

## Increase in EV's School Participation Rate seen in SY 2008-2009

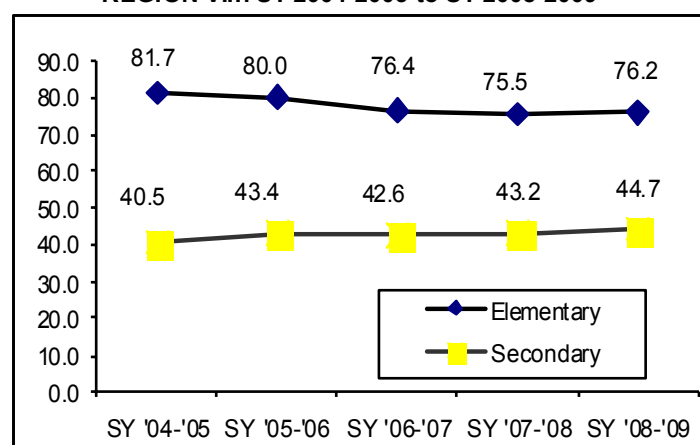
Latest data from the Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office VIII show an increase of 0.7 percentage point and 1.5 percentage points in participation rate or net enrolment ratio (NER)<sup>1</sup> in public elementary and secondary schools in the region, respectively for SY 2008-2009.

The slight increase in participation rate at the elementary level is notable considering that it is the first increase in the past five years. The NER has been decreasing from 81.7 percent in SY 2004-2005 to 75.5 percent in SY 2007-2008. Total enrolment figure has reached 683,402 in SY 2008-2009. The region, however, is still very far from reaching the MDG target of 100 percent NER or education for all in 2015.

Among the provinces, Northern Samar registered the highest increase in elementary level NER of 4.0 percentage points from SY 2007-2008 to SY 2008-2009 while Biliran recorded the biggest decline of 1.6 percentage points.

Participation rate in public secondary schools, which exhibited a fluctuating trend in the past five years, grew by 1.5 percentage points from SY 2007-2008 to SY 2008-2009. However, secondary level NER is lower than the elementary level NER. The SY 2008-2009 secondary level NER of 44.7 percent translates to only 273,326 enrollees.

**Figure 1. NET ENROLMENT RATIO IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY PROVINCE/CITY REGION VIII: SY 2004-2005 to SY 2008-2009**



Source: Department of Education, Region VIII

Among the provinces in the region, Samar posted the highest increase in secondary level NER of 1.9 percentage points while Biliran registered a 0.2 percentage point decline from SY 2007-2008 to SY 2008-2009.

Among the cities, Calbayog City consistently posted the highest increase in NER both in elementary and secondary levels at 1.3 and 4.1 percentage points for SY 2008-2009, respectively.

**Table 1. NET ENROLMENT RATIO IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BY PROVINCE/CITY, REGION VIII SY 2004-2005 to SY 2008-2009**

Province/City	SY 04-05	SY 05-06	SY 06-07	SY 07-08	SY 08-09
<b>Region VIII</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>76.2</b>
Biliran	82.3	79.3	77.8	74.9	73.3
Eastern Samar	97.2	88.4	87.6	87.7	86.2
Leyte	78.3	75.6	72.4	70.6	71.1
Northern Samar	86.6	85.7	83.1	83.4	87.4
Southern Leyte	77.8	74.6	72.3	71.8	70.8
Samar	81.8	78.2	77.8	77.8	78.7
Tacloban City	70.8	66.9	66.6	66.8	67.0
Ormoc City	81.3	78.2	75.8	73.9	74.6
Maasin City	66.9	64.2	64.1	64.1	65.0
Calbayog City	78.6	75.1	75.5	74.5	75.8

Source: Department of Education, Region VIII

**Table 2. NET ENROLMENT RATIO IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY PROVINCE/CITY, REGION VIII SY 2004-2005 to SY 2008-2009**

Province/City	SY 04-05	SY 05-06	SY 06-07	SY 07-08	SY 08-09
<b>Region VIII</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>44.7</b>
Biliran	44.5	52.4	51.9	52.4	52.2
Eastern Samar	51.6	52.3	53.0	54.0	55.6
Leyte	39.3	40.9	40.1	40.7	42.1
Northern Samar	40.3	43.6	42.1	42.9	44.2
Southern Leyte	40.4	41.6	39.6	38.5	39.2
Samar	33.7	39.7	38.9	41.3	43.2
Tacloban City	46.6	54.0	48.4	46.1	49.5
Ormoc City	48.3	49.5	50.5	50.1	51.8
Maasin City	32.8	33.8	33.3	33.8	32.3
Calbayog City	28.0	32.8	36.4	37.8	41.9

Source: Department of Education, Region VIII

<sup>1</sup> Net enrolment ratio or participation rate is the ratio of the enrolment for the age group corresponding to the official school age in the elementary/secondary level to the population of the same age group in a given year. The official school age is 6-11 for elementary and 12-15 for secondary.

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