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INTRODUCTION

Studies on the structure of educational institutions are a neglected area of research in education. Yet knowledge about the structure of the educational system and its implications on pricing and output determination is necessary in planning for education. Such a study is especially useful to the Philippines whose educational institutions are supposed to have a problematic structure.

The aim of this paper is to describe empirically the structure of Philippine educational institutions and to analyze the interdependence between the structure, the cost function of various education programs and the student demand for these programs. By structure, we mean the nature and extent of government control and participation in educational activities; the geographic distribution of schools; their ownership and size; and the levels and fields of study (program of study) provided.

It is assumed that the behavior of the profit-making schools in the Philippines is similar to that of business firms. This being so, the price and output decisions of these schools can be explained by the demand function for the output, cost functions of education programs and structure of the institutions. The development of a given structure in turn, may be