# Financial Inclusion in the Philippines

Dashboard | As of Fourth Quarter 2023

### Access

### **Banks and Electronic Money Issuers (EMIs)**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Universal & Commercial Banks	45	45	0.0%
Thrift Banks	43	42	-2.3%
Rural & Cooperative Banks	403	389	-3.5%
Digital Banks	6	6	0.0%
EMIS	69 <sup>r/</sup>	73	5.8%

### **Electronic Banking**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of banks with e-banking <sup>[1]</sup>	82 <sup>r/</sup>	83	1.2%

#### **Service Points of Banks and EMIs**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Banking offices (head office, branches, and other offices) <sup>[2]</sup>	13,215	13,307	0.7%
ATMs [2]	23,419	23,349	-0.3%
On-site ATMs	12,827	12,774	-0.4%
Off-site ATMs	10,592	10,575	-0.2%
	2022	2023 <sup>p/</sup>	Growth
Cash and e-money agents [3]	62,699	95,053	<b>51.6%</b>

# Insurance Providers [4]

	2023		
	Insurers Microinsurance Provi		
Mutual Benefit Associations	43	27	
Life Insurance Companies	24	12	
Non-Life Insurance Companies	25	13	
Total	92	52	

### Other Financial Service Providers (FSPs) (head office and branches)

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
NSSLAs	194	192	-1.0%
Pawnshops	15,998	16,070	0.5%
Money Service Businesses (MSBs)	7,256 <sup>r/</sup>	7,358	1.4%
Other NBFIs [5]	218	207	-5.0%
	2022	2023	Growth
Credit Cooperatives [6]	2,783	2,879	3.4%
Financing and Lending Companies [7]	4,115	4,652	<b>13.0</b> %
Microfinance NGOs [8]	4,263	4,404	3.3%

# **Total Financial Service Access Points** [9]

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Total number of access points	222,301 <sup>r/</sup>	222,565	<b>0.1%</b>
Number of access points per 10,000 adults	28.33	27.91	-1.5%

#### **Overall Access Situation**

	2022 Q4		2023 Q4	
	Number of cities and municipalities	% to Total	Number of cities and municipalities	% to Total
1. With banking presence [10] [11]	1,380	84.5%	1,380	84.5%
2. Without banking presence	254	15.5%	254	15.5%
2.1 Without banking presence but with other access points	189	11.6%	192	11.8%
2.2 Without any access point	65	4.0%	62	3.8%
With at least one access point (1 + 2.1) [12]	1,569	96.0%	1,572	96.2%

# Usage

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of deposit acounts (in millions)	101.6	121.6	<b>19.7%</b>
Number of depositors (in millions)	102.2	112.3	9.8%
Amount of deposits (in trillion pesos)	17.8	19.0	7.1%
Amount of loans (in trillion pesos)	11.5	12.4	7.8%

### Microfinance in the Banking System

_		2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
	Banks	137 <sup>r/</sup>	135	-1.5%
Microfinance	Borrowers	1,937,431	1,995,276	3.0%
	Amount (in million pesos)	28,200	31,990	<b>13.4%</b>
	Banks	124 <sup>r/</sup>	119	-4.0%
Microenterprise Loans	Borrowers	1,699,708	1,723,340	1.4%
	Amount (in million pesos)	24,34,0	27,224	11.9%
	Banks	37 <sup>r/</sup>	36	<b>-2.7</b> %
Microfinance Plus	Borrowers	10,971	13,225	<b>20.5%</b>
	Amount (in million pesos)	865,	975	<b>12.8%</b>
	Banks	17 <sup>r/</sup>	18	5.9%
Micro-Agri Loans	Borrowers	74,956	87,488	<b>16.7%</b>
	Amount (in million pesos)	1,191,	1,738	<b>45.9%</b>
	Banks	12 <sup>"</sup>	12	0.0%
Micro-Housing Loans	Borrowers	76,350	91,319	<b>19.6%</b>
	Amount (in million pesos)	1,466	1,607	9.6%

### **Microfinance Outside the Banking System**

	2021	2022	Growth
Cooperatives [6]			
Number of member-depositors	9.7	9.9	2.1%
Deposit liabilities (in billion pesos)	173.8	250.0	43.8%
Outstanding loans (in billion pesos)	284.4	366.6	28.9%
	2022	2023	Growth
Microfinance NGOs [8]			
Number of clients (in millions)	6.6	6.8	2.8%
Outstanding loans (in billion pesos)	68.3	80.4	<b>17.8%</b>

#### **Credit Information System**

	2022	2023	Growth
Number of submitting entities with actual basic credit data	765	810	5.9%
Number of unique individuals with financial credit data [in millions]	38.9	46.6	19.9%
Total contracts [in millions]	132.6	170.6	28.7%

### **Financing and Lending Companies**

	2022	2023	Growth
Number of borrowers (in millions)	17.3	24.8	<b>42.9%</b>
Outstanding loans (in billion pesos)	72.0	89.3	<b>24.0%</b>

# Insurance/Microinsurance [4]

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Change
Insurance Penetration (premium volume as a share of GDP)	1.73%	1.60%	-0.13
		2022	
Number of Persons with Coverage (in millions)	Insurers	Microinsurance	% Share of
Mutual Benefit Associations	29.9	Providers 29.0	Microinsurance 97.1%
Life Insurance Companies	46.6	16.5	35.3%
Non-Life Insurance Companies	42.4	12.3	28.9%
Total	118.9	57.8	48.6%
Amount of Premiums (in million pesos)			
Mutual Benefit Associations	14,447	6,753	46.7%
Life Insurance Companies	309,854	3,201	1.0%
Non-Life Insurance Companies	56,541	1,580	2.8%
Total	380,842	11,534	3.0%

# Investment [13]

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of Personal Equity & Retirement Account (PERA) Administrators	3	3	0.0%
Number of BSFIs offering PERA UITFs	6	6	0.0%
Number of approved PERA products/UITFs	17	18	5.9%
Number of PERA contributors	5,100	5,555	8.9%
Total PERA contributions (in million pesos)	329.5	396.3	20.3%
Number of Existing Non-PERA UITFs [14]	242	244	0.8%
Number of UITF participants	2,391,204	2,500,918	4.6%

# **Inclusive Digital Finance**

<b>Basic</b>	Debo	SIT A	CCO	unts

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of banks offering BDA [15]	154	156	<b>1.3</b> %
Number of BDA (in millions)	15.3	24.2	<b>57.6</b> %
Amount of deposits (in billion pesos)	12.0	36.7	206.6%

### **Electronic Money Accounts**

	2022	2023	Growth
Number of E-Money Accounts (in millions) [16]p/			
Registered e-money accounts	271.9	393.6	44.7%
Active e-money accounts	46.6	70.1	<b>50.6%</b>
	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of Transactions <sup>[17]</sup> (in millions)			
Inflow	21.7 <sup>r/</sup>	192.3	<b>785.3%</b>
Outflow	45.9 <sup>r/</sup>	440.2	<b>859.7</b> %
Amount of Transactions [17] (in billion pesos)			
Inflow	76.4 <sup>r/</sup>	410.1	<b>436.6%</b>
Outflow	75.7 r/	383.1	<b>405.8%</b>

# **Digital onboarding (e-KYC)**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
Number of BSP-supervised financial institutions (BSFIs) with digital onboarding capability	57 <sup>r/</sup>	61	7.0%

# Digital Access [18]

	2019	2021	Change
Percentage of mobile phone and internet users who had online financial transaction (base: adults with mobile phone and internet)	11%	60%	49.1
Percentage of mobile phone and internet users who are financially included (base: adults with mobile phone and internet)	32%	60%	28.5
Unbanked but with mobile phone and internet (base: adults without an account)	47%	68%	20.7

#### **Digital Payments**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth
PESONet [19]			
Volume (in millions)	84.8	91.1	<b>7.4</b> %
Value (in billion pesos)	6,406.2	7,842.4	22.4%
nstaPay [19]			
Volume (in millions)	548.7	838.6	<b>52.8%</b>
Value (in billion pesos)	3,535.3	5,021.5	42.0%
	2022	2023	Change
Share of digital payments to total payment transactions			
Volume	42%	53%	0 10.7
Value	40%	55%	15.2

# Alternative Finance [20]

	2022	2023	Growth
Crowdfunding (reward-based crowdfunding)			
Number of campaigns (in thousands)	0.66	0.63	-4.5%
Transaction Value (in million US\$)	O.63 <sup>r/</sup>	0.68	7.9%
Crowdinvesting (equity-based crowdfunding)			
Number of campaigns (in thousands)	0.01	0.01	8.7%
Transaction Value (in million US\$)	1.68 <sup>r/</sup>	1.84	9.5%
Crowdlending (lending-based crowdfunding)			
Number of loans (in thousands)	0.15	0.16	4.1%
Transaction Value (in million US\$)	8.21 <sup>r/</sup>	9.37	14.1%

# **Other Financial Inclusion Data**

### **Indicators from Demand-side Surveys**

### **FORMAL ACCOUNT**

BSP Financial Inclusion Survey (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2019	2021	Change
Percentage of adults with formal account	29%	56%	26.9
By type of account			
Bank account	12%	23%	11.2
E-money account	8%	36%	<b>27.6</b>
Microfinance institution account	12%	9%	-3.6
Cooperative account	2%	5%	3.5
Non-stock savings and loan association account	0%	0%	0.2
By individual characteristics			
Male	24%	54%	29.6
Female	34%	<b>57</b> %	23.9
Young adults (15-19)	<b>7</b> %	27%	20.5
Older adults (>60)	32%	<b>47</b> %	15.4
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D	28%	54%	<b>26.9</b>
E	27%	44%	<b>17.0</b>
Rural	30%	56%	<b>26.3</b>
Urban	27%	55%	<b>27.8</b>
Working adults	39%	61%	21.6
Business owners	43%	65%	22.0
Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiaries	47%	64%	<b>16.2</b>
Percentage of accountholders who use their account for payments	47%	79%	32.2

BSP Consumer Finance Survey (Respondents: Households)	2014	2018	Change
Percentage of households with deposit account	14.0%	9.7%	-4.3

World Bank Findex (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2017	2021	Change
Formal account	34.5%	51.4%	<b>16.9</b>
Financial institution account	31.8%	46.0%	14.2
Mobile money account	4.5%	21.7%	17.2
Poorest 40%	18.0%	34.0%	<b>16.0</b>
Richest 60%	45.4%	62.8%	17.4

### **SAVINGS**

BSP Financial Inclusion Survey (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2019	2021	Change
Percentage of adults with savings	53%	37%	-15.7
Percentage of adults with savings in a bank (base: adults with savings)	21%	31%	10.5
Percentage of adults who keep their savings at home (base: adults with savings)	51%	52%	0.4

BSP Consumer Expectations Survey (Respondents: Households)	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Change
Percentage of households with savings	30.5%	29.1%	-1.4
Percentage of households with savings in a bank (base: HHs with savings)	76.8%	73.5%	-3.3
Percentage of OFW households who allot a portion of remittances to savings	29.3%	35.2%	5.9

### **CREDIT**

BSP Financial Inclusion Survey (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2019	2021	Change
Percentage of adults with outstanding loans	33%	45%	11.2
Percentage of adults who borrowed from a bank	70/	101	1.0
(base: adults with outstanding loans)	3%	4%	1.2
Percentage of adults who borrow from informal sources	FF0/	<b>FB</b> 0/	0.7
(base: adults with outstanding loans)	55%	57%	2.3

World Bank Findex (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2017	2021	Change
Percentage of adults who borrowed any money	58.6%	57.8%	-0.9
Percentage of adults who borrowed from a formal financial	10.7%	17.4%	6.7
institutions in the past year	10.7%	17.4%	6.7
Percentage of adults who borrowed from family and friends	41.2%	40.8%	-0.4

# **Other Financial Inclusion Data**

#### **OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES**

World Bank Findex (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2017	2021	Change
Percentage of adults with debit card	21.0%	29.8%	8.8
Percentage of adults with credit card	1.9%	8.1%	6.1
Percentage of adults who made or received digital payments	25.1%	43.5%	18.4

BSP Consumer Expectations Survey (Respondents: Households)	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Change
Percentage of OFW households who allot a portion of remittances to debt payments	16.2%	21.1%	4.9
Percentage of OFW households who allot a portion of remittances to investment	6.5%	10.1%	3.6

#### **FINANCIAL RESILIENCE**

World Bank Findex (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2021
Most worrying financial issue	
Paying for medical costs in case of a serious illness or accident	42%
Money to pay for monthly expenses or bills	24%
Money for old age	17%
Paying school or education fees	13%
Main source of emergency funds in 7 days and 30 days	
Family or Friends	41%
Work	21%
Savings	19%
Loan from a bank employer or private lender	9%
Sale of Assets	2%

# BSP Financial Inclusion Survey (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)

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Top sources of funds for financial needs	
(base: adults who experienced the financial need)	
Meeting goals	
Purchase of expensive items	
Used own savings	28%
Borrowed	27%
Used regular income	22%
Put up or expand business	
Borrowed	41%
Used regular income	29%
Used own savings	28%
Resiliency	
Experienced sickness, death or loss of job in the family	
Borrowed	45%
Used own savings	28%
Used regular income	28%
Affected by natural calamities	
Borrowed	43%
Used regular income	28%
Used own savings	26%
Liquidity	
Pay for regular spending needs	
Borrowed	41%
Used regular income	28%
Used own savings	24%
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#### **FINANCIAL LITERACY**

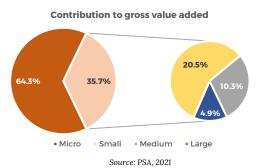
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BSP Financial Inclusion Survey (Respondents: Adults - Individuals aged 15+)	2019	2021	Change
Percentage of adults who correctly answered all 6 financial literacy questions [22]		2%	
Percentage of adults who correctly answered inflation and interest rate questions	8%	4%	-3.6
Percentage of adults who correctly answered questions on:			
Inflation	55%	42%	-12.1
Simple interest	32%	32%	-0.2
Compound interest	33%	30%	-2.9
Division [22]		91%	
Diversification of Portfolio [22]		61%	
Investment Risk [22]		58%	
Attendance to Financial Literacy Session [22]		<b>7</b> %	

# **Priority Sectors**

#### Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

Number of business establishments
8.7%
0.4%
0.4%
34.9%
32.7%

Micro \* Small \* Medium \* Large



 $Source: Philippine\ Statistics\ Authority\ (PSA)\ and\ Department\ of\ Trade\ and\ Industry\ (DTI),\ 2022$ 

#### Men vs women-owned/led MSMEs

	2021
Percentage of MSMEs who use merchant and business accounts	
Men	39%
Women	17%
Percentage of MSMEs who applied for a business loan	
Men	20%
Women	28%
Percentage of MSMEs who use digital financial services	
Men	44%
Women	28%

Source: ADB MSME Finance Survey

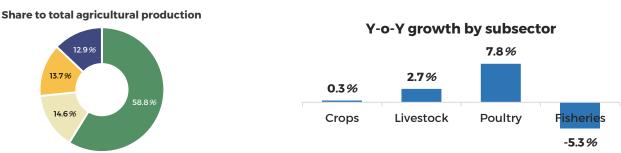
#### **MSME Loans**

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth/Change
Total MSME loans (in billion pesos)	492.6	503.0	2.1%
% share of MSME loans to total business loans	6.5%	6.3%	-0.2
% share of MSME loans to total banking system loans	4.3%	4.1%	-0.2
% share of MSME loans to GDP	2.2% <sup>r/</sup>	2.1%	-0.2
Y-o-Y growth in loans to MSMEs	4.8%	2.1%	-2.7
Y-o-Y growth in loans to microenterprises	5.0%	5.5%	0.5
Y-o-Y growth in loans to small enterprises	5.0%	8.3%	3.4
Y-o-Y growth in loans to medium enterprises	4.7%	-1.2%	-5.8
Y-o-Y growth in loans to private corporations	9.5%	6.3%	-3.2

# MSME Loans based on RA 6977, as amended [23]

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth/Change
Total compliance for MSEs (in billion pesos)	190.5	200.8	5.4%
Total compliance for MEs (in billion pesos)	303.0	301.4	-0.5%
Percentage of compliance for MSEs (required: 8%)	2.0%	1.9%	-0.09
Percentage of compliance for MEs (required: 2%)	3.2%	2.9%	-0.32
Number of MSME Borrowers	1,491,227	1,518,413	1.8%
Number of Barangay Microbusiness Enterprises	2.870	3.402	18.5%
(BMBE) Borrowers	2,870	3,402	10.570

#### **Agricultural Sector**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (Fourth Quarter 2023)

#### **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (AFF) Loans**

Crops Livestock Poultry Fisheries

	2022 Q4	2023 Q4	Growth/Change
Total AFF Loans (in billion pesos)	256.7	283.0	<b>10.2%</b>
% share of AFF loans to total loans outstanding	2.13%	2.13%	-0.01

# Agri-Agra Compliance [24]

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	2021 Q2	2022 Q2	Growth/Change
Total compliance for AGRA (in billion pesos)	71.6	64.2	-10.3%
Total compliance for AGRI (in billion pesos)	718.1	783.8	9.1%
Percentage of compliance for AGRA (required: 10%)	1.0%	0.8%	-0.2
Percentage of compliance for AGRI (required: 15%)	9.7%	9.5%	-0.1

### **Other Relevant Data**

# **Geography**<sup>[25]</sup>

Land area (in km²)	300,000
Regions	17
Provinces	81
Cities	146
Municipalities	1,488

# Population<sup>[26]</sup>

	2015	2020	2022	2023
Population, in millions <sup>[27]</sup>	101.0	109.0	110.5	112.9
Adult population (aged 15 +), in millions	69.3	75.8	78.5	79.7
Number of households, in millions	23.0	26.4		

# Economy<sup>[25]</sup>

GDP Y-o-Y growth (Fourth Quarter 2022 vs. Fourth Quarter 2023)	5.5%
GDP full year growth (2023)	5.5%
Inflation rate (September 2024)	1.9%
Unemployment rate (July 2024)	4.7%

# Income and Poverty<sup>[25]</sup>

Average annual family income, in PhP (2021)	307,190
Minimum wage in NCR for non-agriculture, in PhP (Effective: July 2023)	610.00
Poverty incidence among population (1st sem, 2023)	22.4% <sup>p/</sup>
Poverty threshold, average monthly estimate (family of five), in PhP $_{(2023)}$	13,797 <sup>p/</sup>

### **Overseas Filipinos**

	2022	2023
Amount of cash remittances, in billion USD	32.5	33.5 <sup>p/</sup>
Number of Overseas Filipinos, in millions <sup>[28]</sup> (2022)	10	.8
Number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), in millions <sup>[25]</sup>	2.0	2.2

#### **Mobile Market**

	2021
Percentage of adults with mobile phone <sup>[18]</sup>	92%
Percentage of adults with smart phone <sup>[18]</sup>	81%
	2019
Mobile connections <sup>[29]</sup>	155%
Mobile broadband connections <sup>[29]</sup>	134%
Mobile broadband penetration <sup>[29]</sup>	86%

Mobile connections - number of SIM cards (as percentage of total population)

Mobile broadband connections - number of sim cards that are 3G and above (as percentage of total population)

Mobile broadband penetration - mobile broadband connections + mobile connections

### **Other Relevant Data**

#### **Internet and Social Media**

	2021
Percentage of adults with internet <sup>[18]</sup>	77%
Percentage of adults with mobile phone and internet <sup>[18]</sup>	76%
	January 2024
Average time spent on the internet per day <sup>[30]</sup>	8 hours, 52 minutes
Social media penetration <sup>[30]</sup>	73%
Average time spent on social media per day <sup>[30]</sup>	3 hours, 34 mins

#### **E-Commerce**

	January 2024
Percentage of internet users who purchased a product or service online <sup>[30]</sup>	57%

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#### **FOOTNOTES:**

- p/ preliminary
- r/ revised
- [1] Includes banks with internet and mobile banking for retail and corporate/merchants
- [2] Nationwide count only (i.e., excludes offices/ATMs of Philippine banks abroad)
- [3] Total number of active agents based on banks implementing or piloting the cash agent model, as outlined in BSP Circular No. 940. An agent is defined as a third-party entity contracted by a BSP-supervised financial institution (BSFI) to provide services to its clients. This count excludes service points (specific physical touch points where agent services are provided).
- [4] Source: Insurance Commission (IC)
- [5] Other NBFIs include lending investors and financing companies (that are affiliated with BSP-supervised banks), credit card companies, investment companies, securities dealers/brokers, government NBFIs and credit granting entities (excluding MF NGOs) which are supervised by the BSP.
- [6] Source: Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).
  There are 20,752 operating cooperatives (head offices) as of December 2023, of which approximately 8,888 cooperatives are offering financial services.
- [7] Source: Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- [8] Based only from a sample of microfinance NGOs that responded to the BSP data request. As of 25 October 2023, there are 21 accredited microfinance NGOs based on Microfinance NGO Regulatory Council (MNRC) data.
- [9] Includes banking offices, e-money & cash agents, NSSLAs, Pawnshops, MSBs, other NBFIs, microfinance NGOs, and cooperatives with credit operations
- [10] Indicator includes cash agents. Based on traditional metrics (no. of banking offices only), Q4 2022 1,153 (70.6%) and Q4 2023 1,162 (71.11%).
- [11] In estimating the overall access situation, latest available location data were used, i.e., for emoney and cash agents-as of 2019; insurance companies-as of 2020; and lending and financing companies-as of 2020.
- [12] In the Core Set of Financial Inclusion Indicators developed by the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), access points are defined as regulated entities where both cash-in and cash-out transactions can be performed. Following this definition, "other access points" include NSSLAs, cooperatives offering financial services, microfinance NGOs, pawnshops,MSBs, lending companies, other NBFIs, e-money agents and cash agents; and exclude ATMs (no data on the number of ATMs that can perform both cash-in and cash-out) and insurance providers (no data on location).
- [13] Source: BSP PERA Technical Working Group; Capital Markets and Trust Supervision Department (CMTSD)
- [14] Existing means available in the market.
- [15] Number of banks offering BDA based on submitted reports
- [16] Number of accounts registered/subscribed to mobile delivery channel
- [17] Based only from BSFIs that submitted the report before the locking period.
- [18] BSP Financial Inclusion Survey
- [19] Covers transactions from January to December 2023
- [20] Source: Statista Digital Market Outlook
- [21] The Financial Resilience data are new indicators introduced in the 2021 Worldbank Findex.
- [22] Indicator was introduced in the 2021 FIS.
- [23] Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The mandatory allocation of credit resources to MSMEs lapsed in June 2018 but is being reported for monitoring purposes.
- [24] The Report on Compliance with the Mandatory Agri-Agra Credit (Agri-Agra) will no longer be submitted starting with the reporting period ending 30 September 2022. (Circular No. 1159 Series of 2022)
- [25] Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
- [26] Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Census of Population and Housing
- Year-end population estimation of Commission on Population Development (POPCOM)
- [28] Source: Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO)
- [29] Groupe Speciale Mobile (GSM) Association/GSMA
- [30] We Are Social