

TECHNICAL NOTES

Basic and Functional Literacy (2024 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey)

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) releases the report on the results of the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS). This report presents the estimates and rates of basic and functional literacy by highest grade completed down to provincial levels.

The 2024 FLEMMS adopted a revised operational definition and methodology for measuring basic and functional literacy as approved by the PSA Board through Resolution No. 13, Series of 2024.

Basic literacy is defined as the ability of a person to read and write a simple message in any language or dialect with understanding, and to compute or perform basic mathematical operations.

Functional literacy is the ability of a person to read, write, compute, and comprehend. In addition to the basic literacy skills, functional literacy includes higher level of comprehension skills, such as integrating two or more pieces of information and making inferences based on the given information.

Basic literacy rate is computed for individuals 5 years old and over, while functional literacy rate is computed for individuals 10 to 64 years old.



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