

## God Has Blessed the World with People from the Philippines Living and Serving Everywhere

(Information about Filipinos throughout the World) from [Ask.com](http://ask.com), [Philippine Government](http://philippine.gov), and <http://mabuhaycity.com> and adapted by Doug Nichols of the Filipino International Network.

There are about **8.7 to 11 million overseas Filipinos worldwide**, equivalent to about 11% of the total population of the Philippines.

**Australia:** In 2010, there were approximately 177,400 people in Australia who were born in the Philippines. [AUS]

**Canada:** Only a small population of Filipinos resided in Canada until the late 20th century. The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has estimated that as of 2009 there were over 640,000 Canadians of Filipino origin.

**France:** there are approximately 55,000 Filipinos in France.

**Greece:** The Philippine Embassy has reported an estimated of 40,000 Filipinos in Greece.

**Hong Kong:** There are approximately 140,000 Filipinos in Hong Kong.

**Italy:** There are about 130,000 Filipinos in Italy. This makes it the 2nd country host to Filipinos in Europe after the UK.

**Japan:** Some 350,972 Filipinos are listed to be living within Japan's geographic confines. However, this number is speculated to be larger, surpassing the one million mark due to many unlisted and illegal Filipino nationals.

**Middle East:** Many Filipinos work in the Middle East (mostly Saudi Arabia and UAE) as engineers, nurses or hospital workers, accountants, office workers, construction workers, restaurant workers and maids. The Philippine government estimates that more than **2 million Overseas Filipinos are working in the Middle East**.

**New Zealand:** There are about 17,000 Filipino residents and citizens in New Zealand.

**Oman:** As of 2011, there are between 40,000 and 46,000 Filipinos in Oman.

**Singapore:** As of 2009, over 163,000 Overseas Filipinos worked and resided in Singapore.

**South Korea:** Some 70,000 Filipinos work and live in Korea.

**Spain:** There are around 50,000 Filipino legal workers living abroad in Spain, mainly in Barcelona and Madrid. This number is nearly 0,7% of the Spanish population. Filipinos have maintained a presence in Spain, given the latter colonized the islands for three centuries, resulting in significant cultural ties.

**Taiwan:** According to the 2006 data of the government of Taiwan, there are 96,000 Filipinos currently living in Taiwan. Of these, 58,704 are in manufacturing industries and 34,602 are in social or personal services.

**United Kingdom:** The United Kingdom is home to an estimated 200,000 OFWs. Many Filipino seamen settled in British port cities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Liverpool even had an area nicknamed 'Little Manila'.

**United States:** Filipino Americans find it easy to integrate into American society, with a majority belonging to the middle class. Filipinos are the second-largest Asian American group in the country; Tagalog is the fifth most spoken language in the U.S. The US State Department estimated that there are 4 million Filipinos in the US as of 2007. The United States hosts the largest population of Filipinos outside the Philippines, with a Historic Filipinotown in Los Angeles designated in August 2002, the first district established outside the Philippines to honor and recognize the area's Filipino community.

SOURCE: [http://www.ask.com/wiki/Overseas\\_Filipino?o=2801&qsrc=999&ad=doubleDown&an=apn&ap=ask.com](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Overseas_Filipino?o=2801&qsrc=999&ad=doubleDown&an=apn&ap=ask.com)]

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The study also showed that the Middle Eastern countries remain the primary destinations for over 67% of OFWs. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia remained as the top destination for many workers.

SOURCE: <http://www.rappler.com/nation/32361-ph-migration-report-ofws>

### **Overseas Filipinos (and OFWs) populations around the world [2010]**

Each year, more than a million Filipinos leave to work abroad through overseas employment agencies and other programs, including government sponsored ones. Others emigrate and become permanent residents of other countries. Overseas Filipinos often work as doctors, physical therapists, nurses, accountants, IT professionals, engineers, architects, entertainers, technicians, teachers, military servicemen, seafarers, students, caregivers, domestic helpers and household maids.

The exodus includes an increasing number of skilled workers taking on unskilled work overseas, resulting in what has been referred to as a brain drain, particularly in the health and education sectors. Also, the exodus can result in underemployment, for example, in cases where doctors undergo retraining to become nurses.

SOURCE: <http://mabuhaycity.com/forums/pinoys-abroad/11639-overseas-filipinos-ofws-populations-around-world.html>