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## *From 1998-2002, there were more Ilocano women than men Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)*

Based from the results of the 1998-2002 Survey of Overseas Filipinos (SOF) of the National Statistics Office (NSO), there were more women than men in Region 1 who worked as OFWs. On the average, there were two women OFWs for every one man OFW. On the contrary, there were more men than women OFWs at the national level with an average of 110 men OFWs for every 100 women OFWs. The most number of overseas workers in Region 1 was recorded in 2001 with a sex ratio of 181 women for every 100 men OFWs, the lowest sex ratio from 1998-2002.

**Table 2 Profile of Overseas Filipino Workers Philippines and Region 1, October 2002**

Indicator	Philippines		Region 1	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
Age Bracket with Biggest Proportion of OFWs	25-29 years old	45 years old & over	25-29 years old	45 years old & over
Most Common Place of Work of OFWs	Hongkong	Saudi Arabia	Hongkong	Saudi Arabia
Most Common Occupation of OFWs	Laborers & Unskilled Workers	Trades & Related Workers	Laborers & Unskilled Workers	Trades & Related Workers
Average Cash Remittance of OFWs	PhP 53,520	PhP 92,061	PhP 32,955	PhP 44,311

Source: National Statistics Office

The biggest proportion of women OFWs in Region 1 worked abroad at a younger age (25-29 years old) compared to their male counterparts (45 years old and above). The favorite work destination for women OFWs was in Hongkong while most men were employed in Saudi Arabia. The most common overseas jobs for women was as laborers and unskilled workers while their men counterparts worked as trades and related workers. Women OFWs sent lower cash remittances than their male counterparts because they had lower paying jobs. The same trend was observed at the national level.

**Table 1 Number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) by Sex Region 1 and Philippines, October 1998-2002 (in Thousand)**

Area/Sex	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Philippines	904	1,044	978	1,029	1,056
Women	435	497	451	501	502
Men	469	547	527	528	554
Region 1	93	100	99	104	90
Women	63	72	64	67	62
Men	30	28	35	37	28

Source: National Statistics Office

In the local labor market, the results of the 1998-2002 Labor Force Survey (LFS) of the NSO showed a decreasing LFPR of women in Region 1. In addition, there were more men than women who were economically active. Meanwhile, the employment rate for women (all ages) continuously declined from 1998-2002 at an annual average of 0.6 percentage points. The low employment rate of women in the younger age group (20-34 years old) in the region may be accounted by the big proportion of the 25-29 years old age group in the overseas labor force.

**Table 3 Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Employment Rate (ER) of Women and Men 15 Years old and Over in Region 1, October 1998-2002**

Age Group/Sex	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	LFPR	ER	LFPR	ER	LFPR	ER	LFPR	ER	LFPR	ER
<b>Women</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>90.5</b>
15-19	22.1	79.6	22.7	85.1	17.4	81.1	26.7	78.0	25.1	65.5
20-24	45.0	83.8	48.6	62.7	44.4	70.4	54.0	75.9	50.7	75.0
25-34	50.6	92.4	60.5	93.5	54.7	89.9	55.7	89.8	51.6	92.2
35-44	65.8	97.3	63.6	96.6	59.6	97.8	62.2	95.1	58.0	96.3
45-54	70.3	97.7	69.4	99.3	59.8	98.2	66.7	94.8	58.2	98.2
55-64	53.0	95.7	50.0	96.7	56.7	97.4	54.7	98.7	52.0	100.0
65 & over	20.4	90.3	25.3	100.0	24.2	97.3	24.8	89.5	26.6	89.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>89.3</b>
15-19	51.6	83.8	46.9	87.8	43.6	81.9	43.6	87.2	41.1	78.9
20-24	84.8	85.9	85.2	81.4	78.1	84.2	82.5	86.5	80.3	80.7
25-34	96.2	91.2	95.0	92.4	97.7	88.7	96.1	89.8	98.1	89.9
35-44	98.7	95.5	99.6	93.6	97.9	94.8	98.0	94.2	98.8	95.1
45-54	94.6	94.3	94.7	92.0	95.7	94.9	95.5	94.2	97.3	91.7
55-64	93.4	94.7	90.3	94.6	90.2	94.6	89.1	93.9	85.6	94.1
65 & over	50.0	90.0	45.7	91.4	49.6	98.2	56.4	95.5	49.0	90.0

Source: National Statistics Office

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