

Table 5: NET Enrollment Rate per Key Stage by Region and Gender (SY 2019–2020)

Region	NET Enrollment Rate				
	SY 2019–2020				
	Kindergarten	Grades 1 to 6	Junior High School Grades 7 to 10	Senior High School Grades 11 to 12	
Region I- Ilocos	Total (MF)	57.10%	89.99%	89.85%	61.54%
	Male (M)	57.08%	90.35%	87.06%	54.50%
	Female (F)	57.13%	89.61%	92.83%	69.23%
Region II- Cagayan Valley	Total (MF)	62.45%	97.17%	88.81%	56.46%
	Male (M)	62.67%	97.31%	84.75%	48.45%
	Female (F)	62.21%	97.02%	93.13%	65.20%
Region III- Central Luzon	Total (MF)	67.06%	100.03%	87.69%	58.03%
	Male (M)	66.76%	100.02%	84.04%	51.62%
	Female (F)	67.38%	100.03%	91.57%	64.94%
Region IV-A (Calabarzon)	Total (MF)	65.37%	98.23%	87.85%	54.79%
	Male (M)	64.27%	97.87%	84.29%	48.16%
	Female (F)	66.53%	98.61%	91.62%	61.84%
Region IV-B (Mimaropa)	Total (MF)	58.61%	90.26%	81.12%	46.00%
	Male (M)	57.95%	89.79%	77.19%	39.02%
	Female (F)	59.31%	90.75%	85.31%	53.52%
Region V- Bicol	Total (MF)	63.58%	92.68%	82.27%	42.31%
	Male (M)	62.91%	93.09%	78.18%	34.35%
	Female (F)	64.28%	92.25%	86.59%	50.91%
Region VI- Western Visayas	Total (MF)	66.82%	97.25%	85.68%	44.22%
	Male (M)	66.78%	97.74%	81.63%	36.34%
	Female (F)	66.87%	96.75%	89.96%	52.66%
Region VII- Central Visayas	Total (MF)	69.50%	98.07%	88.52%	47.81%
	Male (M)	68.85%	98.08%	83.37%	39.12%
	Female (F)	70.18%	98.05%	93.97%	57.12%

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Region VII Eastern Visayas	Total (MF)	61.75%	91.60%	80.05%	42.08%
	Male (M)	61.20%	91.44%	75.50%	33.84%
	Female (F)	62.33%	91.76%	84.85%	50.92%
Region IX- Zamboanga Peninsula	Total (MF)	65.24%	91.70%	74.24%	34.43%
	Male (M)	63.92%	91.22%	69.13%	27.06%
	Female (F)	66.63%	92.20%	79.54%	42.28%
Region X- Northern Mindanao	Total (MF)	73.36%	99.23%	76.75%	38.05%
	Male (M)	72.73%	100.10%	72.47%	31.02%
	Female (F)	74.02%	98.33%	81.13%	45.48%
Region XI- Davao	Total (MF)	60.45%	93.87%	85.44%	41.53%
	Male (M)	59.19%	93.15%	80.15%	33.81%
	Female (F)	61.79%	94.63%	90.98%	49.67%
Region XII- SOCCSKSARGEN	Total (MF)	64.41%	92.24%	75.89%	37.45%
	Male (M)	63.17%	91.82%	70.70%	30.88%
	Female (F)	65.72%	92.68%	81.29%	44.41%
Caraga Region	Total (MF)	64.31%	94.84%	82.20%	40.77%
	Male (M)	64.30%	95.46%	78.54%	34.27%
	Female (F)	64.31%	94.20%	85.99%	47.70%
BARMM-Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	Total (MF)	53.65%	71.51%	36.48%	10.59%
	Male (M)	49.38%	68.42%	31.07%	7.49%
	Female (F)	58.16%	74.70%	41.96%	13.73%
CAR- Cordillera Administrative Region	Total (MF)	62.32%	91.40%	84.76%	50.53%
	Male (M)	62.78%	92.25%	80.81%	41.46%
	Female (F)	61.83%	90.51%	88.90%	60.28%

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NCR- National Capital Region	Total (MF)	57.17%	89.91%	89.68%	62.28%
	Male (M)	56.11%	89.43%	86.06%	54.93%
	Female (F)	58.28%	90.42%	93.47%	70.00%
Total PHILIPPINES	Total (MF)	63.43%	93.96%	82.89%	47.76%
	Male (M)	62.59%	93.79%	78.80%	40.65%
	Female (F)	64.31%	94.15%	87.20%	55.34%

Source: DepEd SY 2019-2020 Performance Indicators

The gender gap in dropout rates over time, grade level progression (see graphs below), and school performance is among the key findings in the LCSFC.⁴¹ There is a more pronounced decreasing trend in the percentage of enrolled males compared to females, widening the gender gap over time as the cohort grew older. It seems that the pandemic, with the consequent shift to remote learning and home confinement of children, has narrowed the gap as an increase in the proportion of males enrolled is observed in SY 2020–2021 (W4a). However, the graph following the grade level progression of Grade 5 students in SY 2016–2017 (W1) shows that the gender gap continues to widen for appropriate grade level progression, indicating that males continue to lag behind and those that came back to school during the pandemic are now in lower grade levels than their W1 peers.

⁴¹ United Nations Population Fund. Longitudinal Cohort Study on the Filipino Child. 2019.