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## **2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) in Western Visayas**

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) led the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS), which was conducted October 2024. The survey aims to provide a quantitative framework that will serve as a basis for the formulation of policies and programs on the improvement of literacy and education status of the population.

The 2024 FLEMMS adopted the revised operational definition and methodology in estimating basic and functional literacy in the Philippines 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 five (5) years old and over, while functional literacy rate is computed for individuals 10 to 64 years old.



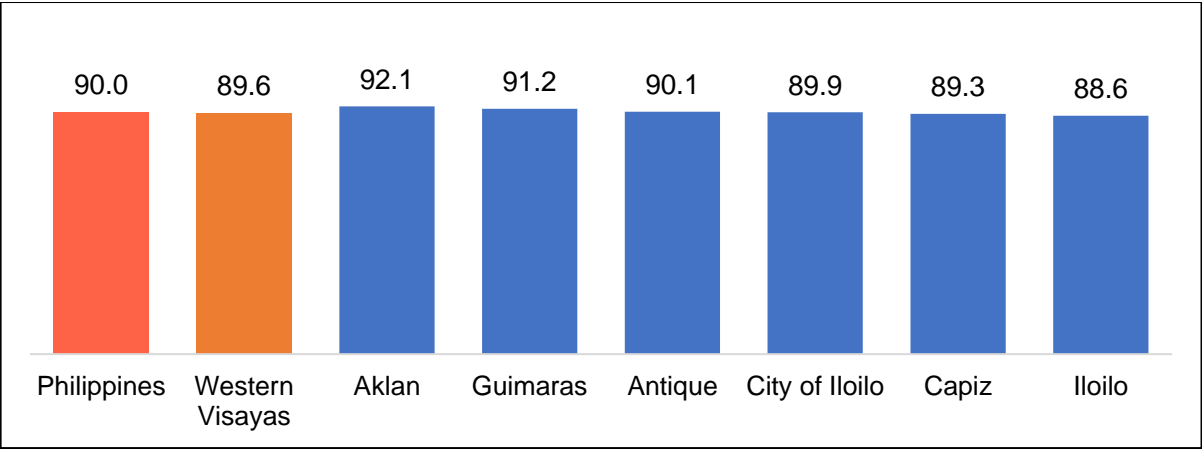
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**In Western Visayas, 9 out of 10 individuals can read, write, and compute**

Results of the 2024 FLEMMS in Western Visayas revealed that 89.6 percent or about 9 out of 10 individuals aged 5 years and over are basically literate. This is marginally lower than the country’s basic literacy rate of 90.0 percent. (Figure 1)

Among the provinces and the highly urbanized city in Western Visayas, Aklan recorded the highest basic literacy rate at 92.1 percent, while the lowest basic literacy rate was observed in the province of Iloilo at 88.6 percent. Iloilo City’s basic literacy rate was recorded at 89.9 percent. (Figure 1)

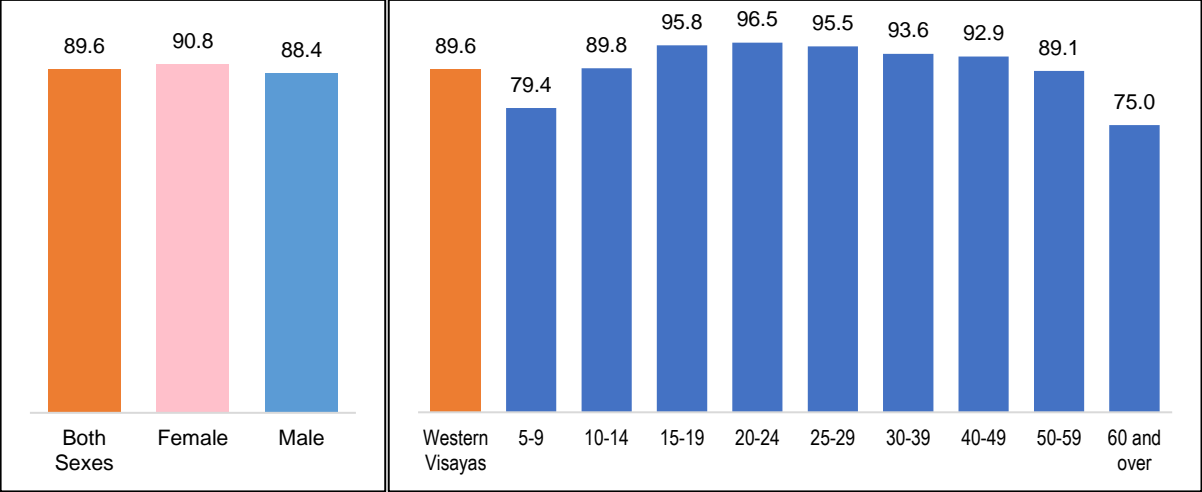
**Figure 1. Basic Literacy Rate of Population 5 Years Old and Over by HUC/ Province, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)**



Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

In terms of sex, basic literacy was higher for females at 90.8 percent compared with males at 88.4 percent. By age group, individuals who are 20 to 24 years old had the highest basic literacy rate at 96.5 percent. On the other hand, those individuals who are 60 years old and over recorded the lowest basic literacy rate at 75.0 percent. (Figure 2)

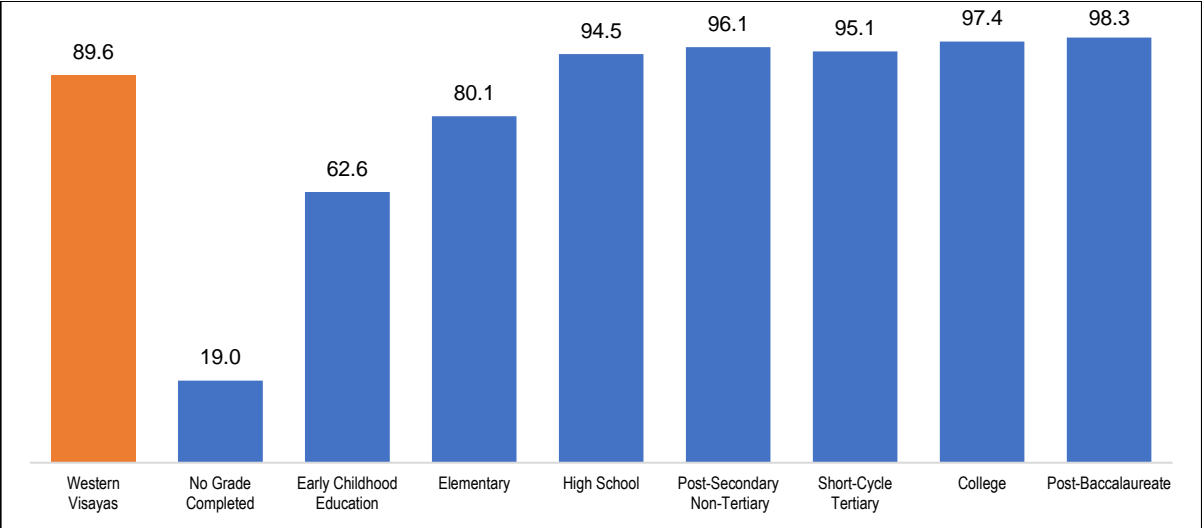
**Figure 2. Basic Literacy Rate of Population 5 Years Old and Over by Sex and Age Group, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)**



Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

In terms of highest grade completed, individuals who reached or completed post-baccalaureate recorded the highest basic literacy rate at 98.3 percent, while those who have no grade completed had the lowest rate at 19.0 percent. (Figure 3)

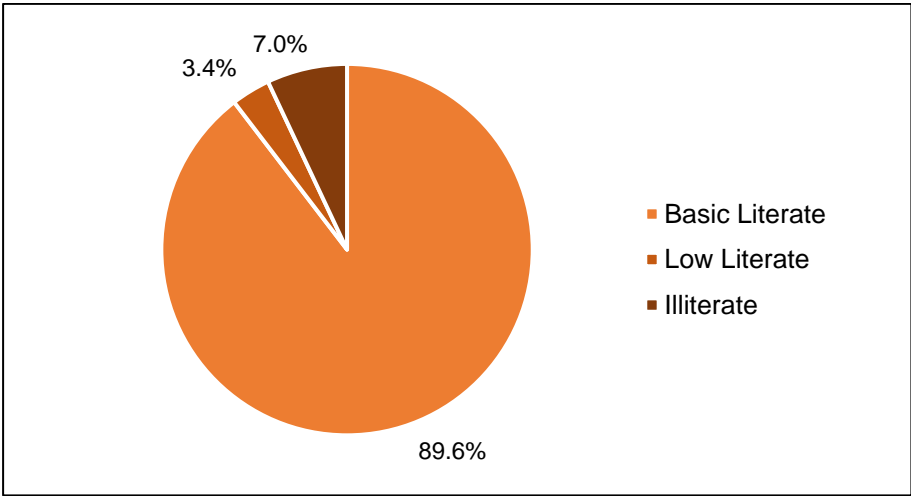
**Figure 3.** Basic Literacy Rate of Population 5 Years Old and Over by Highest Grade Completed, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)



Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

For literacy levels, 7 out of 100 individuals aged five years and over cannot read and write or are classified as illiterate. In addition, 3.4 percent of individuals aged five years and over are considered as low literate (can only read and write); and 9 out of 10 individuals are basic literate (can read, write with understanding, and compute). (Figure 4)

**Figure 4.** Percentage of Population 5 Years Old and Over by Level of Literacy, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)



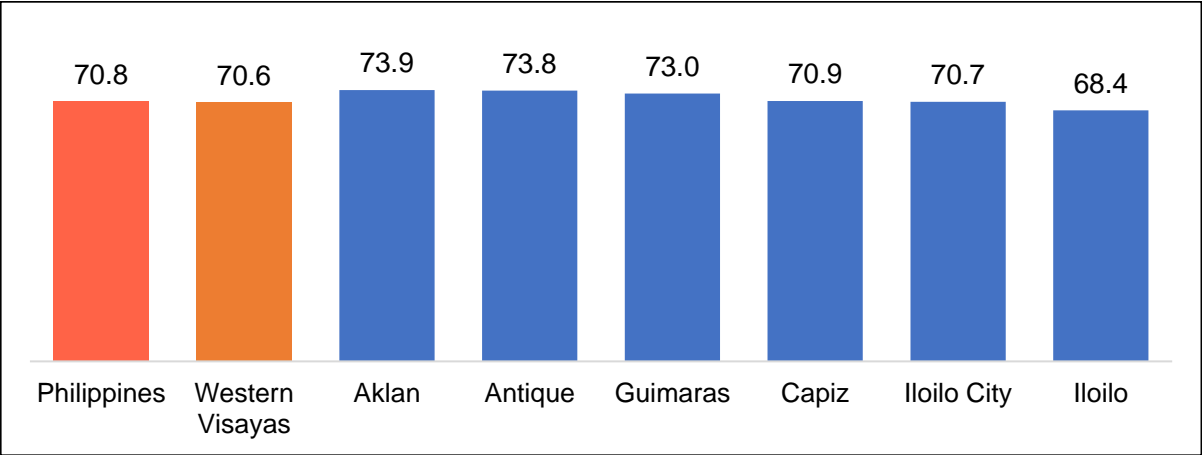
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7 out of 10 individuals in Western Visayas are functionally literate

The 2024 FLEMMS results also showed the functional literacy rate in Western Visayas at 70.6 percent or about 7 in every 10 individuals aged 10 to 64 years are functionally literate, that is, they can read, write, compute, and comprehend. This is slightly lower than the country’s functional literacy rate of 70.8 percent. (Figure 5)

Among the provinces and the highly urbanized city in Western Visayas, Aklan recorded the highest functional literacy rate at 73.9 percent. On the other hand, the lowest functional literacy rate was observed in the province of Iloilo at 64.8 percent. Iloilo City’s functional literacy rate was recorded at 70.7 percent. (Figure 5)

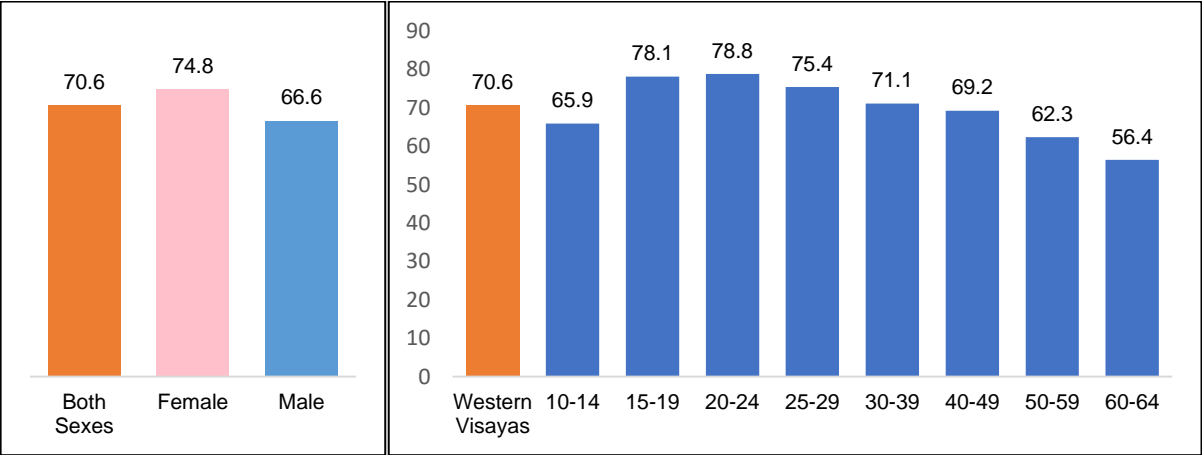
Figure 5. Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 to 64 Years Old by HUC/ Province, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)



Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

In terms of sex, functional literacy was also higher for females at 74.8 percent compared with males at 66.6 percent. By age group, individuals who are 20 to 24 years old had the highest functional literacy rate at 78.8 percent. On the other hand, those individuals who are 60 to 64 years old recorded the lowest functional literacy rate at 56.4 percent. (Figure 6)

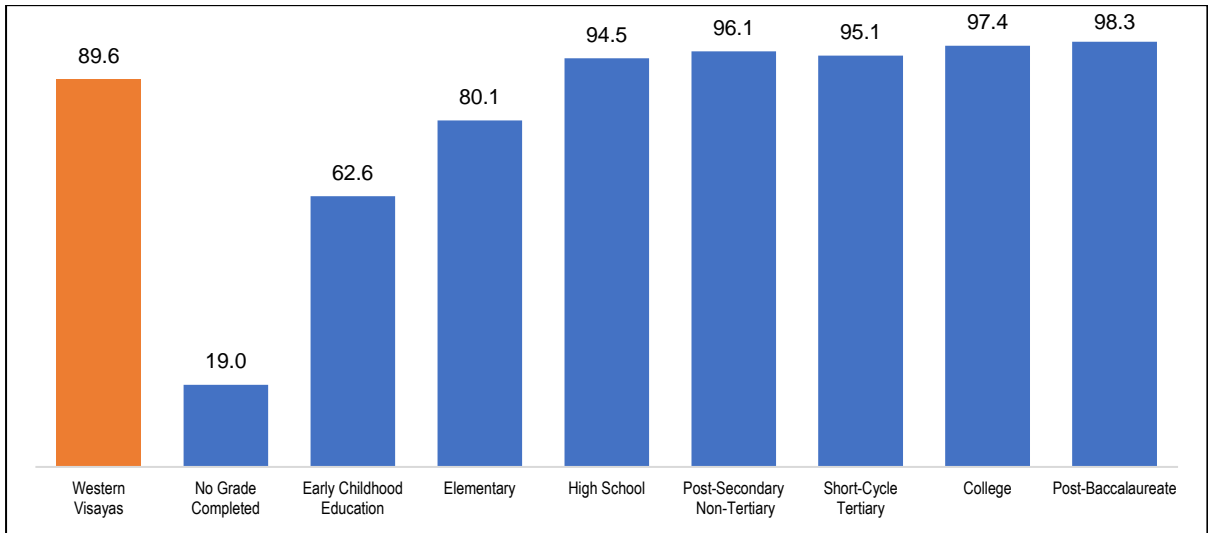
Figure 6. Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 to 64 Years Old by Sex and Age Group, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)




Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

In terms of highest grade completed, individuals who reached or completed post-baccalaureate recorded the highest functional literacy rate at 98.3 percent, while those who have no grade completed had the lowest rate at 19.0 percent. (Figure 3)

**Figure 7.** Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 to 64 Years Old by Highest Grade Completed, Western Visayas: 2024 (in percent)



Source: 2024 FLEMMS, Philippine Statistics Authority

  
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