Defining Philippine Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

The Philippines employs two criteria in operationally defining MSMEs, namely employment and asset size. The Philippines Statistics Authority classifies an enterprise as a micro enterprise if it has less than 10 employees, small if it has 10-99 employees, medium with 100-199 employees, and large if it has 200 or more employees. On the other hand, the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council (SMEDC) uses asset size as its basis for classification.

Size	By Employment	By Asset Size
Micro	1-9 employees	Up to P3,000,000
Small	10-99 employees	P3,000,001 – P15,000,000
Medium	100-199 employees	P15,000,001 – P100,000,000
Large	200 and above employees	P100,000,001 and above

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REGION	Number of Establishments by Region and Employment Grouping								Total Employment by Region and Employment Grouping							
REGION	MICRO	SMALL	MEDIUM	Total MSMEs	% Share	LARGE	% Share	TOTAL	MICRO	SMALL	MEDIUM	Total MSMEs	% Share	LARGE	% Share	TOTAL
Philippines	1,004,195	96,464	4,484	1,105,143	99.59%	4,541	0.41%	1,109,684	2,816,091	2,183,667	607,990	5,607,748	65.10%	3,006,821	34.90%	8,614,569
NCR	174,975	28,204	1,665	204,844	99.07%	1,921	0.93%	206,765	519,444	680,561	226,865	1,426,870	50.21%	1,414,840	49.79%	2,841,710
CAR	22,140	1,298	29	23,467	99.80%	46	0.20%	23,513	53,084	26,438	3,932	83,454	76.52%	25,602	23.48%	109,056
l - Ilocos Region	55,760	3,727	99	59,586	99.89%	63	0.11%	59,649	149,800	78,198	13,275	241,273	91.69%	21,865	8.31%	263,138
II - Cagayan Valley	32,205	2,097	53	34,355	99.90%	36	0.10%	34,391	88,158	42,456	6,755	137,369	89.58%	15,983	10.42%	153,352
III - Central Luzon	129,260	10,222	430	139,912	99.73%	373	0.27%	140,285	354,413	226,719	57,338	638,470	72.67%	240,151	27.33%	878,621
IVA - CALABARZON	149,865	13,153	692	163,710	99.55%	737	0.45%	164,447	416,712	304,872	94,032	815,616	61.74%	505,368	38.26%	1,320,984
IVB - MIMAROPA	22,556	1,763	40	24,359	99.91%	23	0.09%	24,382	62,374	36,896	5,307	104,577	91.67%	9,502	8.33%	114,079
V - Bicol Region	43,074	3,275	111	46,460	99.85%	72	0.15%	46,532	119,032	68,961	15,101	203,094	88.49%	26,406	11.51%	229,500
VI - Western Visayas	69,533	5,782	238	75,553	99.74%	195	0.26%	75,748	197,907	122,754	32,465	353,126	78.29%	97,920	21.71%	451,046
VII - Central Visayas	71,270	8,006	413	79,689	99.40%	483	0.60%	80,172	202,425	184,946	55,660	443,031	56.90%	335,591	43.10%	778,622
VIII - Eastern Visayas	33,642	2,557	68	36,267	99.90%	36	0.10%	36,303	93,957	54,329	8,873	157,159	92.16%	13,367	7.84%	170,526
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	33,013	2,348	70	35,431	99.84%	56	0.16%	35,487	87,429	48,885	9,576	145,890	86.26%	23,247	13.74%	169,137
X - Northern Mindanao	36,227	3,877	148	40,252	99.68%	129	0.32%	40,381	102,514	84,147	20,227	206,888	76.58%	63,255	23.42%	270,143
XI - Davao Region	56,158	5,077	226	61,461	99.66%	209	0.34%	61,670	159,226	114,656	31,109	304,991	71.06%	124,229	28.94%	429,220
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	43,749	2,888	129	46,766	99.79%	100	0.21%	46,866	122,098	62,870	17,312	202,280	76.40%	62,472	23.60%	264,752
Caraga	21,248	1,625	65	22,938	99.77%	52	0.23%	22,990	60,204	34,385	9,154	103,743	81.59%	23,408	18.41%	127,151
BARMM	9,520	565	8	10,093	99.90%	10	0.10%	10,103	27,314	11,594	1,009	39,917	91.70%	3,615	8.30%	43,532

SIZE	NO. OF ESTABLISHMENTS	% SHARE	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	% SHARE
MICRO	1,004,195	90.49%	2,816,091	32.69%
SMALL	96,464	8.69%	2,183,667	25.35%
MEDIUM	4,484	0.40%	607,990	7.06%
LARGE	4,541	0.41%	3,006,821	34.90%
TOTAL	1,109,684	100%	8,614,569	100%
MSME	1,105,143	99.59%	5,607,748	65.10%

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 List of Establishments

Industry Sector	Number of Establishments by Industry and Employment Grouping						Total Employment by Industry and Employment Grouping									
Philippines	MICRO 1,004,195	SMALL 96,464	MEDIUM 4,484	Total MSMEs 1,105,143	% Share 99.59%	LARGE 4,541	% Share 0.41%	TOTAL 1,109,684	MICRO 2,816,091	SMALL 2,183,667	MEDIUM 607,990	Total MSMEs 5,607,748	% Share 65.10%	3,006,821	% Share 34.90%	TOTAL 8,614,569
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	6,474	2,674	177	9,325	98.57%	135	1.43%	9,460	22,799	69,076	23,722	115,597	58.55%	81,822	41.45%	197,419
Mining and Quarrying	448	338	20	806	96.18%	32	3.82%	838	1,896	9,010	2,906	13,812	36.33%	24,201	63.67%	38,013
Manufacturing	121,371	11,138	995	133,504	99.23%	1,037	0.77%	134,541	349,993	295,914	136,848	782,755	51.16%	747,158	48.84%	1,529,913
Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply	524	699	97	1,320	93.88%	86	6.12%	1,406	2,261	19,726	14,199	36,186	53.55%	31,387	46.45%	67,573
Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	845	740	36	1,621	97.89%	35	2.11%	1,656	3,692	20,698	4,660	29,050	68.32%	13,473	31.68%	42,523
Construction	2,037	1,944	242	4,223	94.01%	269	5.99%	4,492	8,527	58,356	31,905	98,788	36.72%	170,265	63.28%	269,053
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	512,109	33,760	994	546,863	99.92%	460	0.08%	547,323	1,362,740	695,309	133,628	2,191,677	92.62%	174,579	7.38%	2,366,256
Transport and Storage	7,737	3,889	240	11,866	98.30%	205	1.70%	12,071	29,356	104,095	32,134	165,585	55.92%	130,514	44.08%	296,099
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	145,696	12,288	129	158,113	99.96%	59	0.04%	158,172	428,092	259,928	16,375	704,395	96.80%	23,268	3.20%	727,663
Information and Communication	11,644	1,577	156	13,377	98.91%	148	1.09%	13,525	25,680	43,306	21,651	90,637	50.32%	89,492	49.68%	180,129
Financial and Insurance Activities	42,387	8,248	147	50,782	99.71%	148	0.29%	50,930	162,415	145,488	19,854	327,757	74.06%	114,798	25.94%	442,555
Real Estate Activities	12,765	2,152	72	14,989	99.51%	74	0.49%	15,063	35,436	50,878	8,990	95,304	65.12%	51,041	34.88%	146,345
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	13,377	1,903	112	15,392	99.41%	91	0.59%	15,483	41,552	45,197	15,380	102,129	62.87%	60,304	37.13%	162,433
Administrative and Support Service Activities	11,218	2,748	473	14,439	91.89%	1,274	8.11%	15,713	31,436	80,881	65,254	177,571	14.23%	1,070,007	85.77%	1,247,578
Education	7,193	6,379	347	13,919	98.49%	213	1.51%	14,132	32,200	162,575	46,608	241,383	72.82%	90,098	27.18%	331,481
Human Health and Social Work Activities	25,101	2,309	201	27,611	99.14%	239	0.86%	27,850	66,664	60,741	27,686	155,091	60.03%	103,270	39.97%	258,361
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,526	1,294	28	15,848	99.78%	35	0.22%	15,883	38,722	25,629	3,785	68,136	68.77%	30,944	31.23%	99,080
Other Service Activities	68,743	2,384	18	71,145	100.00%	1	0.001%	71,146	172,630	36,860	2,405	211,895	99.91%	200	0.09%	212,095