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TRADE SKILLS PROFILE OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION

*THE 1995 CENSUS OF POPULATION (POPCEN) was conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) to provide information on the demographic, social, economic and cultural characteristics of the Philippines. One of the information gathered is on trade skills of the household population. In the POPCEN, **trade skill** refers to the technical vocational ability or knowledge developed or acquired by an individual which will enable him/her to generate income to meet at least his/her basic needs, e.g. at least food needs. This issue is the third of a four-part series on the 1995 Census of Population dealing with labor concerns.*

About 4.6 million Filipinos are skilled

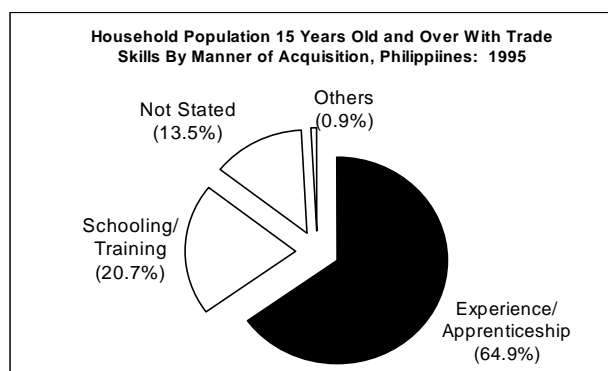
Based on the 1995 POPCEN, there were 42.2 million household population 15 years old and over. Of this, only 10.9 percent or 4.6 million had some trade skills. About 15.4 percent of the male were skilled while among female, only 6.6 percent had some skills.

**Proportion of Household Population
15 Years Old and Over with Trade Skills
by Sex: Philippines, 1995**

Sex	Household Population (000)	With Skills (000)	Percent Share (%)
Total	42,152	4,614	10.9
Male	20,998	3,227	15.4
Female	21,155	1,387	6.6

Skills acquisition mainly through experience / apprenticeship.

More than three-fifths (64.9 %) of those with trade skills had acquired their skills through experience/apprenticeship. The proportion of males whose skills were honed through experience/apprenticeship was higher than females (71.1% vs. 50.4%). In contrast, more females obtained their skills through schooling than males (28.7 % vs. 17.3%).



Driving and mobile machinery operation most common trade skills

About 20.3 percent of the skilled household population had competency in driving and operation of mobile machinery. Skills in mining, construction and related trades were found in 15.2 percent of the skilled workers. Almost 14.0 percent had skills in other crafts and related trades such as textile and garment trades; and food and related products processing. Around 12.0 percent were skilled in metal machinery and related trades; machine-operation and assembly; and stationary-plant and related operations.

Other trade skills such as agriculture and fishery, servicing and clerical skills accounted for 27.2 percent.

Percent Distribution of Household Population 15 years Old & Over With Trade Skills, Philippines: 1995

Major Trade Skills	Percent
Number (000)	4,614
Percent	100.0
Driving and Mobile Machinery Operation	20.3
Mining, Construction and Related Trades	15.2
Other Crafts and Related Trades	13.6
Metal Machinery and Related Trades	7.9
Precision, Handicraft, Printing and Related Trades	4.6
Machine Operation and Assembly	2.8
Stationary Plant and Related Trades	0.8
Other Skills	27.2
Not Stated	7.8

Source of data: NSO, 1995 POPCEN

Highest proportion of skilled persons in NCR

Across regions, NCR, Regions III, IV and VII had the largest proportions of skilled persons in almost all of the trade skills. Proportions of skilled persons in machine operation and assembly (23.7%); stationary plant and related trades (21.0%); and metal machinery and related trade (18.7%) were highest in the NCR, while Regions IV and III accounted the biggest proportions in mining, construction and related trades at 17.2 percent and 14.4 percent respectively. On the other hand,

Region V reported the largest proportion of workers in precision, handicrafts, printing and other related trades at 20.2 percent. Meanwhile, the proportion of skilled persons in other skills such as servicing, clerical and agriculture and fishery were highest in NCR (14.9%), Regions IV (13.9 %) and VII (10.4%).

In the remaining regions, the proportions of skilled persons in each trade skills category were only less than 10.0 percent (Table 1).

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**TABLE 1 - PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER
WITH TRADE SKILLS BY REGION, PHILIPPINES: 1995**

REGION	TOTAL	Mining, Construction and Rel. Trades	Metal Machinery and Rel. Trades	Precision, Handicraft, Printing and Rel. Trades	Other Crafts	Stationary Plant and Rel. Trades	Machine Operation and Assembly	Driving and Mobile Machinery Operation	Other Skills	Not Stated
Philippines										
Number (000)	4,614	700	363	211	626	37	129	936	1,255	358
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NCR	17.0	12.5	18.7	8.7	14.0	21.0	23.7	16.1	14.9	40.8
CAR	1.6	1.5	1.3	3.2	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.7
I	5.6	6.5	5.3	8.5	4.4	3.1	4.0	6.7	5.5	2.9
II	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.9	2.6	1.9	0.9
III	12.5	14.4	15.9	8.1	15.8	11.2	13.2	15.8	9.8	2.7
IV	15.4	17.2	17.0	14.1	19.4	16.4	15.7	16.9	13.9	4.6
V	6.6	7.6	6.5	20.2	7.4	4.6	3.9	5.4	5.6	3.8
VI	7.6	8.0	7.6	7.4	9.0	5.6	6.3	7.4	7.8	4.4
VII	8.2	8.4	8.3	9.5	7.0	12.3	10.1	5.7	10.4	7.5
VIII	4.2	4.4	3.4	4.8	5.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	5.1	2.8
IX	4.5	3.0	1.8	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.7	3.0	8.7	4.6
X	3.7	3.5	3.1	2.1	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	9.2
XI	5.0	5.7	5.1	3.7	4.5	6.0	4.8	6.4	4.3	3.6
XII	3.0	2.1	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.7	3.9	5.9
ARMM	1.4	1.3	0.5	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.1	1.0	1.5	2.1
Caraga	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.3	3.4	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.5

Source of data: National Statistics Office, 1995 Census of Population
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