

Defining Philippine Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

The Philippines employs two criteria in operationally defining MSMEs, namely employment and asset size. The Philippines Statistics Authority classifies an enterprise as a micro enterprise if it has less than 10 employees, small if it has 10-99 employees, medium with 100-199 employees, and large if it has 200 or more employees. On the other hand, the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council (SMEDC) uses asset size as its basis for classification.

Size	By Employment	By Asset Size
Micro	1-9 employees	Up to P3,000,000
Small	10-99 employees	P3,000,001 – P15,000,000
Medium	100-199 employees	P15,000,001 – P100,000,000
Large	200 and above employees	P100,000,001 and above

2019 Philippine MSME Statistics in Brief

REGION	Number of Establishments by Region and Employment Grouping								Total Employment by Region and Employment Grouping							
	MICRO	SMALL	MEDIUM	Total MSMEs	% Share	LARGE	% Share	TOTAL	MICRO	SMALL	MEDIUM	Total MSMEs	% Share	LARGE	% Share	TOTAL
Philippines	891,044	99,936	4,765	995,745	99.5%	4,761	0.5%	1,000,506	2,631,165	2,228,204	651,391	5,510,760	62.4%	3,315,575	37.6%	8,826,335
NCR	168,044	32,164	1,803	202,011	99.0%	1,994	1.0%	204,005	533,633	757,964	246,509	1,538,106	49.7%	1,556,313	50.3%	3,094,419
CAR	18,863	1,488	50	20,401	99.7%	52	0.3%	20,453	49,811	30,594	7,169	87,574	70.8%	36,115	29.2%	123,689
I - Ilocos Region	46,873	3,782	128	50,783	99.9%	65	0.1%	50,848	135,239	79,394	17,181	231,814	90.7%	23,679	9.3%	255,493
II - Cagayan Valley	28,633	1,999	54	30,686	99.9%	38	0.1%	30,724	84,195	40,502	7,300	131,997	88.9%	16,508	11.1%	148,505
III - Central Luzon	105,281	10,140	456	115,877	99.7%	378	0.3%	116,255	306,495	218,240	61,773	586,508	69.4%	258,373	30.6%	844,881
IVA - CALABARZON	134,203	13,071	743	148,017	99.5%	777	0.5%	148,794	397,448	297,906	102,045	797,399	57.1%	599,679	42.9%	1,397,078
IVB - MIMAROPA	22,016	1,809	38	23,863	99.9%	33	0.1%	23,896	63,337	37,896	5,141	106,374	90.7%	10,876	9.3%	117,250
V - Bicol Region	37,207	3,063	122	40,392	99.8%	71	0.2%	40,463	107,577	65,901	16,840	190,318	87.1%	28,072	12.9%	218,390
VI - Western Visayas	55,697	5,619	197	61,513	99.7%	197	0.3%	61,710	161,831	119,305	26,695	307,831	76.4%	95,278	23.6%	403,109
VII - Central Visayas	61,521	8,273	433	70,227	99.3%	510	0.7%	70,737	183,435	188,560	59,061	431,056	56.0%	338,811	44.0%	769,867
VIII - Eastern Visayas	28,373	2,244	63	30,680	99.9%	37	0.1%	30,717	82,906	46,216	8,246	137,368	90.2%	14,903	9.8%	152,271
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	30,987	2,073	66	33,126	99.8%	67	0.2%	33,193	82,932	43,390	9,224	135,546	81.5%	30,721	18.5%	166,267
X - Northern Mindanao	33,167	3,885	159	37,211	99.7%	129	0.3%	37,340	98,161	82,186	21,829	202,176	75.2%	66,516	24.8%	268,692
XI - Davao Region	52,593	5,429	248	58,270	99.6%	248	0.4%	58,518	155,423	117,461	34,304	307,188	68.2%	143,197	31.8%	450,385
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	41,714	2,935	125	44,774	99.8%	102	0.2%	44,876	112,567	61,838	16,858	191,263	73.5%	68,899	26.5%	260,162
Caraga	18,118	1,603	69	19,790	99.7%	54	0.3%	19,844	53,918	33,688	9,687	97,293	79.5%	25,089	20.5%	122,382
ARMM	7,754	359	11	8,124	99.9%	9	0.1%	8,133	22,257	7,163	1,529	30,949	92.4%	2,546	7.6%	33,495

SIZE	NO. OF ESTABLISHMENTS	% SHARE	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	% SHARE
MICRO	891,044	89%	2,631,165	29.8%
SMALL	99,936	10%	2,228,204	25.2%
MEDIUM	4,765	0.5%	651,391	7.4%
LARGE	4,761	0.5%	3,315,575	37.6%
TOTAL	1,000,506	100%	8,826,335	100%
MSME	995,745	99.5%	5,510,760	62.4%

Source: 2019, List of Establishments, Philippine Statistics Authority

Industry Sector	Number of Establishments by Industry and Employment Grouping								Total Employment by Industry and Employment Grouping							
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Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	5,998	2,320	169	8,487	98.2%	153	1.8%	8,640	21,991	59,107	22,435	103,533	54.2%	87,642	45.8%	191,175
Mining and Quarrying	479	224	23	726	95.5%	34	4.5%	760	1,891	7,010	3,142	12,043	28.4%	30,340	71.6%	42,383
Manufacturing	103,471	10,871	1,045	115,387	99.1%	1,083	0.9%	116,470	312,862	287,977	146,275	747,114	46.8%	847,833	53.2%	1,594,947
Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply	469	635	110	1,214	92.9%	93	7.1%	1,307	2,107	18,337	16,252	36,696	51.1%	35,181	48.9%	71,877
Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	685	693	45	1,423	97.5%	37	2.5%	1,460	3,218	18,931	6,112	28,261	65.3%	15,044	34.7%	43,305
Construction	2,089	1,654	217	3,960	91.4%	374	8.6%	4,334	8,566	51,089	29,446	89,101	25.8%	255,867	74.2%	344,968
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	429,239	32,281	972	462,492	99.9%	557	0.1%	463,049	1,207,675	644,508	132,044	1,984,227	90.2%	215,710	9.8%	2,199,937
Transport and Storage	7,012	3,214	238	10,464	98.0%	211	2.0%	10,675	26,570	85,142	31,418	143,130	54.7%	118,373	45.3%	261,503
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	126,815	16,909	300	144,024	99.9%	84	0.1%	144,108	410,313	356,968	37,800	805,081	95.8%	34,987	4.2%	840,068
Information and Communication	27,541	1,838	169	29,548	99.5%	149	0.5%	29,697	56,247	49,156	23,365	128,768	52.9%	114,860	47.1%	243,628
Financial and Insurance Activities	38,223	7,714	163	46,100	99.6%	193	0.4%	46,293	147,746	137,118	22,452	307,316	66.7%	153,288	33.3%	460,604
Real Estate Activities	9,498	1,961	76	11,535	99.4%	71	0.6%	11,606	28,702	47,208	10,007	85,917	75.2%	28,324	24.8%	114,241
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	13,629	1,939	114	15,682	99.4%	101	0.6%	15,783	43,069	48,142	15,997	107,208	58.5%	76,065	41.5%	183,273
Administrative and Support Service Activities	14,138	2,861	441	17,440	94.2%	1,064	5.8%	18,504	42,317	81,682	60,163	184,162	15.1%	1,036,805	84.9%	1,220,967
Education	9,195	8,035	426	17,656	98.4%	281	1.6%	17,937	40,197	204,298	58,819	303,314	71.9%	118,269	28.1%	421,583
Human Health and Social Work Activities	25,981	2,214	212	28,407	99.2%	230	0.8%	28,637	67,462	58,630	29,823	155,915	59.4%	106,388	40.6%	262,303
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,823	1,427	32	15,282	99.7%	40	0.3%	15,322	37,117	25,842	4,146	67,105	63.3%	38,934	36.7%	106,039
Other Service Activities	62,759	3,146	13	65,918	99.99%	6	0.01%	65,924	173,115	47,059	1,695	221,869	99.3%	1,665	0.7%	223,534