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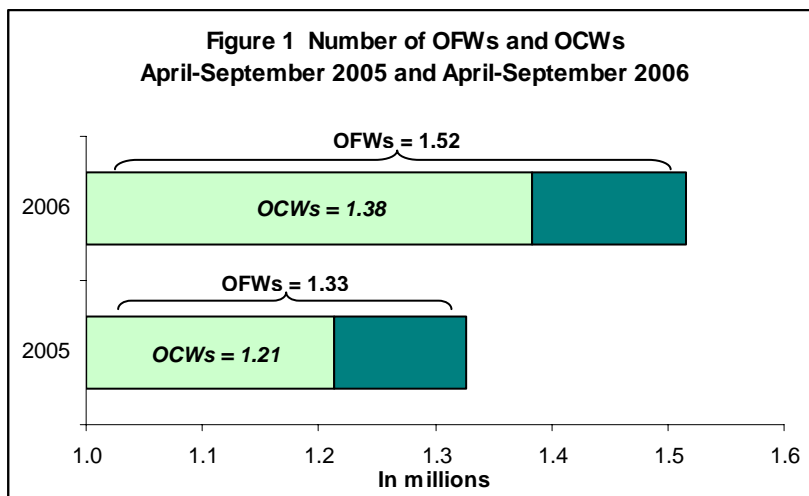
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## 2006 SURVEY ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

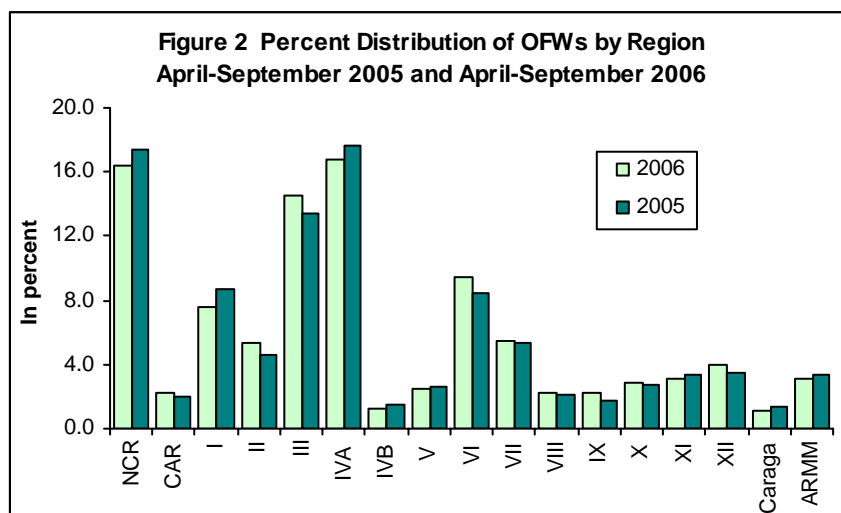
### Number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) increase by 14 percent

The number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who worked abroad at anytime during the period April to September 2006 reached 1.52 million. The 2006 estimate represents an increase of 14.3 percent over the 1.33 million OFWs estimated for the period April to September 2005. The Overseas Contract Workers (OCWs) or those with existing work contract abroad comprised 91.4 percent (1.38 million) of the total OFWs during the period April to September 2006. This number is 14 percent more than the 1.21 million OCWs for the same months in 2005.



Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

The OFWs from CALABARZON (16.8%), National Capital Region (NCR) (16.4%) and Central Luzon (14.5%) made up almost half of the total number of OFWs. On the other hand, Caraga and MIMAROPA reported the smallest share of OFWs at 1.1 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. The largest increase was observed in Zamboanga Peninsula with 36 percent. Caraga posted the largest decrease of 20 percent in the number of OFWs.



Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

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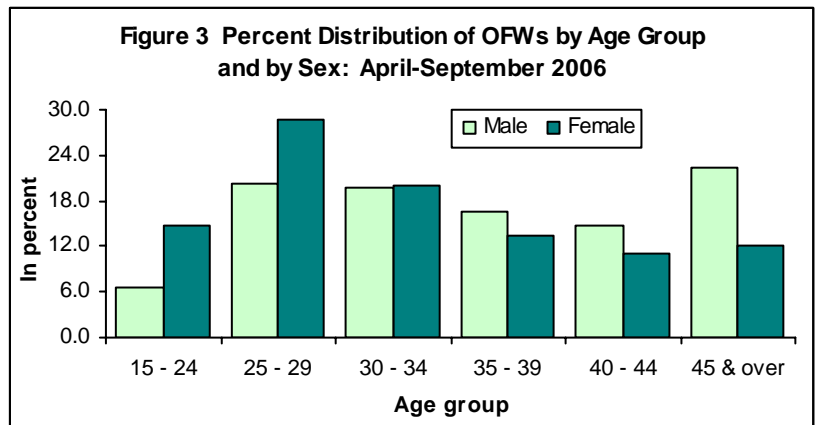
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## There were more female than male OFWs in April to September 2006

The number of female OFWs was recorded at 764 thousand, the males at 751 thousand. Compared to the figures for the period April to September 2005, the number of female OFWs for the same months of 2006 increased by 16.3 percent, while the males increased by 12.4 percent.

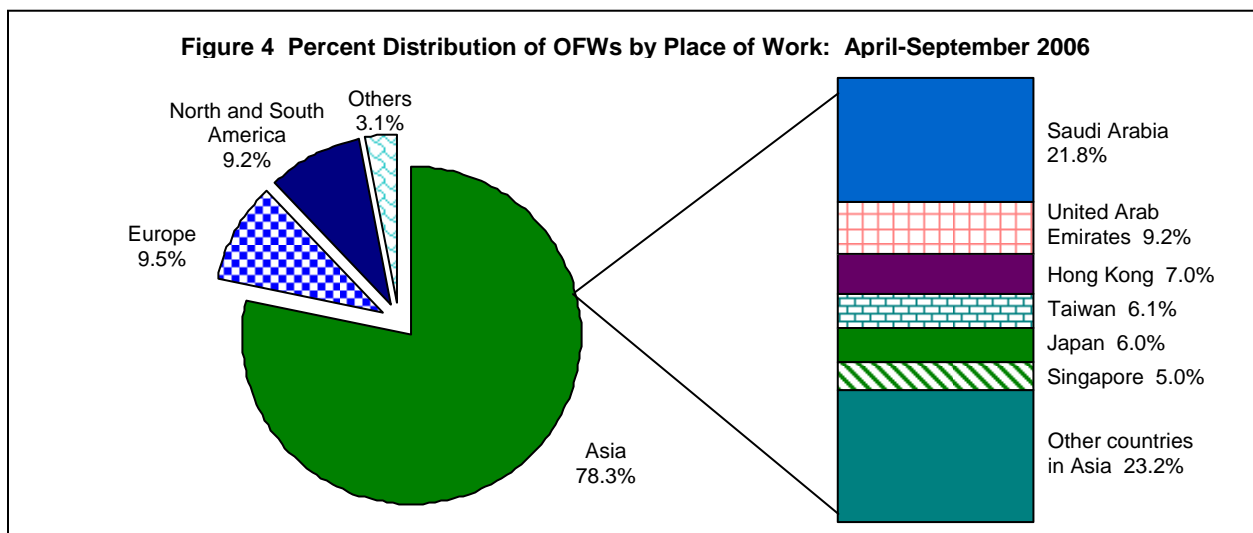
Female OFWs were generally younger compared to male OFWs. Of the total number of female OFWs, 28.8 percent belonged to the age group 25 to 29 years while 14.7 percent were in the age group 15 to 24 years. Meanwhile, male OFWs were somewhat evenly distributed among the age groups 25 to 29, 30 to 34 and 45 and over.



Source: National Statistics Office, 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

## Saudi Arabia remains to be the top destination of OFWs

One out of five (21.8%) OFWs worked in Saudi Arabia. About one in 10 worked in United Arab Emirates. Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and Singapore were also popular destinations of OFWs. OFWs who worked in Europe comprised 9.5 percent while those who worked in North and South America accounted for 9.2 percent.

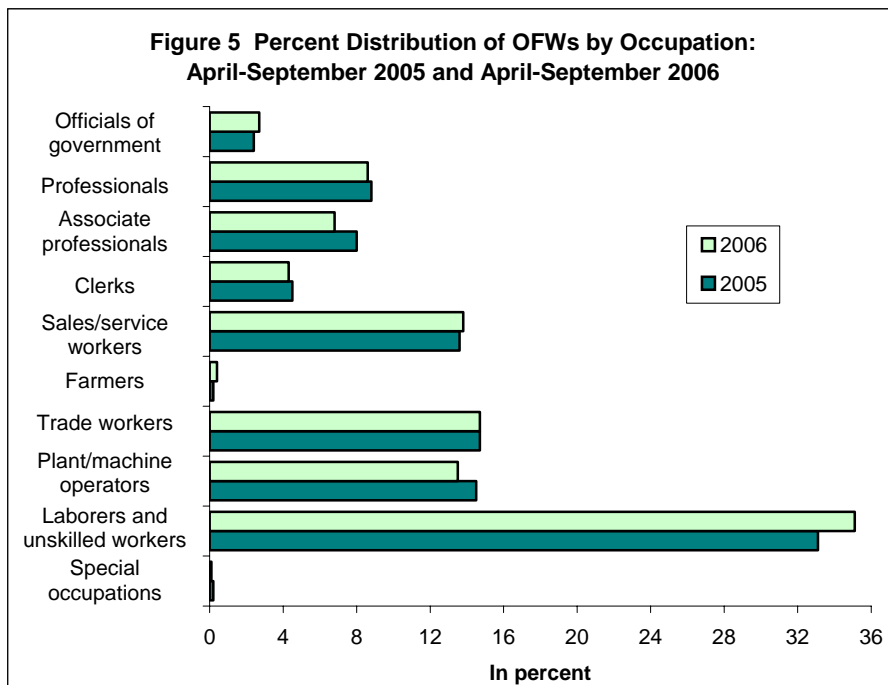


Source: National Statistics Office, 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

The percentage of female OFWs working in United Arab Emirates increased by 2.7 percentage points, from 7.8 percent in April to September 2005 to 10.5 percent for the same months of 2006. By contrast, a decrease of 3.8 percentage points was observed for female OFWs in Japan. Among male OFWs, those working in Qatar posted an increase of 2.4 percentage points.

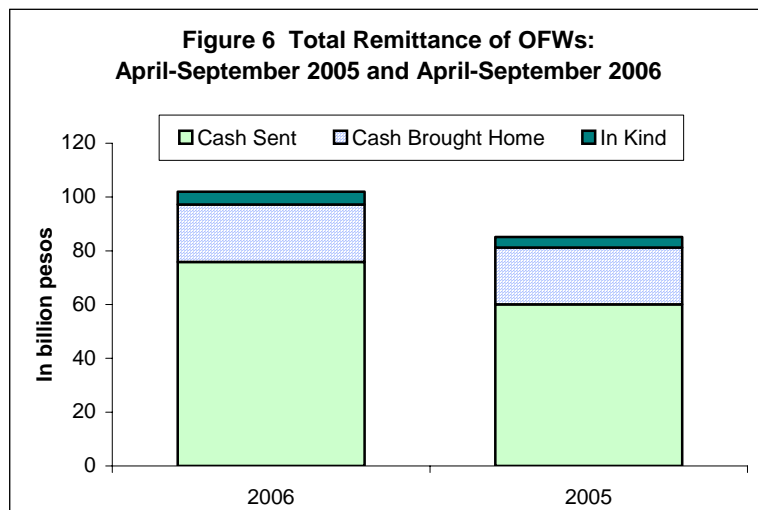
## One in three OFWs was a laborer or unskilled worker

OFWs who were laborers or unskilled workers, that is, domestic helpers, cleaners and manufacturing laborers, comprised 35.1 percent of the total OFWs during the period April to September 2006 compared to 33.1 percent in the period April to September 2005. During the same months in 2006, those who were trade workers or trade-related workers made up 14.7 percent, while those who were service workers and shop and market sales workers accounted for 13.8 percent.



Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

## Remittances sent in April to September 2006 reached 102 billion pesos



Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

The total remittances sent by OFWs during the period April to September 2006 was estimated at 102.0 billion pesos, an increase of 16.8 billion pesos from the estimate of 85.1 billion pesos in 2005. Included in the total remittances are cash sent (74.4%), cash brought home (21.0%) and remittances in kind (4.6%). Of the total cash remittance sent, 79.3 percent through banks, 13.2 percent through door-to-door and the rest (7.5%) through the agency or local office, friends or co-workers and other means. OFWs working in Asia, comprising 78.3 percent of all OFWs, sent the biggest cash remittance of 52.5 billion pesos. Among occupation groups, OFWs working as laborers or unskilled workers posted the highest cash remittance of 16.0 billion pesos.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

- The data presented in this press release were taken from the 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF). The SOF aims to derive national estimates on the number of Overseas Filipino Workers, their socio-economic characteristics and the amount and mode of remittances, in cash and in kind, received by their families.
- The OFWs covered in this report were those working abroad during the period April 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006. The workers who were at home on vacation from their jobs abroad who left earlier than April 1 of the reference year were also included in this report as long as they worked during the specified reference period.
- OFWs include overseas contract workers (OCWs) who were presently and temporarily out of the country during the reference period to fulfill an overseas contract for a specific length of time or who were presently at home on vacation during the reference period but still had an existing contract to work abroad and other Filipino workers abroad with valid working visa or work permits. Those who had no working visa or work permits (tourist, visitor, student, medical, and other types of non-immigrant visas) but were presently employed and working full time in other countries were also included.
- The SOF did not ask for the total salary received by the OFWs. Hence, the remittances presented in the results may just be a part of the total salary received by the OFWs.
- Starting July 2003 round of the Labor Force Survey (LFS), the 2003 Master Sample (MS) Design has been adopted. Using this new master sample design, the number of samples increased from 41,000 to around 51,000 sample households. The SOF, being a rider of the LFS, has also adopted the new master sample design starting October 2003. Careful evaluation must be made in comparing the results of the 2006 SOF with other SOF results prior to the implementation of the new MS design.
- Starting with the SOF 2006 round, the population projections estimated based on the 2000 Census of Population (CPH) was adopted to generate data presented in this report. Likewise, the data from the SOF 2005 were also generated using the population projection of the 2000 CPH for comparability with the 2006 results. This is in compliance with NSCB Resolution No. 1 series of 2005 entitled "*Adoption of the Methodology Used in Generating the 2000 Census of Population and Housing-Based National Population Projections*".

**TABLE 1 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Sex and by Region: 2005 and 2006**

Region	2006			2005		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>660</b>
Number (In thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
National Capital Region	16.4	19.8	13.0	18.4	22.8	13.9
Cordillera Administrative Region	2.2	1.3	3.1	2.1	1.3	2.9
I - Ilocos Region	7.6	5.5	9.7	8.5	5.7	11.4
II - Cagayan Valley	5.3	2.6	7.9	4.7	2.4	7.1
III - Central Luzon	14.5	18.5	10.6	12.8	15.7	9.8
IVA - CALABARZON	16.8	19.5	14.1	17.1	19.6	14.4
IVB - MIMAROPA	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
V - Bicol Region	2.5	2.2	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.6
VI - Western Visayas	9.5	8.5	10.5	8.7	7.9	9.4
VII - Central Visayas	5.5	7.1	3.8	5.2	5.7	4.7
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.7
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2.2	1.6	2.8	1.9	1.5	2.1
X - Northern Mindanao	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.4	3.2
XI - Davao Region	3.1	2.1	4.0	3.5	2.1	4.7
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	4.0	1.8	6.1	37.0	2.1	5.3
XIII - Caraga	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.8
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.1	2.5	3.6	3.0	2.4	3.6

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 2 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Type and by Region: 2005 and 2006**

Region	2006			2005		
	Total OFWs	OCWs	Other OFWs	Total OFWs	OCWs	Other OFWs
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>112</b>
Number (In thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
National Capital Region	16.4	16.6	13.4	17.4	17.1	21.6
Cordillera Administrative Region	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.1	1.0
I - Ilocos Region	7.6	8.2	1.3	8.7	9.3	2.3
II - Cagayan Valley	5.3	5.6	1.7	4.6	4.9	2.0
III - Central Luzon	14.5	14.9	10.8	13.4	13.6	10.8
IVA - CALABARZON	16.8	15.8	26.7	17.6	17.6	17.9
IVB - MIMAROPA	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.4
V - Bicol Region	2.5	2.6	1.8	2.6	2.7	0.9
VI - Western Visayas	9.5	10.0	4.5	8.5	8.7	6.1
VII - Central Visayas	5.5	5.4	6.0	5.3	5.6	2.4
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2.2	2.3	1.1	2.1	2.0	2.8
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	2.2	2.1	3.2	1.8	1.7	2.3
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The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 3 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Age Group and by Sex: 2005 and 2006**

Age Group	2006			2005		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>657</b>
Number (In thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
15 - 24	10.7	6.6	14.7	11.8	7.6	16.1
25 - 29	24.6	20.3	28.8	23.2	18.3	28.1
30 - 34	19.8	19.7	20.0	19.1	19.0	19.2
35 - 39	15.0	16.5	13.5	15.8	16.6	15.0
40 - 44	12.8	14.7	11.0	13.1	16.5	9.7
45 and over	17.1	22.3	12.0	17.0	22.1	11.8

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The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 4 Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Place of Work and by Sex: 2005 and 2006**

Place of Work	2006			2005		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>Philippines</b> Number (In thousands)	<b>1,515</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>657</b>
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Africa	1.7	3.0	0.3	1.7	3.0	0.3
Asia	78.3	71.6	84.9	76.7	69.7	83.7
East Asia	22.6	17.8	27.3	26.0	19.2	32.9
Hong Kong	7.0	1.1	12.9	8.0	1.5	14.6
Japan	6.0	6.8	5.2	8.5	8.0	9.0
Taiwan	6.1	4.5	7.6	6.5	5.3	7.8
Other Countries in East Asia (China, South Korea, etc.)	3.5	5.4	1.7	3.0	4.4	1.5
Southeast and South Central Asia	9.9	7.6	12.1	10.0	7.9	12.0
Malaysia	2.8	3.4	2.2	2.6	3.2	2.0
Singapore	5.0	2.5	7.4	5.4	3.1	7.6
Other Countries in Southeast and South Central Asia (Brunei, etc.)	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.0	1.7	2.4
Western Asia	45.8	46.2	45.5	40.7	42.6	38.8
Kuwait	4.8	1.9	7.7	4.1	1.6	6.7
Qatar	3.7	5.5	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.1
Saudi Arabia	21.8	27.9	15.8	21.4	27.8	14.8
United Arab Emirates	9.2	7.9	10.5	7.8	7.7	7.8
Other Countries in Western Asia (Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, etc.)	6.3	3.1	9.5	4.8	2.3	7.4
Australia	1.2	1.7	0.6	1.9	2.6	1.1
Europe	9.5	12.7	6.4	9.6	12.6	6.7
North and South America	9.2	10.6	7.7	9.7	11.2	8.2
Other countries	-	-	-	0.1	0.2	-
Country not reported	0.2	0.4	-	0.3	0.7	-

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 5 Number and Percent Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Occupation and by Sex: 2005 and 2006**

Major Occupation Group	2006			2005		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>657</b>
Number (In thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Officials of government and special-interest organizations corporate executive, managers, managing proprietors and supervisors	2.7	4.8	0.7	2.4	3.9	0.8
Professionals	8.6	8.1	9.0	8.8	8.0	9.6
Technicians and associate professionals	6.8	8.4	5.2	8.0	7.1	9.0
Clerks	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.5	3.9	5.1
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	13.8	10.8	16.8	13.6	11.6	15.6
Farmers, forestry workers and fishermen	0.4	0.8	-	0.2	0.4	-
Trades and related workers	14.7	27.4	2.2	14.7	26.8	2.4
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	13.5	25.0	2.2	14.5	26.6	2.2
Laborers and unskilled workers	35.1	10.8	59.0	33.1	11.5	55.2
Special occupations	0.1	0.1	-	0.2	0.2	0.1

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 6 Total and Average Remittance In Cash and In Kind of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers: 2005 and 2006**

Sex Total and Average Remittance	Total	Cash Sent	Cash Brought Home	In Kind
<b>2006</b>				
<b>Philippines</b>				
Both Sexes				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	101,964	75,861	21,373	4,731
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	78	61	80	17
Male				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	66,063	50,212	13,223	2,628
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	99	78	86	18
Female				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	35,901	25,649	8,149	2,102
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	57	43	71	16
<b>2005</b>				
<b>Philippines</b>				
Both Sexes				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	85,148	60,034	21,224	3,890
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	77	57	92	16
Male				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	54,828	38,969	13,817	2,042
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	95	71	104	16
Female				
Total remittance (In million pesos)	30,320	21,065	7,407	1,848
Average remittance (In thousand pesos)	57	42	74	16

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 7 Total and Average Cash Remittance of Overseas Filipino Workers  
by Mode of Remittance: 2005 and 2006**

Total and Average Cash Remittance	Total	Banks	Agency/ Local Office	Friends/ Co- workers	Door to Door	Others
<b>2006</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>						
Total cash remittance (In million pesos)	75,861	60,149	1,786	614	10,051	3,261
Average cash remittance (In thousand pesos)	61	66	67	21	47	50
<b>2005</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>						
Total cash remittance (In million pesos)	60,034	45,444	1,777	544	11,562	707
Average cash remittance (In thousand pesos)	57	61	68	22	50	38

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 8 Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female  
Overseas Filipino Workers by Place of Work: 2005 and 2006**

Place of Work	Total Cash Remittance (In million pesos)			Average Cash Remittance (In thousand pesos)		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>2006</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>						
	<b>75,861</b>	<b>50,212</b>	<b>25,649</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>43</b>
Africa	2,708	2,619	89	130	140	42
Asia	52,531	32,670	19,861	54	71	39
Australia	840	638	202	60	57	70
Europe	9,588	7,200	2,388	83	88	70
North and South America	10,075	6,966	3,109	85	98	66
Other countries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country not reported	118	118	-	50	50	-
<b>2005</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>						
	<b>60,034</b>	<b>38,969</b>	<b>21,065</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>
Africa	1,389	1,357	32	87	92	27
Asia	39,902	24,204	15,699	49	63	37
Australia	1,803	1,356	447	71	66	88
Europe	8,705	6,271	2,434	86	94	72
North and South America	7,726	5,272	2,454	83	90	72
Other countries	97	97	-	87	87	-
Country not reported	411	411	-	102	102	-

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

The estimates cover overseas Filipinos whose departure occurred within the last five years and who are working or had worked abroad during the past six months (April to September) of the survey period.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2005 and 2006 Survey on Overseas Filipinos

**TABLE 9 Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers by Major Occupation: 2005 and 2006**

Major Occupation Group	Total Cash Remittance (In millions pesos)			Average Cash Remittance (In thousand pesos)		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>2006</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>75,861</b>	<b>50,212</b>	<b>25,649</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>43</b>
Officials of government and special-interest organizations, corporate executive, managers managing proprietors and supervisors	4,117	3,833	284	120	126	73
Professionals	9,119	5,425	3,694	91	112	71
Technicians and associate professionals	7,668	5,899	1,769	91	109	59
Clerks	3,393	1,945	1,448	65	88	48
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	8,666	4,174	4,492	50	60	43
Farmers, forestry workers and fishermen	221	221	-	57	57	-
Trades and related workers	13,666	13,103	563	70	71	52
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	12,951	12,226	725	73	75	53
Laborers and unskilled workers	15,995	3,321	12,674	38	49	36
Special occupations	64	64	-	66	66	-
<b>2005</b>						
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>60,034</b>	<b>38,969</b>	<b>21,065</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>
Officials of government and special-interest organizations, corporate executive, managers managing proprietors and supervisors	2,366	2,140	226	92	98	61
Professionals	8,025	4,855	3,170	87	112	65
Technicians and associate professionals	5,877	3,881	1,997	73	95	50
Clerks	2,713	1,264	1,450	60	59	61
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	7,166	3,799	3,367	54	64	46
Farmers, forestry workers and fishermen	168	168	-	83	83	-
Trades and related workers	10,443	9,873	570	63	65	41
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	10,974	10,435	539	71	72	51
Laborers and unskilled workers	12,210	2,472	9,738	35	39	34
Special occupations	90	82	8	62	83	18

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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