



### BASIC LITERACY

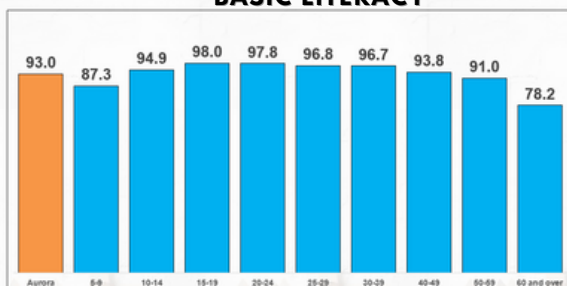


Figure 1. Basic Literacy Rate of Population 5 Years Old and Over by Age Group, Aurora: 2024 (in percent)

- Age group 15 to 19 years old had the highest basic literacy rate at 98.0%.
- Age group 60 years old and over reported the lowest basic literacy rate at 78.2%.

### FUNCTIONAL LITERACY

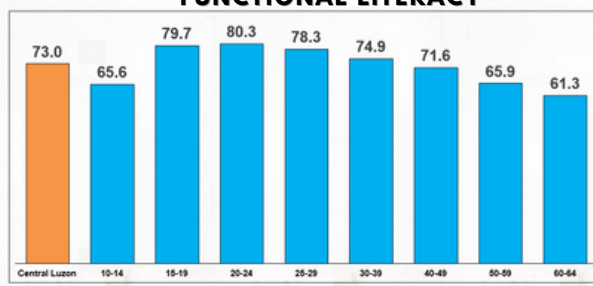


Figure 2. Functional Literacy Rate of Population 10 to 64 Years Old by Age Group, Central Luzon: 2024 (in percent)

- Age group 20 to 24 years old recorded the highest functional literacy rate (80.3%).
- Age group 60 to 64 years old had the lowest functional literacy rate (61.3%).

## AURORA'S LITERACY LANDSCAPE: 2024 FLEMMS RESULTS



On June 10, 2025, PSA-Aurora presented the 2024 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) results during the 2nd Quarter meeting of the Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC). The data revealed that 93.0% of individuals in Aurora aged 5 and above are basically literate, but only 66.6% are functionally literate, or 7 out of 10 people who can read, write, compute, and comprehend—showing a 26.4 percentage point literacy gap, the widest in Central Luzon.

For mass media exposure in the region, 54.1% accessed newspapers through digital platforms, 97.97% watched television, and 84.3% used the internet primarily for social media. ICT device ownership was also high, with 91.9% owning a cellphone.

Although Central Luzon registered the highest basic literacy rate nationwide at 92.8%, its functional literacy rate of 73.0% highlights a significant gap. Aurora's 15.3% poverty incidence in 2023, among the highest in the region, further underscores the need to enhance functional literacy and digital skills to support inclusive and sustainable development.

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## AURORA RECORDS 8.26% RISE IN SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN Q4 2024

Table 1. Growth Rate of Animals Slaughtered in Slaughterhouses Production by Province in Central Luzon, Fourth Quarter 2024

Province	Volume of Production		Growth Rate
	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	
<b>CENTRAL LUZON</b>	<b>495,976</b>	<b>502,133</b>	<b>-1.23%</b>
Zambales	27,730	21,900	26.62%
Aurora	8,391	7,751	8.26%
Tarlac	128,617	123,928	3.78%
Bulacan	157,774	158,486	-0.45%
Pampanga	91,730	95,575	-4.02%
Bataan	17,037	19,590	-13.03%
Nueva Ecija	64,697	74,903	-13.63%

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Compilation of Data from Slaughterhouses and Poultry Dressing Plants (CDSPPD)

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the total number of animals slaughtered in slaughterhouses in Aurora increased to 8,391 heads, up from 7,751 heads in the same period of 2023; an 8.26 percent rise. Among the provinces in Central Luzon, Zambales posted the highest growth rate at 26.62 percent, while Nueva Ecija recorded the steepest decline at -13.63 percent. Overall, Central Luzon experienced a slight decrease of -1.23 percent in the total volume of animals slaughtered in slaughterhouses (see Table 1).

In Aurora, carabao registered the

highest growth among all animal types, rising by 34.09 percent—from 88 heads in Q4 2023 to 118 heads in Q4 2024. Conversely, goat showed the sharpest decline, dropping by 40.00 percent, from 5 heads in Q4 2023 to just 3 heads in Q4 2024.

Aurora contributed the smallest share to Central Luzon's total slaughterhouse volume, accounting for only 1.69 percent or 8,391 heads. Bataan followed with 17,037 heads, making up 3.44 percent of the regional total. Bulacan remained the top contributor, recording 157,774 heads or 31.81 percent of the total.



## 2ND QUARTER PSA/MCR MEETING

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Aurora Provincial Statistical Office, in collaboration with the Association of Civil Registrars of Aurora, conducted the 2nd Quarter Municipal Civil Registrars (MCR) meeting at the LGU Dilasag on 20 June 2025. The meeting focused on strengthening the partnership between PSA and the Municipal Civil Registry Offices (MCROs) in implementing the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) and the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys)



registration. It also highlighted the involvement of Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) in the National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (NCCRVs) initiatives.

## PSA AURORA CONDUCTS LECTURE ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY



PSA Aurora, led by SrSS Elizabeth Q. Lopez, conducted a re-echo session on the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act (RA 11032) for both regular employees and Contract of Service Workers (COSWs).

The lecture focused on the agency's responsibilities in complying with RA 11032, particularly in the delivery of frontline services such as those provided through the Civil Registration System (CRS) Outlet, Processing of Application for Certificate of Registration of Authority to Solemnize Marriage (CRASM), PhilSys registration, and assistance to researchers, among others.

Ms. Lopez underscored the importance of professionalism and proper conduct in all interactions with the public, highlighting the need to consistently provide efficient, courteous, and transparent service.





## PSA-AURORA CONDUCTS FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE AS PART OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVE



As part of its commitment to social responsibility, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Aurora Provincial Office conducted a free issuance of civil registry documents for incoming Kindergarten students of Mariano L. Sindac Integrated School. The activity which was part of Brigada Eskwela, was held on 24 June 2025 at Sitio Puntian, Barangay Zabali, Baler, Aurora. This was led by the School Principal, Ms. Rosally M. Lita and attended by PSA-Aurora personnel. A total of 15 beneficiaries received their birth certificates during the outreach.

## BRIEFING ON PALAY AND CORN PRODUCTION SURVEY



On 26 June 2025, SSII Irene C. Sindac and SA Shiney Marie S. Caruluan conducted a briefing for the Statistical Researchers (SRs) of the Palay and Corn Production Survey. They provided updates on the survey and reiterated its importance in enabling the government to accurately assess agricultural production across the province.

The briefing also served as a venue to clarify and resolve issues encountered by the SRs during their field operations. Through this initiative, PSA Aurora aims to enhance the effectiveness, skills, capabilities, and knowledge of the SRs hired for the survey. This will greatly contribute to ensuring the quality of the data collected and produced by the agency.





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## PSA PARTICIPATES IN THE 2025 SECOND QUARTER MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURISTS AND STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), represented by Statistical Specialist II Mrs. Irene C. Sindac and Statistical Analyst Ms. Shiney Marie S. Caruluan, took part in the 2025 Second Quarter Municipal Agriculturists and Stakeholders' Meeting held on June 25, 2025, at AMCO Beach Resort, Barangay Sabang, Baler, Aurora.


The meeting provided updates on the Department of Agriculture's Rice Program, along with briefings from other attached agencies. It served as a collaborative platform to align ongoing and upcoming initiatives related to agriculture in the province.

Participants included representatives from the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), National Food Authority (NFA), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), DOST-PAGASA, Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center III (ATI-RTC III), PhilRice, Municipal Agriculturists from Aurora's eight municipalities, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg), and the DA-RFO III Regional Rice Program Coordinator.

The meeting proved to be meaningful and productive for all stakeholders, fostering stronger collaboration among agencies and ensuring more effective delivery of agricultural programs.



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