

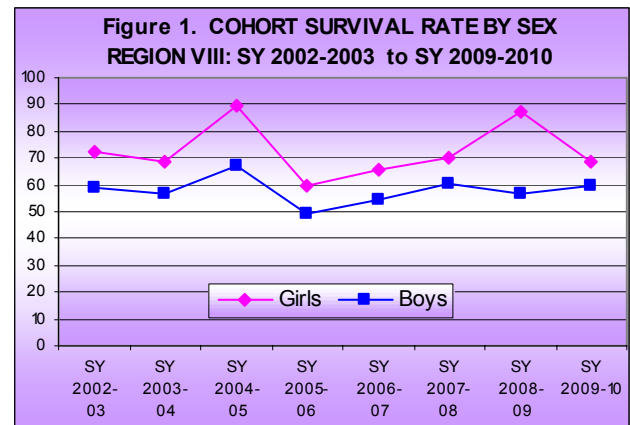


More girls reach final grade than boys in elementary

Latest data from the Department of Education shows that gender disparity exists among pupils in public elementary schools in Eastern Visayas. Cohort survival rate was higher for girls than boys from SY 2002-2003 to SY 2009-2010. Gender parity index (GPI) was placed at 1.15 in SY 2009-2010 implying that a bigger proportion of girls reach the final grade than boys.

All provinces and cities in the region showed similar trend with Leyte and Calbayog City posting the highest GPI of 1.20 and 1.19, respectively. Meanwhile, Southern Leyte and its capital city, Maasin, registered the lowest GPI of 1.07.

The region's GPI is way above the GPI range of 0.97 to 1.03 (prescribed by the UNESCO) of achieving Millennium



Source: Department of Education

Table 1. PACE OF PROGRESS AND GENDER PARITY INDEX FOR ELEMENTARY COHORT SURVIVAL RATE, BY PROVINCE/CITY REGION VIII : SY 2009-2010

Province/City	Baseline Data ¹	Current Data (SY 2009-10)			Current Target (SY 2009-10)	Pace of Progress ²	Gender Parity Index (SY 2009-10)
		Total	Girls	Boys			
Region VIII	57.2	63.6	68.5	59.4	89.7		1.15
Biliran	73.4	74.4	80.0	69.4	87.7		1.15
Eastern Samar	54.4	70.9	77.2	65.7	79.0		1.18
Leyte	68.2	62.8	69.2	57.5	85.3		1.20
Northern Samar	65.4	59.4	62.8	56.2	84.0		1.12
Southern Leyte	93.0	80.0	82.7	77.6	96.8		1.07
Samar	60.6	56.7	60.1	53.8	81.8		1.12
Tacloban City	65.3	65.7	71.6	60.6	84.0		1.18
Ormoc City	67.5	72.2	77.0	68.0	85.0		1.13
Maasin City	70.5 ^a	73.9	76.4	71.7	85.3		1.07
Calbayog City	40.9	50.2	54.8	46.0	72.7		1.19

¹ SY 1990-1991 data was used as baseline for the region while SY 2002-2003 data were used for the provinces/cities as Basic Education Information System (BEIS) started only in 2002.

^a SY 2003-2004 data was used as baseline.

² The pace of progress is computed as the ratio of the actual annual growth rate and required annual growth rate.



High: Pace of Progress is greater than 0.9



Medium: Pace of Progress between 0.5 and 0.9



Low: Pace of Progress is less than 0.5

Source: Department of Education

Development Goal (MDG) 3 Target, that of eliminating gender disparity at all levels of education by 2015. A GPI value higher than 1.0 indicates that girls have more access to education than boys.

Region 8 may not be able to achieve MDG 2 Target, that of ensuring by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling. In SY 2009-2010, the region's cohort survival rate was placed at 63.6 percent, lower by 26.1 percentage points from the region's current target of 89.7 percent. This resulted to a low pace of progress considering the 100% target by 2015.

Cohort Survival Rate - the percentage of enrollees at the beginning grade or year in a given school year who reached the final grade or year of the elementary/secondary level.

Gender Parity Index - ratio of girls to boys in primary education, which may be calculated by dividing the cohort survival rate for girls by the cohort survival rate for boys.

March is Women's Month (Theme: "Magna Carta of Women, Philippine Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW): In Support of the Millennium Development Goals)

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