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**12.4% of Households in SOCCSKSARGEN Region Had Overseas Filipinos**

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Results from the 2018 National Migration Survey (NMS) revealed that about 12.4 percent of the households in SOCCSKSARGEN Region had Overseas Filipinos (OFs) in 2018. Nationwide, the proportion of households in urban areas with OFs were slightly higher than those located in rural areas at 9.0 percent versus 8.3 percent.

**Table 1. Percent Distribution of Households with Overseas Filipinos (OF), Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), and Emigrants, by Region: 2018**

Background characteristic	with OF	Percent					with IDPs	Number of households
		with OFW in last 12 months	with OFW prior to last 12 months	with OFW (current AND before)	with OFW (current OR before)	with emigrants in the last 5 years		
<b>Place of residence</b>								
Urban	9.0	6.4	7.9	1.0	13.3	1.5	0.4	15,974
Rural	8.3	6.4	5.9	0.7	11.6	1.4	0.5	18,961
<b>Region</b>								
National Capital Region	9.2	7.2	11.5	1.4	17.3	1.2	0.3	4,565
Cordillera Administrative Region	11.0	9.0	8.3	1.2	16.0	2.9	0.7	627
I - Ilocos Region	11.8	8.9	10.5	1.4	18.0	2.4	0.2	1,736
II - Cagayan Valley	16.1	13.3	10.0	1.5	21.9	1.5	0.2	1,216
III - Central Luzon	8.8	5.8	1.7	0.3	7.2	0.8	0.2	3,779
IVA - CALABARZON	7.6	4.8	9.1	0.7	13.3	3.5	0.2	5,098
MIMAROPA Region	5.9	3.8	2.8	0.1	6.6	0.9	1.0	1,095
V - Bicol	4.6	4.9	4.1	0.5	8.5	0.3	1.0	1,909
VI - Western Visayas	13.2	8.5	6.7	1.0	14.2	0.9	0.2	2,618
VII - Central Visayas	6.0	7.0	4.0	0.8	10.2	1.0	0.7	2,606
VIII - Eastern Visayas	6.3	4.8	4.4	0.9	8.3	0.3	0.3	1,528
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	7.1	5.4	5.4	0.9	9.9	0.3	0.5	1,263
X - Northern Mindanao	6.5	6.0	5.1	0.6	10.5	0.4	0.1	1,573
XI - Davao	7.3	5.7	6.2	0.8	11.0	0.3	0.3	1,837
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	12.4	5.4	4.3	0.3	9.4	2.2	2.0	1,625
XIII - Caraga	5.9	2.7	2.8	0.1	5.4	2.0	0.6	920
ARMM	6.9	7.9	18.3	2.5	23.8	1.6	0.5	940

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2018 National Migration Survey

By region, Cagayan Valley had the highest proportion of households with OFs at 16.1 percent. Western Visayas was next at 13.2 percent. SOCCSKSARGEN ranked third at 12.4 percent. Bicol Region, at 4.6 percent, had the lowest proportion of households with OFs.





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Cagayan Valley had the highest proportion of households with OFWs in the last 12 months of the survey and the only region with a double digit percentage of 13.3 percent. SOCCSKSARGEN Region only had 5.4 percent. Caraga had the lowest proportion at 2.7 percent.

At 18.3 percent, ARMM had the highest proportion of households with at least one OFW member prior to the last 12 months of the survey. It was followed by the NCR (11.5 %), Ilocos Region (10.5%) and Cagayan Valley (10.0%). SOCCSKSARGEN Region had 4.3 percent.

ARMM, at 2.5 percent of its households, had a household member who was an OFW before and was an OFW at the time of the survey reference period. SOCCSKSARGEN only had 0.3 percent of such households.

ARMM, at 23.8 percent of its households, had a household member who was an OFW before or was an OFW during the survey reference period. Cagayan Valley, at 21.9 percent, was next followed by Ilocos Region (18.0 percent).

CALABARZON had 3.5 percent of its households with emigrants in the last five years prior to the survey. It was followed by CAR (2.9%) and Ilocos Region (2.4%). SOCCSKSARGEN Region had 2.2 percent.

SOCCKSARGEN had 2.0 percent of its households with members who were classified as internally displaced persons (IDPs), the highest among all regions in the country. Bicol Region and MIMAROPA both have 1.0 percent each.

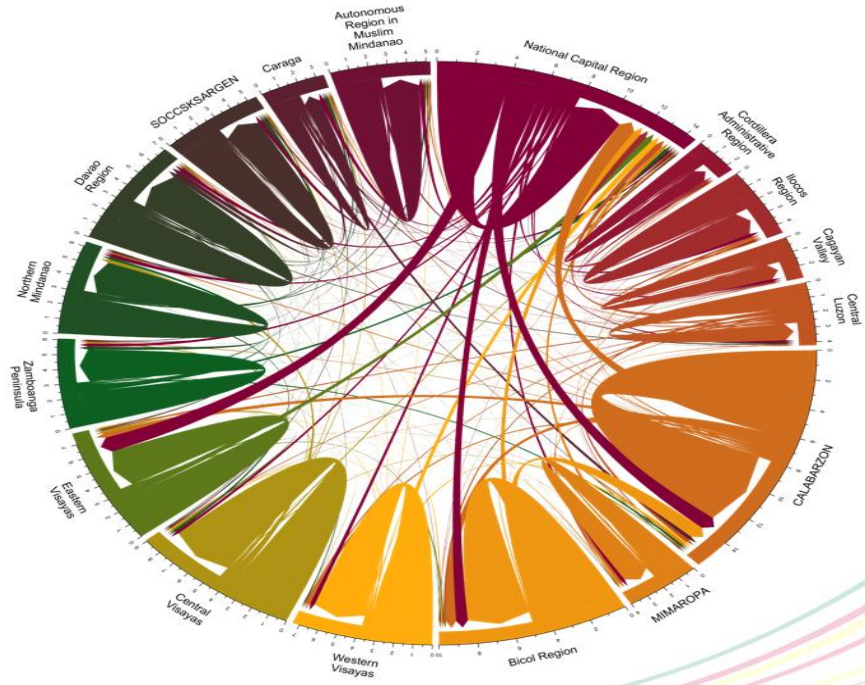
Figure 1 shows that the top 5 out-migration regions in the past five years prior to the conduct of the survey (moving out from region of residence 5 years ago (January 2013) to current region's residence) were NCR, CALABARZON, Central Luzon, Bicol and Western Visayas.

The top 5 in-migration region (moving in to current region's residence from region of residence 5 years ago (January 2013)) include NCR, CALABARZON, Eastern Visayas, Bicol and Davao Regions. The top 5 inter-regional migration streams include:

- (1) NCR to Easter Visayas;
- (2) CALABARZON to NCR;
- (3) NCR to CALABARZON;
- (4) Bicol to CALABARZON; and
- (5) NCR to Bicol Region.

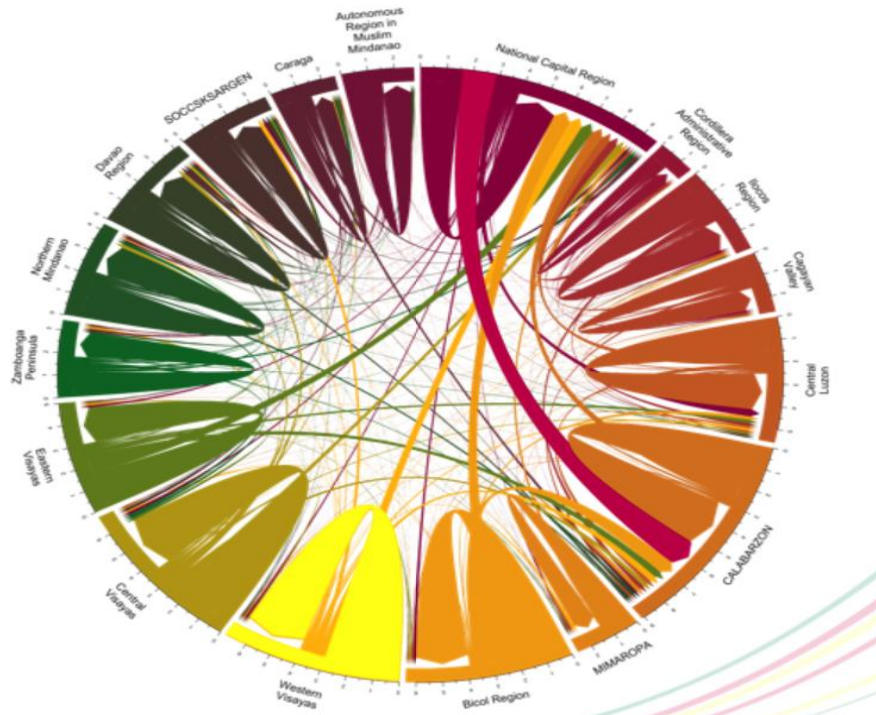


**Figure 1. Distribution of Intra-Regional and Inter-Regional Migrants Age 15 and Over For the Past 5 Years By Region: 2018**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2018 National Migration Survey

**Figure 2. Distribution of Lifetime Intra-Regional and Inter-Regional Migrants Age 15 and Over For the Past 5 Years By Region: 2018**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2018 National Migration Survey



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From Figure 2, lifetime migration or the change from region of residence at birth to current residence revealed that the largest intra (within) regional migration flows involving lifetime migrants occurred in Western Visayas, Central Visayas, CALABARZON and Bicol

The five largest inter (outside) regional lifetime migration streams were from:

- 1) NCR to CALABARZON;
- 2) Bicol to CALABARZON;
- 3) Bicol to NCR;
- 4) Western Visayas to NCR; and
- 5) Eastern Visayas to NCR.

Internal migrants moved the first time for employment reasons (46%) followed by housing-related reasons (14%) and school-related reasons (13%). For their last internal move in the past 5 years, employment (23%) and housing-related (16%) were the leading reasons followed by “to live with spouse” (10%).

### **Definition of Terms:**

**Overseas Filipino (OF)** - A Filipino who is outside of the Philippines at the time of interviewer’s visit. In the survey, this is measured based on the question “Is (NAME OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) currently outside the Philippines?”

**Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW)** - A Filipino who is engaged in or has been engaged (in the past 12 months) in a remunerated activity in a state of which he/she is not a legal resident, or on board a vessel navigating the foreign seas other than a government ship used for military or non-commercial purposes or on an installation located offshore or the high seas.

**Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** –persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border.

**Emigrants** - A former household members now living abroad. All household respondents were asked if there were members who used to live in the household in the past 5 years but are now living permanently abroad.

**Household** - A person or group of related or unrelated persons who live together in the same housing unit(s), who acknowledge one adult male or female as the head of the





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household, who share the same housekeeping arrangements, and who are considered a single unit.

**Migration** - A form of geographic or spatial mobility of people involving a change of usual residence between clearly defined geographic or political units during a specified period of observation for reasons that may be economic, social, political and/or cultural in nature.

**Internal Migration** - A form of geographic or spatial mobility of people involving a change of usual residence within a country (region, province, city/municipality) during a specified period of observation for economic, social, political and/or cultural reasons.

**International Migration** - A physical movement of people involving a change of usual residence from one state or territory to another during a specified period of observation for economic, social, political and/or cultural reasons.

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