6
Senior High Undergraduate	1,579	62	3.9	1.6
Senior High Graduate	937	122	13.0	3.1
Post Secondary	417	140	33.7	3.6
Post Secondary Undergraduate	50	19	37.5	0.5
Post Secondary Graduate	368	122	33.1	3.1
College	4,738	1,005	21.2	25.5
College Undergraduate	3,253	510	15.7	12.9
College Graduate	1,485	495	33.3	12.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey.