

**Table 1. Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 to 64 Years Old, by Sex,  
by Region, Philippines 2003**

Region	Functional Literacy Rate		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female
(in percent)			
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>86.3</b>
National Capital Region	94.6	94.0	95.2
Cordillera Administrative Region	85.4	83.9	87.0
I - Ilocos	88.6	88.1	89.2
II - Cagayan Valley	84.4	82.9	86.1
III - Central Luzon	86.9	86.5	87.4
IVA - Calabarzon	90.4	88.8	92.0
IVB - Mimaropa	82.3	80.2	84.4
V - Bicol	80.1	76.6	83.8
VI - Western Visayas	81.5	77.7	85.2
VII - Central Visayas	81.7	79.8	83.6
<b>VIII - Eastern Visayas</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>82.1</b>
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	74.8	69.8	79.8
X - Northern Mindanao	83.7	80.5	86.9
XI - Davao	77.8	73.7	82.2
XII - Soccsksargen	77.1	74.5	79.7
XIII - Caraga	81.0	77.3	84.6
Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao	62.9	63.6	62.1

Source: National Statistics Office,  
2003 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey