

All about the **young** & the **curious**

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The Filipino Adolescents

Outline of Presentation

- Some basic facts
- Social environment
- Risk behaviors
- Consequences of risk behaviors
- Reasons why they engage in risk behaviors
- What can we do to help?

The Filipino Adolescents

Some considerations in the Presentation

- Comparisons
 - global
 - gender
 - adolescent-relevant SE groups
 - temporal

The Filipino adolescents: **Some Basic Facts**

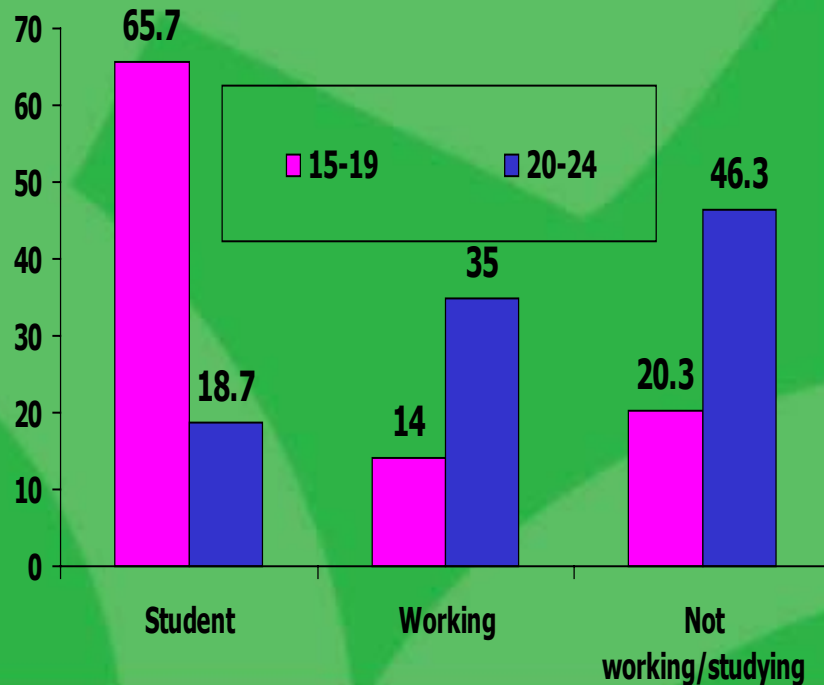
Magnitude

- 1/5 of of the population are 15-24 yrs old
 - in absolute numbers: 16.5 million
 - at the global level, 1.2 billion youth
- By 2030, adolescent population in the Philippines is estimated to reach 30 million

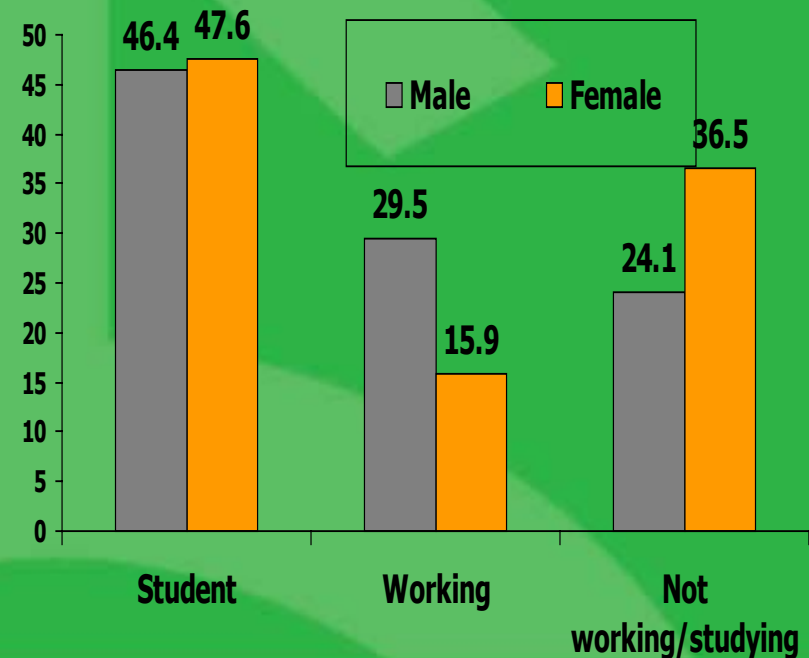
Main activities of adolescents

**31% of adolescents are 'idle',
while 47% are still in school**

*Younger adolescents are still
very much in school.*



*More young males are working
than females.*



Social Environment of Adolescents

F a m i l y

- Majority were raised by both natural parents (83%).
- 76% of adolescents have parents who are still living together.
- *Lower proportion of 'idle' youth were raised by both parents.*
- *Among 'idle' youth, 70% have parents who are still living together.*

Social Environment of Adolescents

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- In general, adolescents view their parents to be more permissive than controlling
 - *They see their fathers to be more strict than their mothers*

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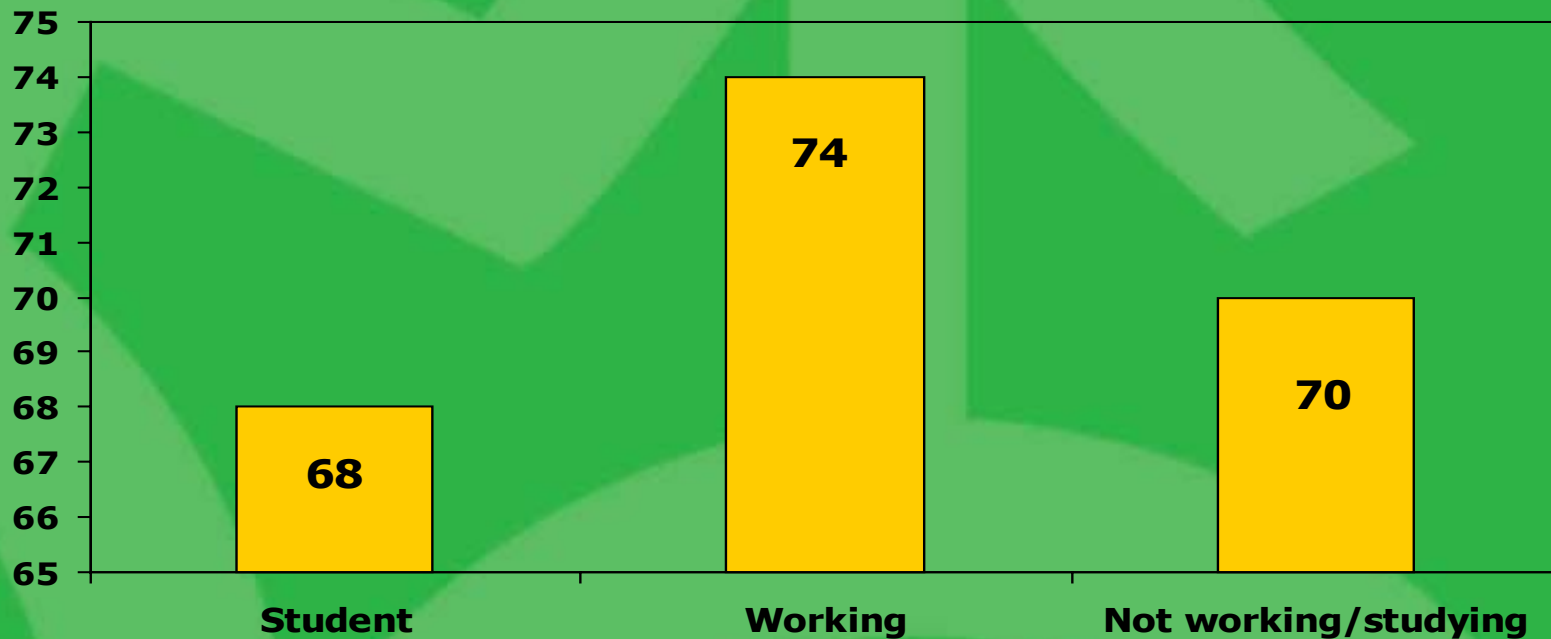
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- **44 % of Filipino adolescents have experienced living away from home**
 - *Females have higher tendency to live away from home than males.*
 - *The likelihood of leaving home increases when an adolescent leaves school.*

Social Environment of Adolescents

S c h o o l

- Majority of Filipino adolescents attended public schools.



Social Environment of Adolescents

S c h o o l

- **1 in 10 had experienced school suspension**
- **Larger proportion of those who are no longer in school had experienced school suspension.**
- **Boys have higher likelihood for school suspension than girls.**

Social Environment of Adolescents

F r i e n d s

- On average, Filipino adolescents have 5 close friends.
 - **Boys keep a slightly wider circle of friends than girls.**
- 42% knew that some of their friends are having premarital sex.
 - **56% among boys**
 - **31% among girls**

Social Environment of Adolescents

C h u r c h

- **83% of Filipino youth are Catholics.**
- **Regardless of religion, 66% attend ceremonies at least once a week.**
 - **Girls are more religious than boys.**

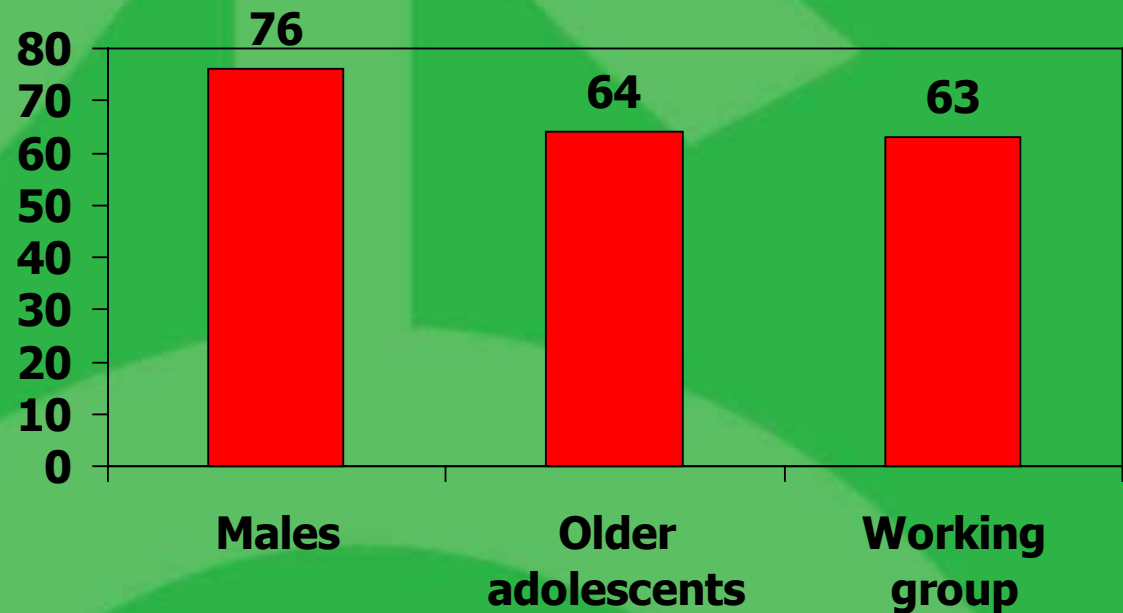
Social Environment of Adolescents

Media

- 6% have regular internet access

- 55% of adolescents have access to pornographic reading materials and x-rated films/videos

Access to pornographic materials



Adolescent Development

**Adolescence is a healthy transition period
from childhood to adulthood**

- **Sexual development is a normal part of the transition**

Adolescent Development

**Most adolescents go through the transition
without much problems**

- **BUT a large number engage in risk behaviors in ways that can leave scars that can hurt their development in many aspects**

Risk Behaviors among Adolescents

Non – sexual risk behaviors

Smoking: 47% have tried smoking

- Males have higher proclivity to smoking than females.
- Younger women are picking up the smoking practice faster than the men.
- Out-of-school youth smoke more than those who are still in school.

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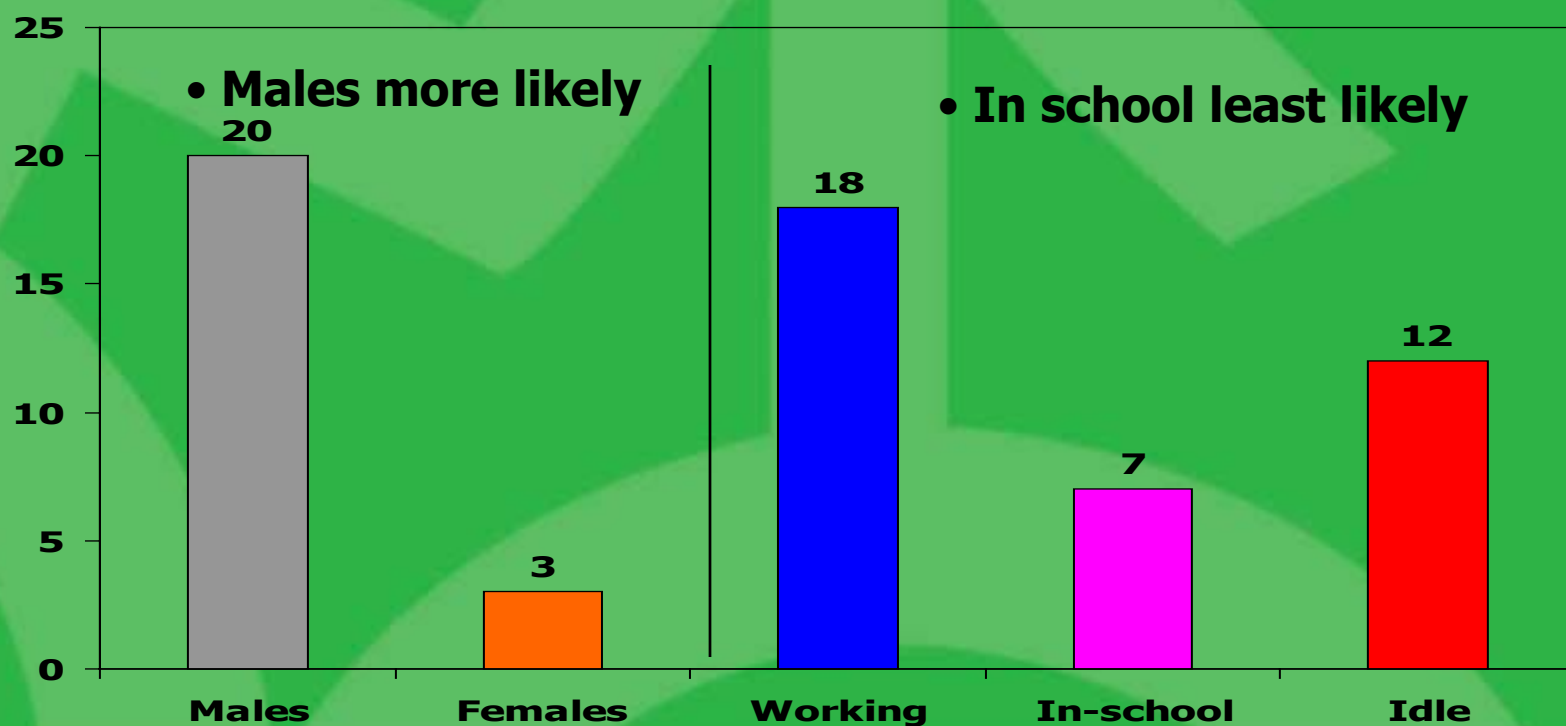
Drinking: 69 % have ever tried drinking alcohol

- **Alcohol consumption is almost universal among younger male adolescents (93%).**
- **There is increasing trend in drinking experience, from 54% in 1994 to 70% in 2002.**
- **Those who are working and 'idle' are more prone to drinking than in school youth.**

Risk Behaviors among Adolescents

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Drug use: 1.8 million Filipino youth have ever-tried illegal drugs (11%)



Risk Behaviors among Adolescents

Non – sexual risk behaviors

Suicide: 12% of adolescents have had thought of suicide

- **Girls are more prone to think of suicide than boys (17% vs. 7%).**
- **Compared with students and working youth, 'idle' youth are more prone to think of committing suicide (15% vs. 11%)**

Risk Behaviors among Adolescents

Sexual risk behaviors

Early sex: 23% of youth have engaged in PMS

