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SPES beneficiaries in CAR increased by 38% in 2011

Table 1. SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS
(SPES) BENEFICIARIES BY PROVINCE/CITY: 2003 - 2011

Province	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CAR	3,656	3,700	2,738	2,696	2,351	2,723	2,678	3,080	4,248
Abra	423	285	177	160	141	174	193	157	359
Apayao	186	229	154	260	117	111	150	144	202
Baguio City	495	515	288	344	274	430	419	412	1,114
Benguet	749	808	601	403	765	646	766	934	856
Ifugao	675	631	615	633	418	486	350	436	648
Kalinga	818	841	625	560	418	508	427	442	527
Mt. Province	310	391	278	336	218	368	373	555	542

Source: Department of Labor and Employment-CAR

The number of individual beneficiaries under the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) increased by 37.9%, from 3,080 in 2010 to 4,248 in 2011.

The number of beneficiaries almost tripled in Baguio City from the previous year with 170.4% increase in 2011 employing more than one thousand students (see Table 1). This was the first time the city had the most SPES beneficiaries in the region since 2003. The previous biggest employers were Kalinga (2003-2005), Ifugao (2006) and Benguet (2007-2010).

Table 2. SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS
(SPES) BENEFICIARIES BY GENDER, CAR: 2003 - 2011

Province	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CAR	3,656	3,700	2,738	2,696	2,351	2,723	2,678	3,080	4,248
Male	1,364	1,357	1,841	1,662	808	1,025	978	1,096	1,640
% Male	37.3	36.7	67.2	61.6	34.4	37.6	36.5	35.6	38.6
Female	2,292	2,343	897	1,034	1,543	1,698	1,700	1,984	2,608
% Female	62.7	63.3	32.8	38.4	65.6	62.4	63.5	64.4	61.4

Source of basic data: Department of Labor and Employment-CAR

The province of Abra also recorded a notable increase of 128.7% in 2011, however its share in total SPES employment in the region was only 9% (see Figure 1). All other provinces posted an increase in the number of beneficiaries in the said program except the provinces of Benguet and Mt. Province where they decreased by 8.4% and 2.3% respectively.

The SPES program is dominated by female recipients with an average percentage share of 63.5% for the past 5 years. It was only in 2005 & 2006 that male beneficiaries outnumbered their female counterparts (see Table 2 and Figure 2).

Figure 1. Percentage of SPES Beneficiaries
by Province: 2011

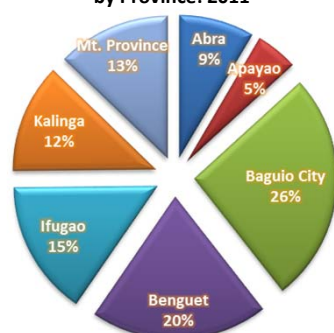
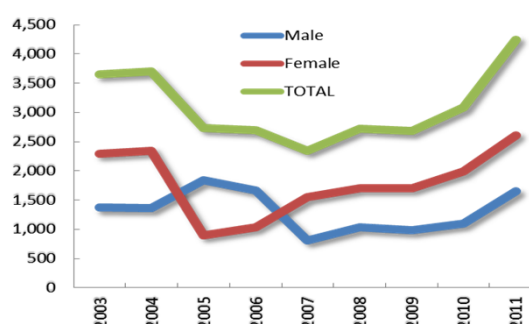


Figure 2. Number of SPES Beneficiaries by Gender: 2003-2011



According to DOLE, the objective of the SPES is to develop the intellectual capacities of children of poor families and harness their potentials for the country's well being. Specifically, the program aims to help poor but deserving students pursue their education by providing income or augment their income through encouraging their employment during summer and/or Christmas vacations.

The SPES is open to all qualified high school, college or vocational students or drop-outs and interested employers who are any person or entity who has employed at least 50 workers at any given time during the past 12 months.

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