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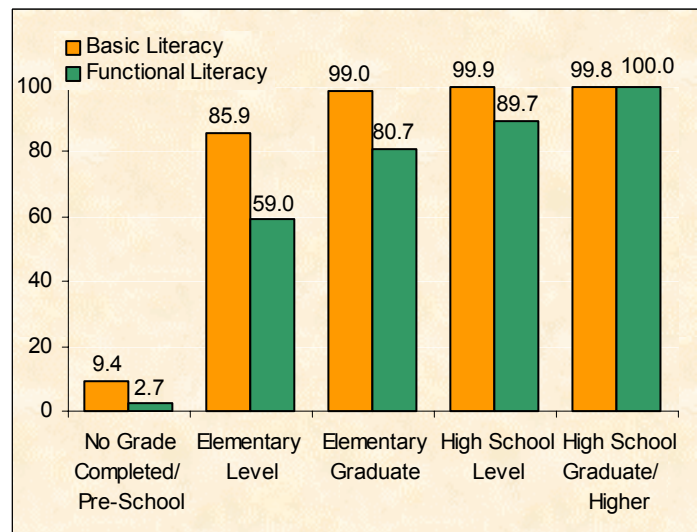
## 9 in 10 persons in Eastern Visayas are basically literate but only 8 in 10 are functionally literate?

Eastern Visayas posted a basic literacy rate of 90.1% and a functional literacy rate of 76.7% based on the 2003 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS). This implies that 9 in 10 persons aged 10-64 years old can read and write a simple message in any language or dialect, but only around 8 in 10 can read, write, compute and comprehend.

The region's literacy rates were below the national average of 93.4% for basic literacy and 84.1% for functional literacy. Eastern Visayas ranked 4th and 3rd from the bottom among the 17 regions, respectively. ARMM was consistently the lowest.

Women in the region registered higher literacy rates than men, posting 93.3% and 82.1% basic and functional literacy rates, respectively as against 87.0% and 71.7% for men.

**Basic and Functional Literacy Rates of Population 10-64 Years Old by Level of Education Region VIII: 2003**



As expected, literacy increased with increasing level of education. Literacy rates were highest among those who graduated high school or higher and lowest among those who attained lower level of education or had no formal education at all.

### BASIC AND FUNCTIONAL LITERACY RATES OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 TO 64 YEARS OLD BY SEX AND REGION, PHILIPPINES: 2003

Region	Basic Literacy Rate <sup>1</sup>			Functional Literacy Rate <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>86.3</b>
NCR National Capital Region	99.0	98.9	99.1	94.6	94.0	95.2
CAR Cordillera Administrative Region	91.6	92.0	91.1	85.4	83.9	87.0
I Ilocos Region	97.4	97.6	97.3	88.6	88.1	89.2
II Cagayan Valley	92.7	92.1	93.5	84.4	82.9	86.1
III Central Luzon	96.9	96.8	96.9	86.9	86.5	87.4
IV-A CALABARZON	97.2	96.8	97.5	90.4	88.8	92.0
IV-B MIMAROPA	91.2	91.4	91.0	82.3	80.2	84.4
V Bicol Region	95.0	93.8	96.3	80.1	76.6	83.8
VI Western Visayas	92.8	91.6	94.0	81.5	77.7	85.2
VII Central Visayas	92.4	91.5	93.2	81.7	79.8	83.6
<b>VIII Eastern Visayas</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>82.1</b>
IX Zamboanga Peninsula	88.9	86.8	90.9	74.8	69.8	79.8
X Northern Mindanao	91.8	90.1	93.5	83.7	80.5	86.9
XI Davao	90.3	88.0	92.7	77.8	73.7	82.2
XII SOCCSKSARGEN	87.3	85.9	88.8	77.1	74.5	79.7
XIII Cagara	92.1	89.5	94.6	81.0	77.3	84.6
ARMM Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	70.2	71.0	69.4	62.9	63.6	62.1

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of population 10-64 years old who can read and write a simple message in any language or dialect.

<sup>2</sup> Percentage of population 10-64 years old who can read, write, compute and/or comprehend.

Source: 2003 FLEMMS, National Statistics Office and Department of Education