



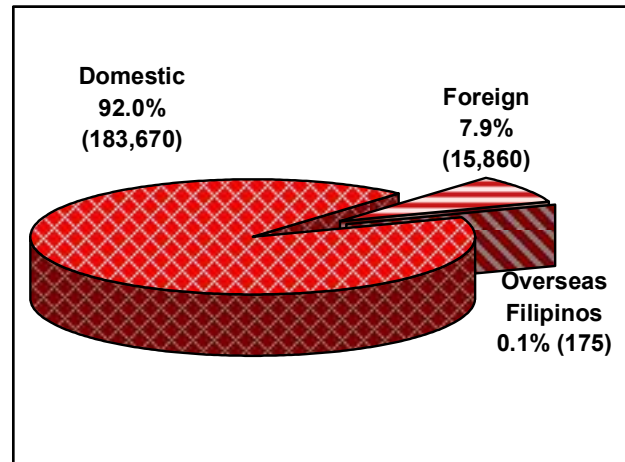
9 in 10 visitor arrivals in EV are domestic tourists

Total visitor arrivals to Eastern Visayas reached 199,705 in 2010. Domestic tourists, totaling 183,670, accounted for the bulk or 92.0% of total visitor arrivals at 9 in every 10 visitors. Competitive rates offered by various airlines and shipping lines contributed to the 14.3% significant increase in domestic tourism.

Foreign tourists was recorded at 15,860, comprising only 7.9% of the total visitor arrivals. Meanwhile, a total of 175 Overseas Filipinos visited the region.

Tourists coming from America topped the foreign visitors at 5,104, with the majority or 5,082 coming from North America, particularly the U.S.A. Europeans followed at 2,956, mostly coming from

Figure 1. VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE
EASTERN VISAYAS: 2010



Source: Department of Tourism, Region VIII

Table 1. FOREIGN TOURISTS BY SUBCONTINENT
OF RESIDENCE, EASTERN VISAYAS: 2010

Subcontinent	Tourist Arrivals
Total	15,860
Asia	2,026
ASEAN	283
East Asia	1,502
South Asia	142
Middle East	99
America	5,104
North America	5,082
South America	22
Europe	2,956
Western Europe	1,780
Northern Europe	931
Southern Europe	189
Eastern Europe	56
Oceania	994
Africa	12
Others and Unspecified Residences	4,768

Source: Department of Tourism, Region VIII

Western Europe at 1,780, with Germans topping the list at 824. Asians came third at 2,026, with the majority coming from East Asia at 1,502. Most East Asian visitors were Japanese, followed by Chinese, Koreans and Taiwanese.

Table 2. VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE AND PROVINCE
EASTERN VISAYAS: 2010

Province	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Overseas Filipinos
Region VIII	199,705	183,670	15,860	175
Biliran	2,048	1,656	270	122
Eastern Samar	21,859	21,432	427	-
Leyte	126,172	114,780	11,339	53
Northern Samar	2,917	2,861	56	-
Southern Leyte	41,510	38,732	2,778	-
Samar	5,199	4,209	990	-

Source: Department of Tourism, Region VIII

Among provinces in the region, Leyte recorded the highest number of visitors at 126,172 or 63.2% of the total number of tourists. Southern Leyte came next with 41,510 tourists or 20.8%.

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