



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Statistics on Women and Men in Central Visayas (Population, Employment and Literacy)

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### ***Male population dominated the projected mid-year population in Central Visayas from 2021 to 2025***

**Table 1**

#### **Updated Projected Mid-Year Population Based on 2015 Census of Population, by Sex, Central Visayas: 2021-2025**

SEX	YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Both Sexes	8,054,772	8,147,078	8,233,965	8,315,664	8,391,707
Male	4,078,446	4,125,486	4,169,784	4,211,456	4,250,266
Female	3,976,326	4,021,592	4,064,181	4,104,208	4,141,441

Source: *Updated Projected Mid-Year Population Based on 2015 Census of Population, Philippine Statistics Authority*

For 2021, projected mid-year population of Central Visayas was estimated at 8,054,772. By 2025, the region's population was projected to reach 8,391,707. (Table 1)

Female population in 2021 was estimated at 3,976,326 or about 49.4 percent of the total projected mid-year population in Central Visayas. Meanwhile, male population was estimated at 4,078,446 or 50.6 percent of the total projected population.

Male population dominated the projected mid-year population in Central Visayas from the year 2021 to 2025.

**Employment rate among Women in Central Visayas was higher compared to Men from 2017 to 2018**

**Table 2**

**Employment Indicators on Women and Men Aged 15 years and over, Central Visayas: 2017-2018**

Employment Status	2017		2018	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
Labor Force (in thousands)	1,391	1,987	1,319	1,929
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	53.4	76.8	49.7	73.1
Employment-Population Ratio	51.4	72.8	47.7	68.5
Employment Rate (%)	96.3	94.8	96.0	93.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	5.2	4.0	6.2

Source: Labor Force Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

Generally, there are more economically active men than women from 2017 to 2018 in Central Visayas. In 2018, 59.4 percent of men are in the labor force as compared to the 40.6 percent of women. (Table 2)

Meanwhile, employment-population ratio highlights gender differential in employment status. In 2018, only 47.7 percent of women compared to 68.5 percent of men were employed.

Employment rate for women in Central Visayas was higher at 96.0 percent compared to that for men at 93.8 percent in 2018. The same trend can be observed in 2017.

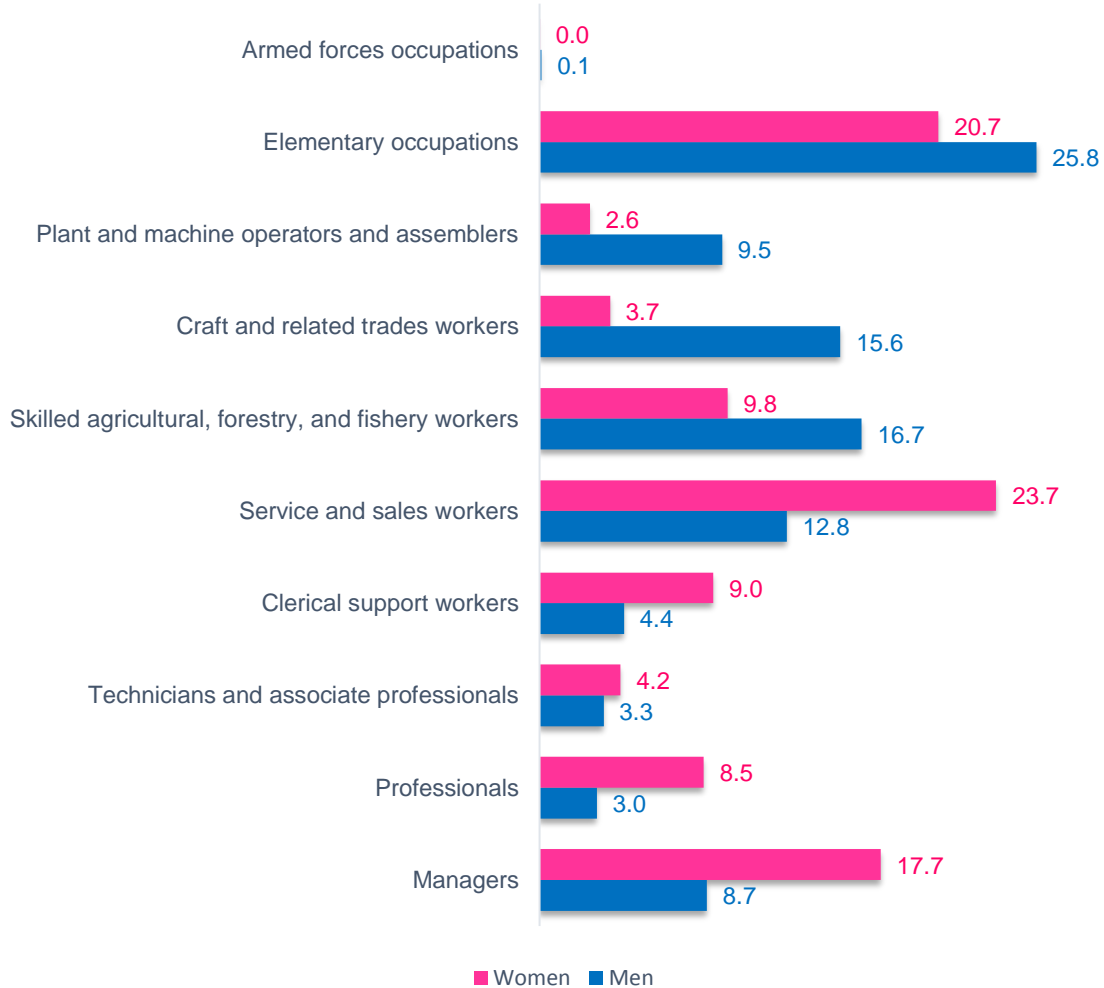
Unemployment rate for men and women in 2018 stood at 6.2 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively.

It can be noted that employment rate of both sexes slightly decreased from 2017 to 2018. Moreover, employment rate gap between women and men is wider in 2018 compared to 2017.



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**Figure 1**  
**Percent Distribution of Working Women and Men**  
**By Major Occupation Group, Central Visayas: 2018**



Source: Labor Force Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

In 2018, more women were employed as managers compared to men in Central Visayas. Among the employed men, mostly were employed in elementary occupations at 25.8 percent. The other major occupation groups where many men were employed are: Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers; Craft and Related Trade Workers; and Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers.

Among the employed women in Central Visayas, mostly were service and sales workers at 23.7 percent. This was followed by elementary occupation at 20.7 percent. Other major occupation groups where most women were employed are: Managers, Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers, and Clerical and Support Workers.



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**Table 3**

**Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Major Industry Group and Sex,  
Central Visayas: 2018**

Major Industry Group	Men	Women
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	19.7	14.9
Fishing	5.5	1.0
<b>Industry</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Mining and quarrying	0.5	0.1
Manufacturing	9.1	11.2
Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply	0.1	0.0
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.2	0.1
Construction	19.3	0.4
<b>Services</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>72.3</b>
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11.8	28.3
Transportation and storage	11.8	0.6
Accommodation and food service activities	3.3	5.9
Information and communication	1.1	0.8
Financial and insurance activities	1.1	1.5
Real estate activities	0.3	0.5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.5	0.7
Administrative and support service activities	4.9	4.2
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	5.1	7.3
Education	1.1	5.6
Human health and social work activities	0.8	1.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	0.9	0.8
Other service activities	3.0	14.6
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-

Source: Labor Force Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

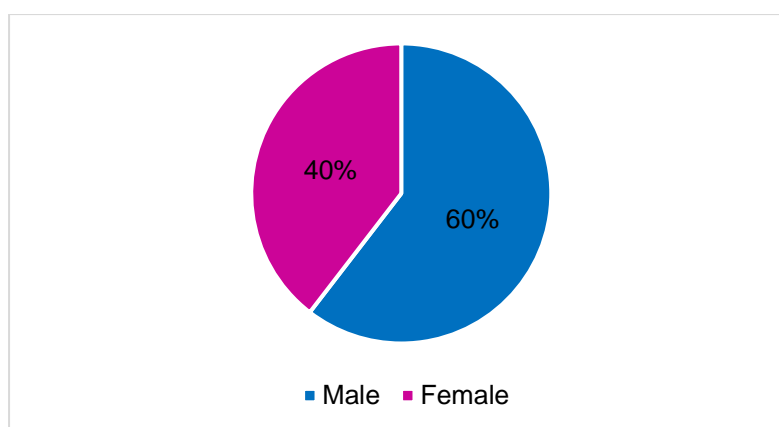
The largest proportion of employed women were engaged in Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles with 28.3 percent. On the other hand, most of the employed men were in Agriculture, Hunting, and Forestry with 19.7 percent. (Table 3)



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**Figure 2**

**Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Sex,  
Central Visayas: 2019**



Source: 2019 Survey on Overseas Filipinos, Philippine Statistics Authority

Notes: The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

In 2019, more men were working or had worked abroad during the past six months with 60 percent compared to women with 40 percent. (Figure 2)

***Simple and Functional Literacy for women in Central Visayas relatively higher, many were Academic Degree Holders compared to men***

**Table 4**

**Basic Literacy Rate of Population 5 years old and over by Sex,  
Central Visayas: 2019**

Sex	Population 5 years old and over (in thousands)	Basic literacy rate (in percent)
Both Sexes	7,072	93.4
Male	3,572	92.4
Female	3,500	94.5

Source: 2019 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

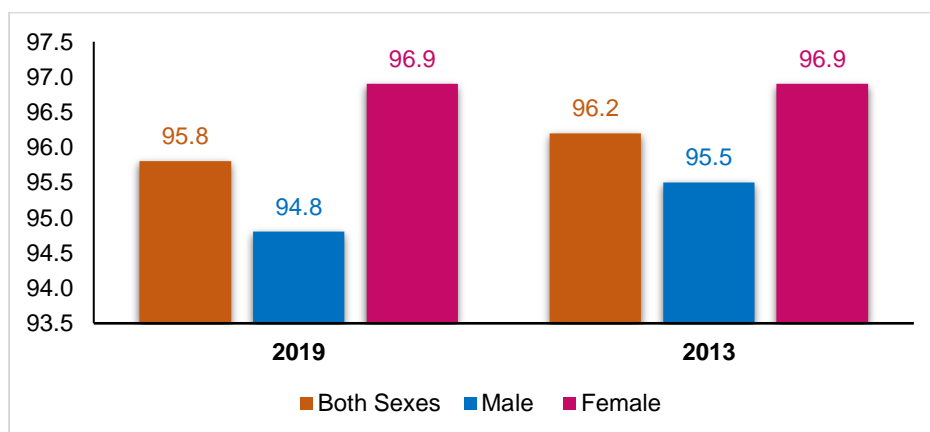
Ninety-three (93) of every 100 individuals in Central Visayas aged five (5) years old and over are basic literate in 2019. Females posted higher basic literacy of 94.5 percent compared to males with 92.4 percent. (Table 4)



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**Figure 3**

**Basic Literacy Rate of Population 10 years old and over by Sex, Central Visayas: 2013 and 2019**



Source: 2013 and 2019 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

For population 10 years old and over in Central Visayas, basic literacy rate for both sexes registered at 95.8 percent in 2019 which was lower than the 96.2 percent in 2013. In addition, basic literacy rate among women remained higher than among men in 2019 and 2013. (Figure 3)

**Table 5**

**Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 years old and over by Sex, Central Visayas: 2013 and 2019**

Sex	2019		2013	
	Population 10 to 64 years old (in thousands)	Functional literacy rate (in percent)	Population 10 to 64 years old (in thousands)	Functional literacy rate (in percent)
Both Sexes	5,779	89.1	5,252	87.3
Male	2,946	87.2	2,667	84.8
Female	2,833	91.0	2,585	89.8

Source: 2013 and 2019 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

Of the 5.8 million population 10 to 64 years old in the region, 5.2 million were considered functional literate at 89.1 percent in 2019. The functional literacy rate among females with 91.0 percent was higher than among males with 87.2 percent.

Generally, functional literacy rates among the population 10 to 64 years old across sexes were higher in 2019 than in 2013. Functional literacy rate in 2019 with 89.1 percent was higher compared with 87.3 percent in 2013.



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## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Basic Literacy

- is the ability of a person to read and write with understanding a simple message in any language or dialect.

### Basic Literacy Rate

- the percentage of population which can read and write a simple message in any language or dialect.

### Employed

- include all persons 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and during the basic survey reference period are reported as either: a) At work. Those who do any work even for one hour during the reference period for pay or profit, or work without pay on the farm or business enterprise operated by a member of the same household related by blood, marriage, or adoption; or b) With a job but not at work. Those who have a job or business but are not at work because of temporary illness/injury, vacation, or other reasons. Likewise, persons who expect to report for work or to start operation of a farm or business enterprise within two weeks from the date of the enumerator's visit, are considered employed.

### Employment Rate

- Percentage of the total number of employed persons to the total number of persons in the labor force.

### Employment – to – Population Ratio

- Ratio of employed persons to the total population 15 years old and over

### Functional Literacy

- is a significantly higher level of literacy which includes not only reading and writing but also numeracy skills. The skills must be sufficiently advanced to enable the individual to participate fully and efficiently in activities commonly occurring in his life situation that require a reasonable capability of communicating by written language. A functional literate person is one who can at least read, write, compute and/or comprehend. Also, persons who graduated from high school or completed higher level of education are classified as functionally literate.

### Labor Force, (Persons in the)

- the population 15 years old and over whether employed or unemployed who contribute to the production of goods and services in the country.

### Labor Force Participation Rate

- Percentage of the total number of persons in the labor force to the total population 15 years old and over.

### Occupation

- Type of work a person does to earn his living.

*Notes:*

- The following are the major occupation groups: officials of government and special-interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors and supervisors; professionals; technicians and associate professionals; clerks; service workers and shop and market sales workers; farmers, forestry workers and fishermen; trades and related workers; plant and machine operators and assemblers; laborers and unskilled workers; and special occupations. This term is used for disaggregating other labor and employment measures, e.g., total number of employed persons by major occupation groups.

### Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW)

- a Filipino worker who is to be engaged, is engaged, or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a country of which he/she is not a legal resident.

### Population

- total number of individuals in a territory at a specified time. It covers both nationals and aliens, native- and foreign-born persons, internees, refugees and any other group physically present within the borders of a country at a specified time. In assembling national demographic statistics for publication, the basic



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aim has been to obtain data for the physically present (or de facto) population rather than for the legally established resident (or de jure) inhabitants

### Population Projection

- computation of future changes in population numbers, given certain assumptions about future trends in the rates of fertility, mortality and migration. Demographers often publish high, medium, and low projections of the same population based on different assumptions of how these rates will change in the future

### Unemployed

- The unemployed include all persons who are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported as:
  - o without work, i.e., had no job or business during the basic survey reference period;
  - o and currently available for work, i.e., were available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self-employment during the basic survey reference period, and/or would be available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self-employment within two weeks after the interview date;
  - o and seeking work, i.e., had taken specific steps to look for a job or establish a business during the basic survey reference period;
  - o or not seeking work due to the following reasons:
    - o tired/believe no work available, i.e., the discouraged workers who looked for work within the last six months prior to the interview date;
    - o awaiting results of previous job application;
    - o temporary illness/disability; (d) bad weather; and (e) waiting for rehire/job recall.

### Unemployment Rate

- Percentage of the total number of unemployed persons to the total number of persons in the labor force.


### Work

- Any activity that a person does during the reference period, for pay in cash or in kind, in any establishment, office, farm, private home, or for profit or without pay on a family farm or enterprise. It also includes:
- what a farm operator or member of the operator's family does on the farm operated by another household on exchange labor arrangement; and
- any activity that a person does in relation to minor activities in home gardening, raising of crops, fruits, hogs, poultry, etc., fishing for home consumption and manufacturing for own use. However, there must be some harvest in the case of home gardening, raising of crops, fruits and nuts, and gathering of wild fruits and vegetables; animals disposed of (sold, consumed, bartered, or given away), or some catch in fishing in order that these activities will be considered work.

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