



# **The Philippine Experience in the Measurement of Migration: Perspectives of an Emigration Country**

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# The Philippines as a Sending Country

- A long history of data collection and archives
- Institutionalized inter-agency coordination committees
- Use of a variety of data sources – national and local surveys, administrative data, research findings
- Over 25 government and private agencies engaged in collection of data

# Issues and Concerns

- Inconsistences in data definitions
- Differences in language and methodologies
- Controversy in the estimated numbers of Filipinos overseas and overseas workers
- Inadequate institutional consultations in reform and expansion of data collection

# **NEDA-SWS 2017 Study**

A **comprehensive** study compiling currently available data on international migration, analyze gaps and recommend improvements to support policy formulation and development planning

- **International Migration Almanac 2017**
- **Scoping Report**
- **Recommendations**

# Organizational Frameworks

- **Migrant Counts**

- Direction of Migration
- Stocks and Flows
- Legal Status

- **Migration and Development**

- Option for Foreign Employment
- Business of Recruitment
- Vulnerability at Work
- Social Protection and Political Participation
- OF and OFW Family Well-being

# Findings

## On Nature of the Phenomenon

- Inherent difficulty of measuring from the source country as restrictive migration channels may mask real intentions
- Legal definitions and Operational Frameworks vs. International Standards

## Inconsistencies in Practice

- Survey language, residency rules, non-standardized variables
- Data access

# Findings

## Incomplete and Missing Data

- Inattention to student migration; gap on return migration; poor monitoring of foreign in-migration
- Complexity of irregular migration
- SDG Data requirements are not yet started: Remittance prices; Recruitment/migration costs
- Better data collection on migration and development is needed: Vulnerability of Workers; Business Prices; Family Well-being; Social Protection and Political Participation

# Recommendations

- Governance and leadership
- Small, simple but essential improvements
- New data collection
- Investment in institutional capacity.
- Regular Reporting on the State of International Migration Data



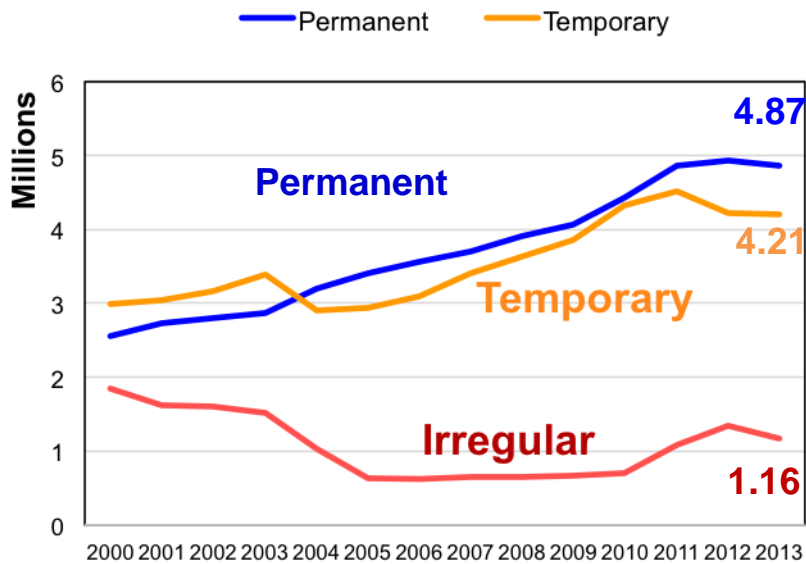


# Selected Highlights

# The Permanent and Temporary

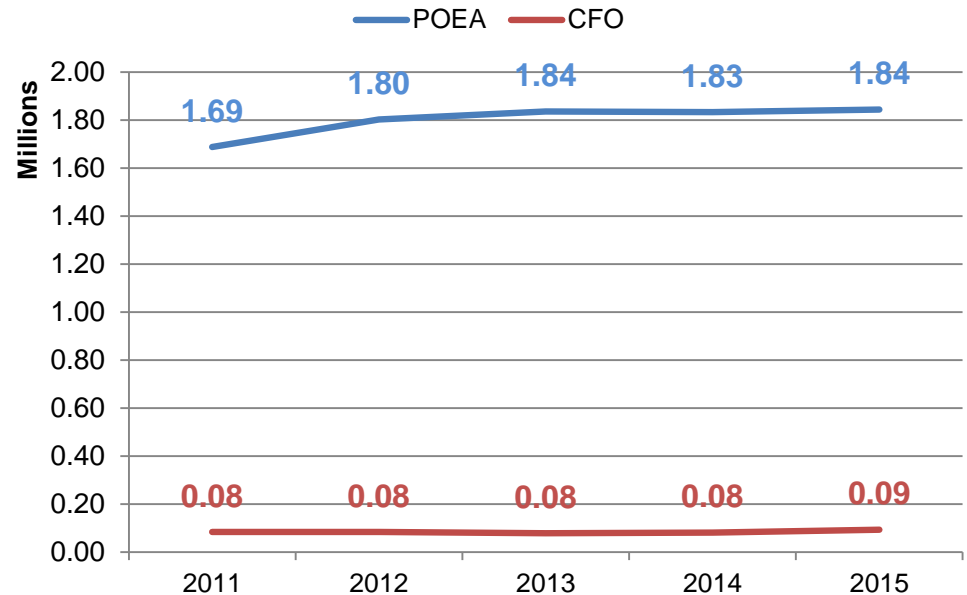
## Stocks

Chart 3A. Stock Estimates of Permanent, Temporary and Irregular Overseas Filipinos, in millions, 2000-2013



## Flows

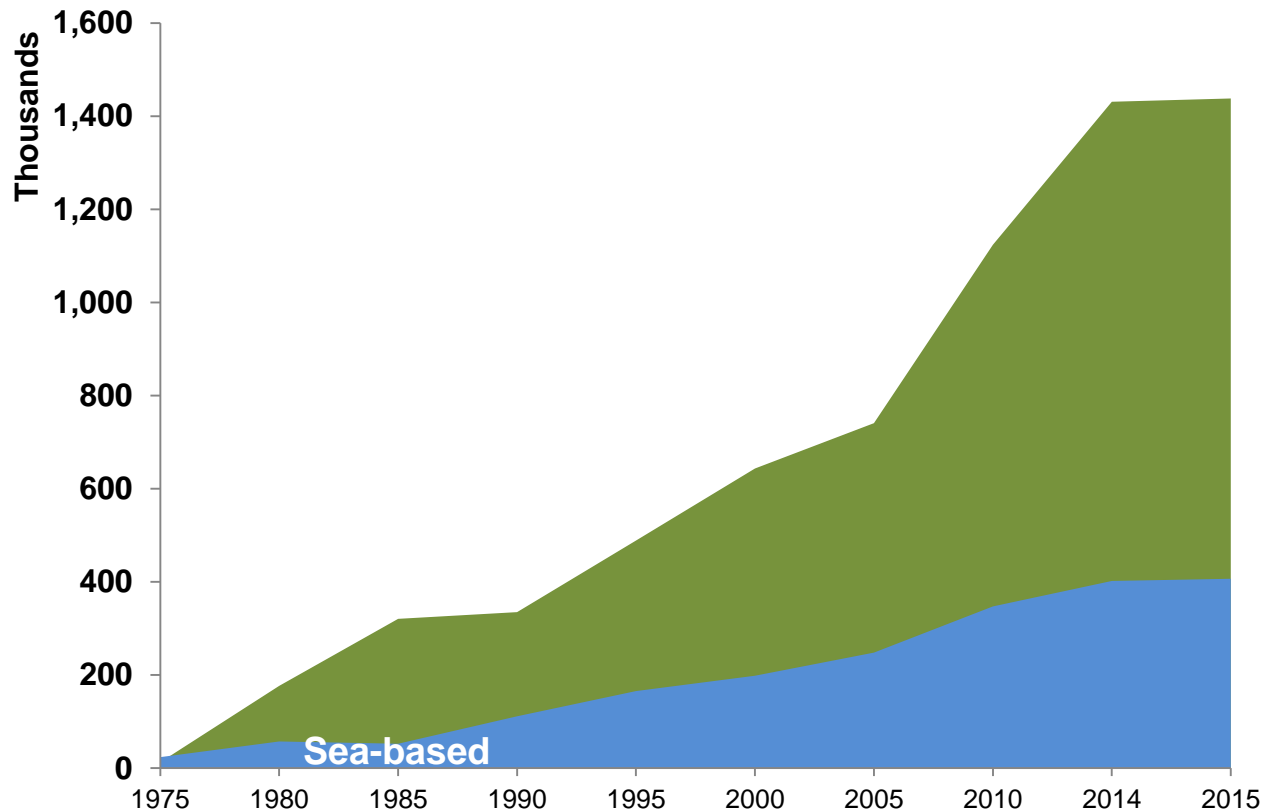
Chart 3B. Outflows of Overseas Filipinos: Registered Emigrants and Deployed Workers, in millions, 2011-2015



Sources: Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

# OFWs: More Land than Sea

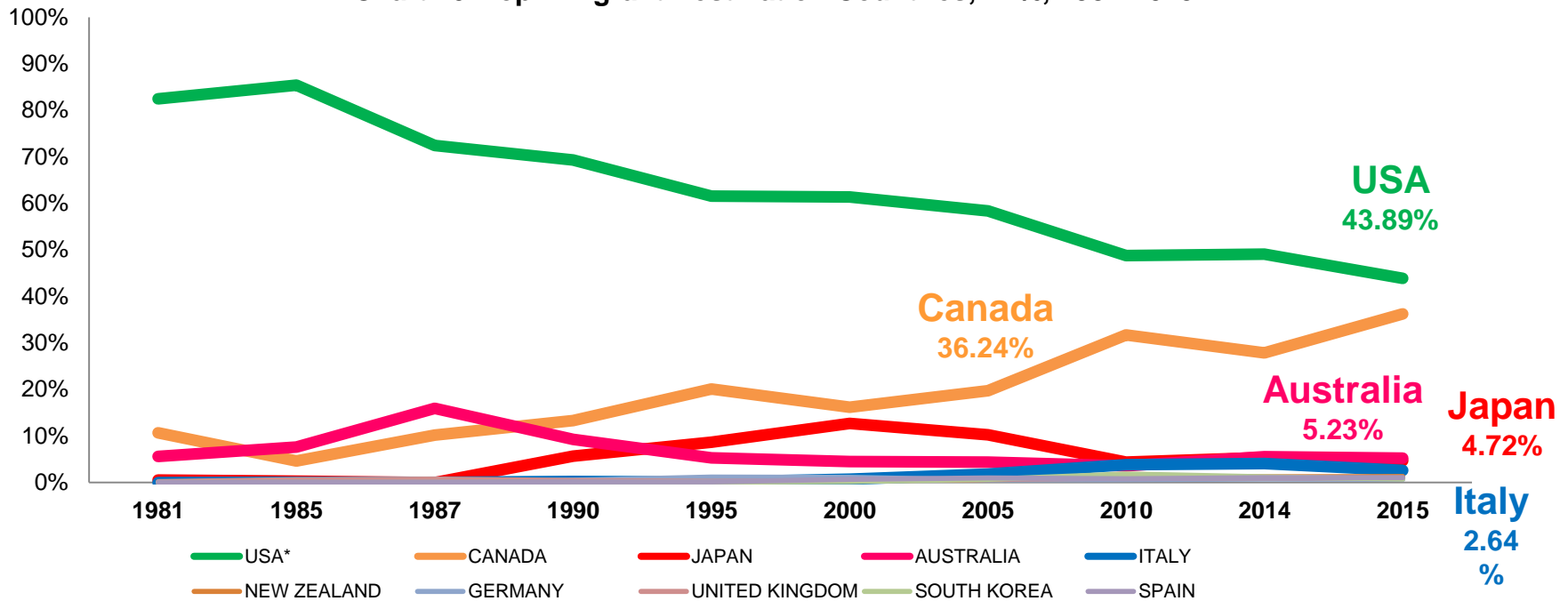
Chart 7. Cumulative Total of Deployed Land-based Workers and Seafarers, in 000, 1975-2015



Source: The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

# Emigrant Destinations: US, Canada, Australia and Japan

Chart 10. Top Emigrant Destination Countries, in %, 1987-2015

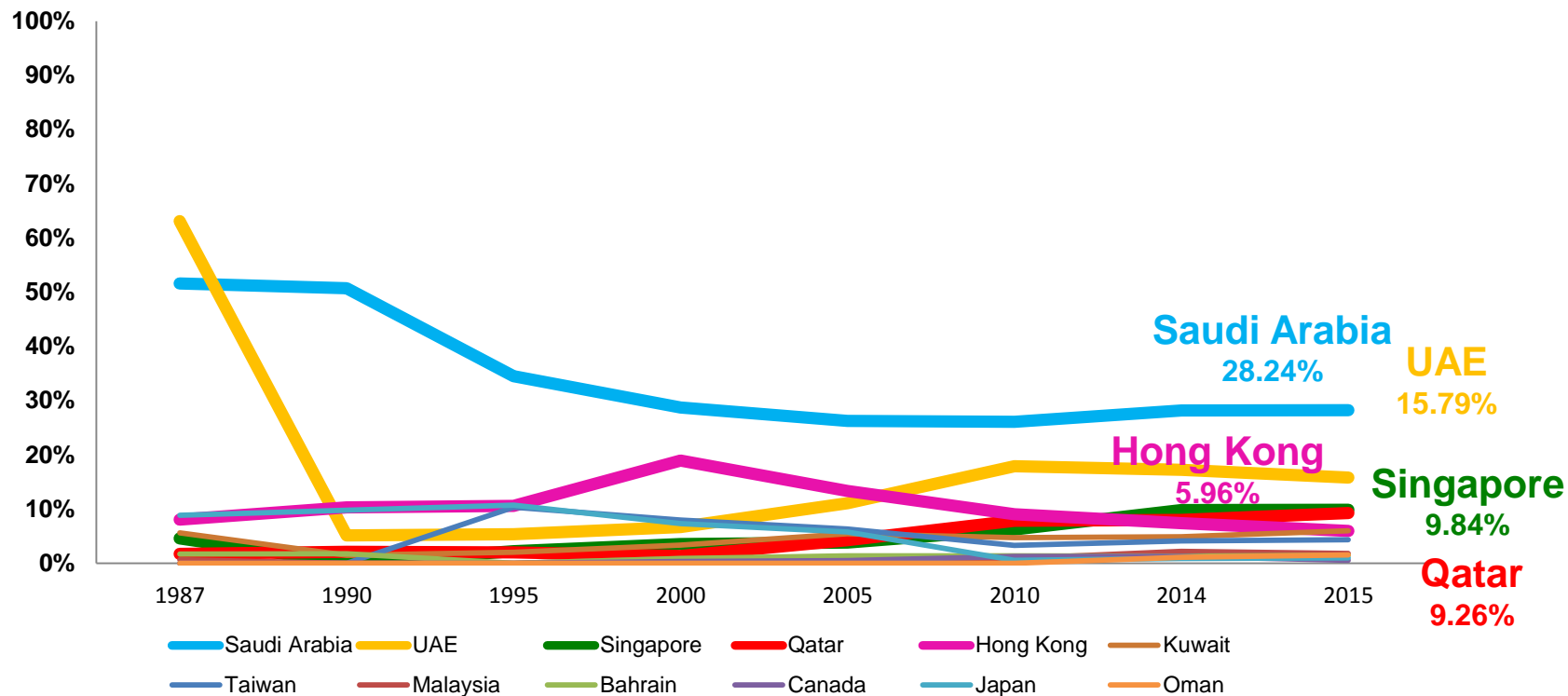


Note: \*USA and Insular Area (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, US Virgin Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)

Source: Commission on Filipinos Overseas

# OFW Destinations: A Dominant Middle East and Significant East Asian Flows

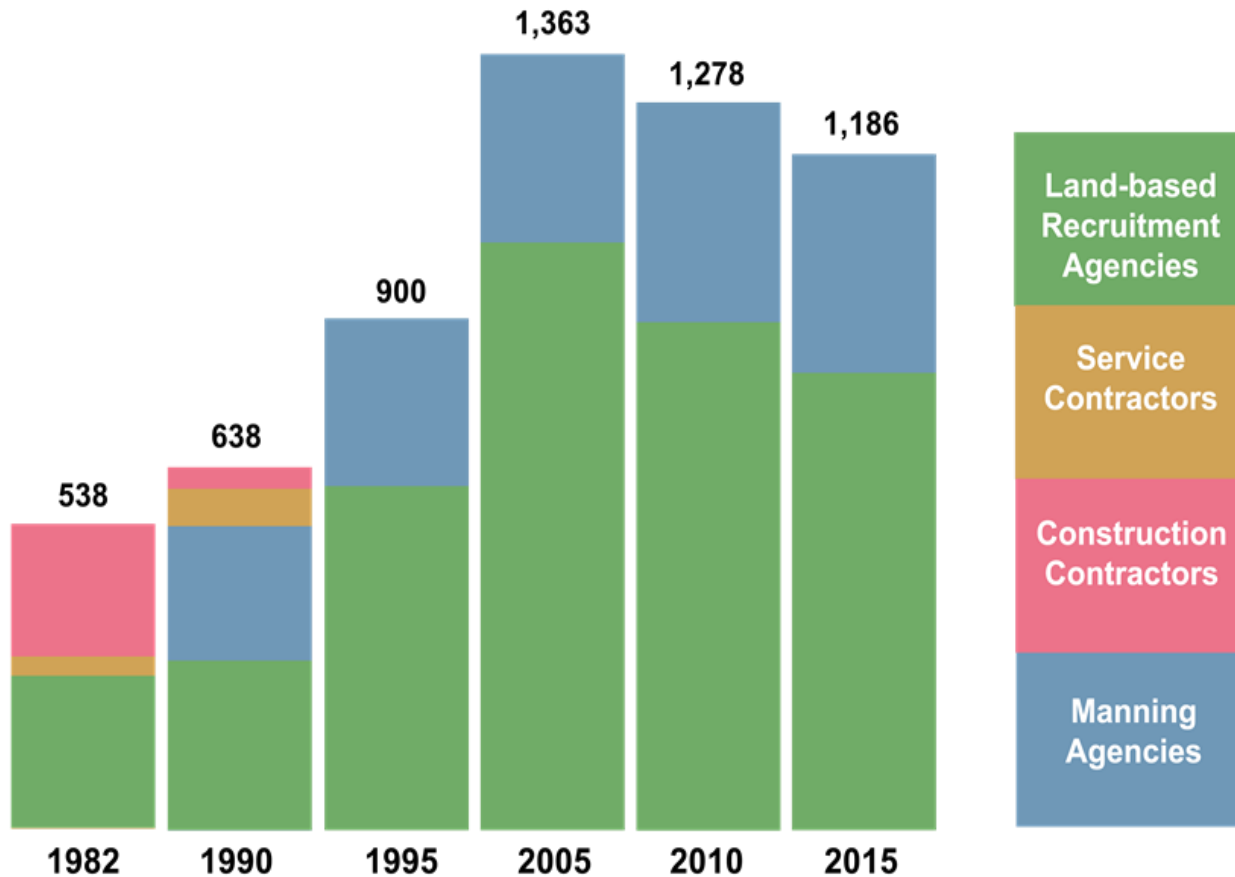
Chart 11. Top OFW Destinations, in %, 1987-2015



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# The Business of Recruitment

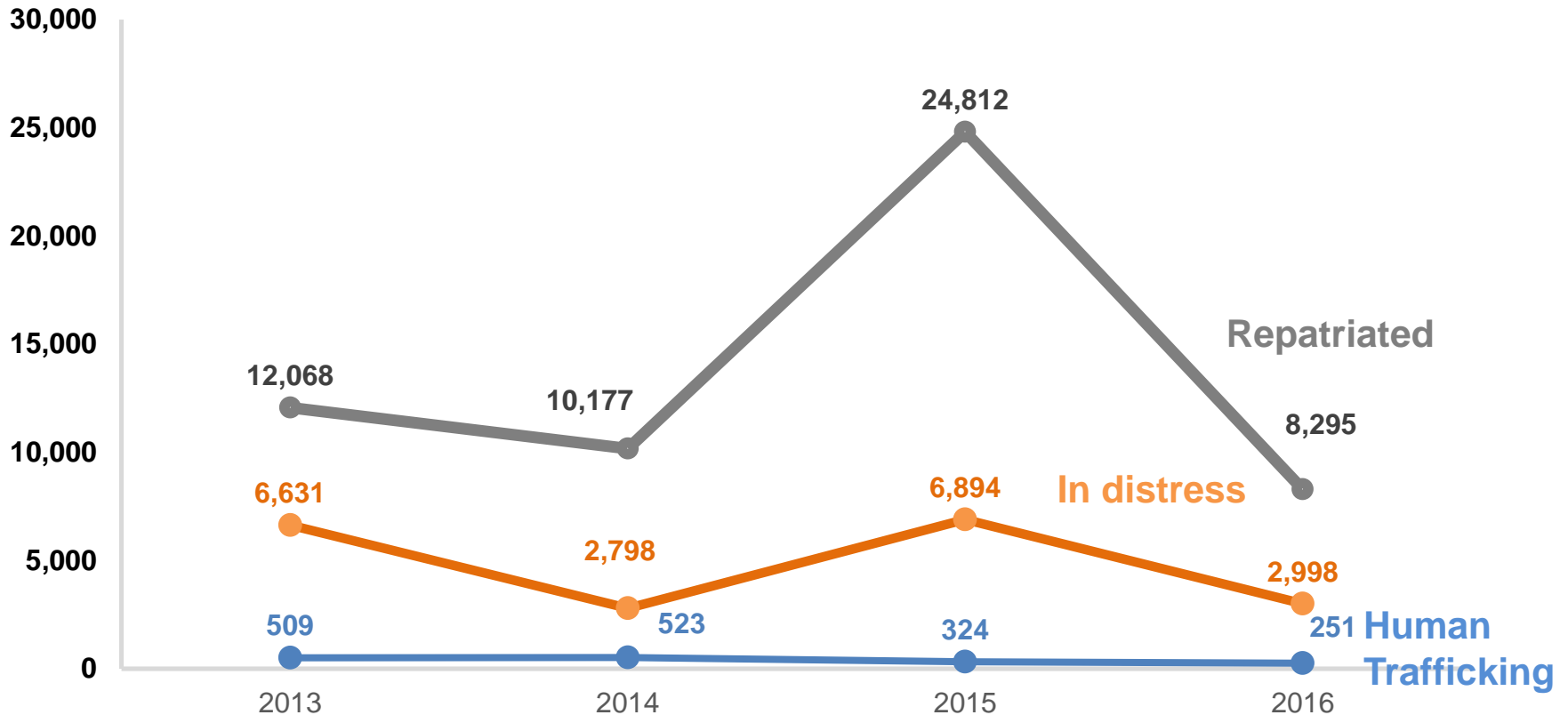
Chart 31. Licensed Private Recruitment and Manning Agencies, By category of license, 1982-2015



Source: The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

# Vulnerability

Chart 35. Reported OFW Cases at Philippine Embassies and Missions, 2013-2016



Source: Department of Foreign Affairs

# Foreign Exchange Remittances

Chart 47. Overseas Filipinos' Cash Remittances, in 000, 1979-2015

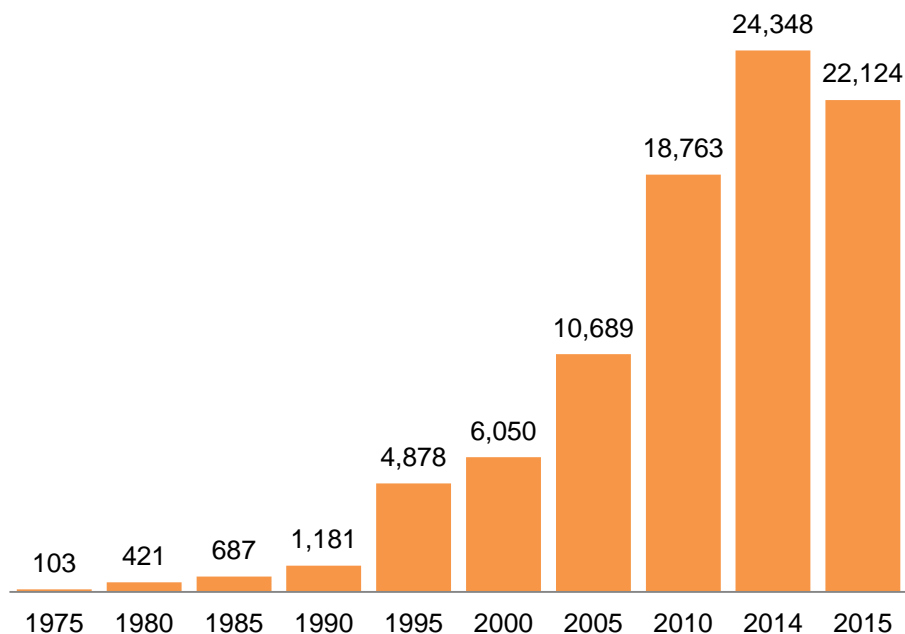
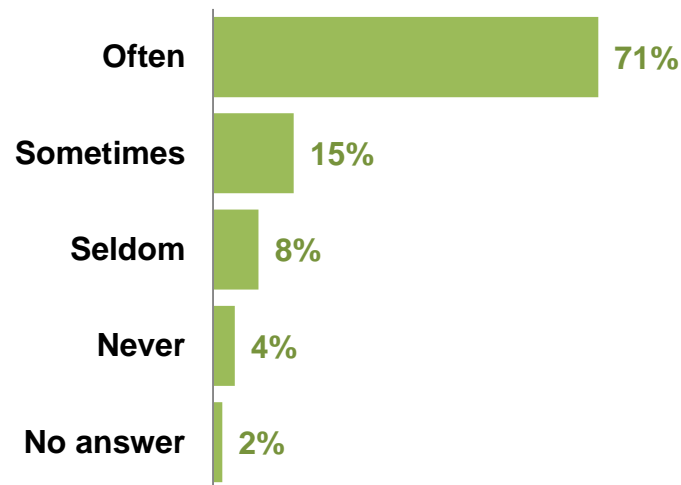


Chart 48. Frequency in Receiving Remittances, in %, 2015

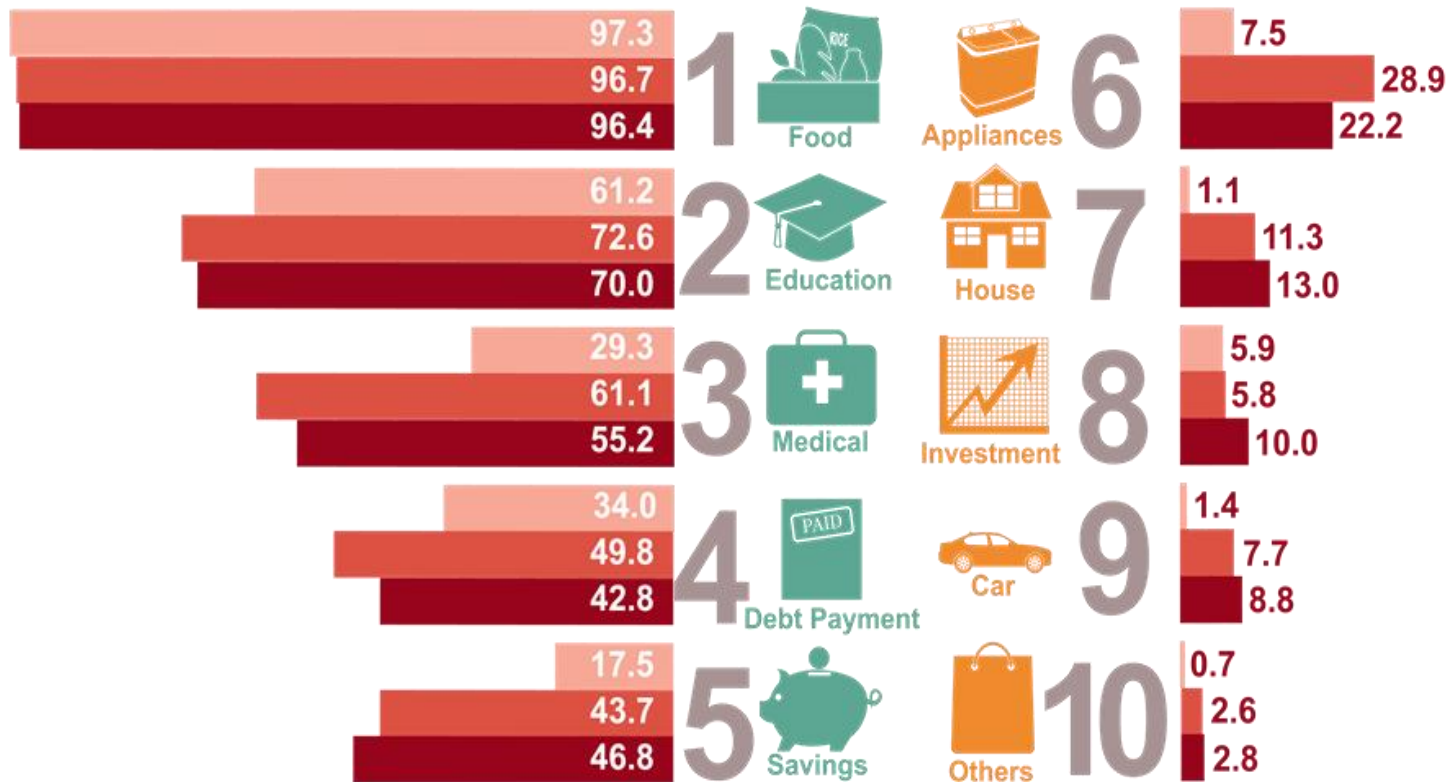


Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas



# How OFW Families Spend their Remittances

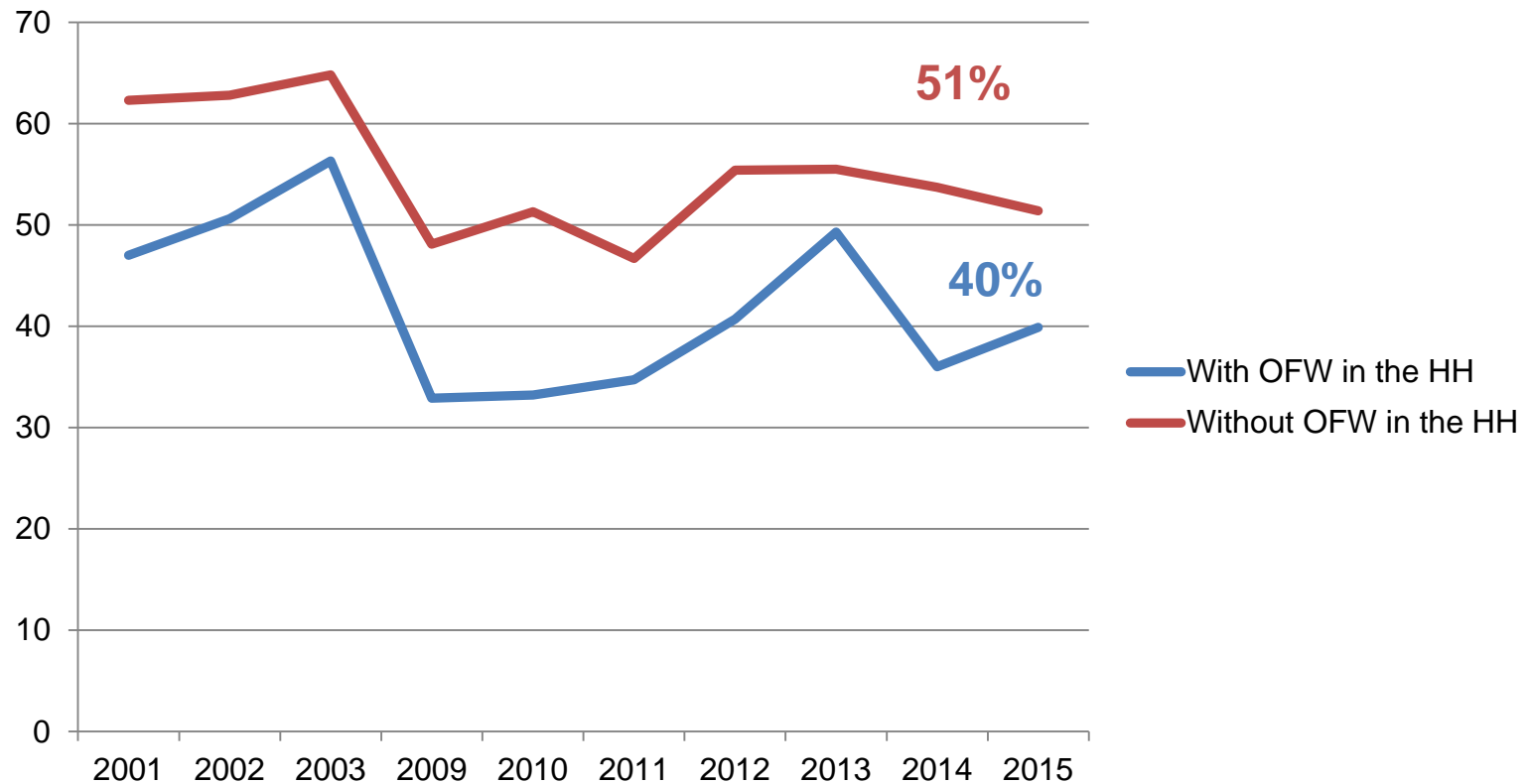
Chart 52. How OFW Families Spend their Remittances, by Type of Expenditure, in %, 2007, 2010, 2016



Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

# Moving Out of Poverty

Chart 53. OFW Filipino Households Identifying Themselves as Poor, Compared with Non-OFW Households, in %, 2001-2016



Source: Social Weather Stations