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This paper attempts to analyze the Philippine market for labor with college degrees. By market we mean, on the one hand, the composite of economic sectors that demand educated labor, and on the other, the individuals who pursue higher education and thereafter join the labor force, and the schools that supply the education facilities for the latter.

The interest to write this paper rose from the explicit concern not infrequently heard nowadays about the weaknesses of our educational system. Among its weaknesses are the poor quality of instruction at all levels and the lack of control of the Department of Education over the dominant private (mostly profit) institutions at the secondary, and especially, at the collegiate levels. A second problem is the high rate of unemployment (and probably underemployment) of college graduates. There is also a question of whether the educational system supplies the right kind of professional skills - individuals with non-scientific training in the humanities, social education, etc.. and non-rigorous training i

Philippines, the educational system provides skills required by the different economic sectors. This argument seems to imply that the production of poorly qualified teachers, lawyers, secretaries and business managers is efficient simply because a large proportion of them are employed(1).

observe is determined by the interaction of schools and students. As explained in the theory of the firm the price and output of a given commodity is determined by the cost function, by the degree of monopoly of the firm, and by the demand function for the product. To a very great extent, the same analysis may be applied to the production of professional skills. Works on education concentrate on the latter question, that is the demand for education by students and hardly on the school decision to provide facilities of each given type and at the observed prices or tuition cost. One reason for the neglect of this aspect of the market might be due to the fact that the motivation of schools is more complex than that of a business firm and cannot realistically be assumed for profit.

Much of the literature was developed in Western societies where schools are not for profit and are supported extensively by the government and/or fundations. A second reason is the lack of data on cost. Because of the absence of cost data, the analysis of the structure of the schools is deferred as a separate research*. The paper concentrates on labor market adjustment.

The paper tries to do two things: firstly, develop a theory of demand for education under specific imperfections in the education market to explain the persistence of the disequilibrium condition in the labor market; secondly, give an empirical analysis of the Philippine labor market for educated labor.

manpower would give us some objective picture of the labor market. It would measure the amount of investment that is not productive as a consequence of unemployment. At the same time, the time series data on graduates by field would indicate whether through time there is some adjustment of

^{*} An empirical study of the structure of Philippine Educational Institution is currently being undertaken by the author.

the market towards full-employment equilibrium. One objective of gathering this information is to be able to predict possible future demand for college graduates and to compare this to the annual expected increment in supply.

The paper is divided into three parts: Part I discusses the demand function for equation under specific market imperfections. The theory tries to show how market imperfections lead to the persistent unemployment situation here both of those with college education and those without it. Finally, it discusses the problems of financing education.

Part II presents and analyzes important statistics on the labor market of the Philippines. It tries to evaluate, based on purely economic criteria the decision of the population in acquiring the different levels and fields of specialization shown in the statistics. The evaluation will be hased on the estimated returns to investment in education, taking into account the high but varying unemployment rates and the cost of going to school.

Part III gives the concluding remarks that indicate some policy considerations.

Part I

Individual Investment Demand for Education

A. Relevant investment alternatives in education

This section tries to apply the investment theory to education under specific imperfections in both labor and capital markets.

The most basic refinement of the investment theory in education is the specification of the investment alternatives that a student of given personal aptitude and academic ability faces. Works by occupational psychologists (2) have helped us to group professional fields by dominant personal characteristics. Students who have similar dominant personality characteristic as those belonging to a professional group may regard the fields in the group as their investment alternatives. For each group of fields, G, consisting of fields i, j, ...m, the investment criteria of maximizing the present value of income from the investment may be applied. Under perfect conditions in the capital market including perfect information the only relevant alternatives are the choice of field and level, hence the investment function is as follows:

$$I_i = f(PV_i, PV_j, \dots, PV_m)$$

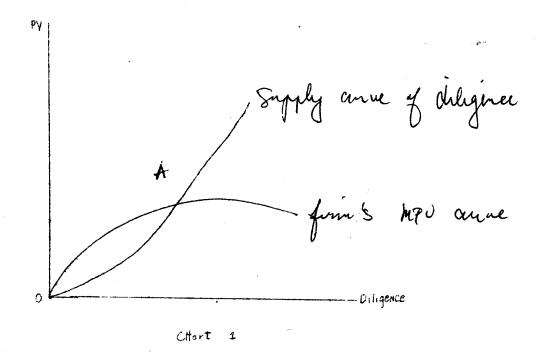
Investment in educational field i will be made if $PV_i > PV_j > PV_m > 0$. PV is the present value of expected net income attributed to education discounted at the relevant rate of interest.

Therefore we may consider that the various levels and fields of specialization (grouped according to personality factors) are the basic education alternatives. These are the only alternatives under perfect market conditions and in a situation where the schools are of equal quality. The educational systems of England, Sweden, and Russia may approximate this condition. However, for a majority of countries the quality of education differs significantly among schools. In the U.S. the quality ranges from the ivy league and a few state-supported universities down to some diploma mills. Fortunately for the U.S., there is an effective and widespread accreditation system which probably helps to raise the quality of the majority of these institutions. The really "bad" schools are in the minority. The Philippine case is just the opposite of that in the U.S. where in our case accreditation covers an insignificant proportion of higher educational institutions, and where the reputedly good schools compose a very small minority.

Before proceeding to the analysis of investment demand for education, let us assume that the productivity of a worker depends on how much he learned in school. In such a

case, we might conclude that there is a positive relationship between salary and his education. We may further assume that employers recognize differences in quality among schools and that they rank them by their respective quality.

At the same time, how much a student of given ability learns depends on his effort and organization (we will call diligence) and on the school he enters. We hypothesize that there is an increasing marginal disutility of diligence, at least beyond a certain point. This might be very contrary to some philosophical arguments that the act of learning is an exercise of the intellect, which by itself gives pure joy. The economist might argue that there is a diminishing this marginal joy from learning. In such a case, the student has to be compensated for succeeding degrees of diligence by increasing benefits. Looking at this naively or mundanely, we argue as on the graph below:



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The third important decision the student has to face is the selection of a school. The number of alternatives increases as the variation in quality increases. Private schools vary also in the tuition charges; very likely the charges are indirectly related to quality. In countries where there is a mixed system of privately and publicly financed institutions, the tuition and other charges at the public universities and colleges are of course lower than the private institutions. This mixture results in significant variation in cost to the student for each given quality.

The alternatives discussed have increased in number from the basic choice of level and field of specialization to the choice of school and once enrolled, how well to perform, given one's inherent ability.

To be able to make the best decision of maximizing the present value of income of his investment in the chosen level, field, school, and performance, he needs very extensive information about both labor and education markets.

The following section analyzes the adjustment in the two markets under two situations: (1) condition of perfect capital market and perfect information and (2) under varying degrees of perfect conditions.

(1) Perfect capital market condition and perfect information of both employers and students would result in equality of present value net of rent on ability within each group of fields. √This means that if differences in income among members of each profession exist this could all be accounted for by differences in inherent academic ability. The market for educated people would tend towards full-employment equilibrium as no one would go to school if his employability at the margin is zero.

To explain this argument, let us assume an initial disequilibrium situation where we have unemployment in some fields or differential unemployment rate, where the present value (net of rent on ability) differs by institution where degree is obtained and by field of specialization within a group of fields.

The first adjustment will be to move away from fields where the rate of return is lower and where the unemployment rate is higher than in other fields. This adjustment in the supply of graduates would tend to equalize returns among fields. Secondly, there will be a withdrawal of students away from schools of poor quality towards those of good quality. Either of two things will happen which would upgrade the qua-

lity of graduates - the "bad" schools will try to raise quality (or lower tuition) to keep their students or that the "good" schools would expand their facilities. The over-all tendency would result in equality in present value of income net of rent on ability. Adjustment toward this equilibrium involves an interaction between students and schools.

There will also be a tendency towards full-employment in the educated labor market. We have assumed that income and probability of employment are a direct function of amount learned in school which in turn depends on quality of school, ability and diligence. When there is unemployment, students who have very steep marginal disutility of diligence curve and those of the lowest academic ability will be driven out of the education market. They have the smallest probability of being employed.

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(2) Let us examine two cases. (a) where the capital market is imperfect and (b) where information is very limited.

Case 2 a. Imperfect Capital Market but with Perfect Information

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The most common imperfection in the capital market (is) when students are notwable to borrow an unlimited amount (un-

limited from an individual's point of view only) to finance investment in education. This problem is discussed in a separate section.

Among the private schools, the better the quality of school the higher the tuition charges (even in the presence of big subsidies from foundations and government). It is expensive to provide good education. Lack of sources to finance education would prevent some students from enrolling in the "good" schools. If these students are forced to go to second-rate schools, the supply of these graduates relative to graduates from the better schools will increase. This will result in differences in income among persons of given ability. The inability of students to borrow to enroll in the better schools when the present value of investment in education from "bad" schools is smaller than that from a "good" school will not permit the attainment of equilibrium in the capital market, where the present value net of rent on ability is equal.

More specifically, the marginal present value of going to a "good" school is greater than its marginal cost. But students cannot make optimal decision because the marginal cost cannot be financed. The schools would tend to have

greater variation in quality than in Case 1 with a larger proportion of poor than good quality schools, and a larger number of students from "bad" schools than from "good" ones.

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PVB
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The market of educated labor in this case may be differentiated - a market for college graduates from good quality schools where the supply function is S_A and another for college graduates from poor quality institutions where the supply function is to the right of S_A at S_B . One may argue also that the marginal productivity of better educated labor for each given job, diminishes less slowly than that for the poorer educated labor, hence the demand curve for labor, B type, is steeper and to the left of d_A . Equilibrium present values will not be equal, for labor of equal inherent ability.

Case 2 b. Imperfect Knowledge With Unlimited Supply of Investment Funds

Lack of knowledge about the schools where one can pursue best each given specialization at a given level, the market opportunity (income and employment) for each type of education (level, field, school), and the premium paid on good academic performance would clearly result in half-hazard choice of education. The student will not be able to make an optimal decision unless he knows well all the relevant alternatives. If the student thinks that his choice is limited to investment of money in alternative levels and fields of specialization, he will not be able to make a correct choice. An example will best illustrate the problem. Let us take an above-average student who chooses to take a mechanical engineering degree, after observing that among engineering fields, it has the highest average present value and the lowest unemployment rate. A poor choice of school and an undistinguished academic performance will give him a return to his investment much below the average on which he based his decision. At worst, he might even experience some difficulty in finding a job. If by chance he chose a school and could show a good academic record, the "good" return to his investment would be close to what he expected.

If a significant number of students exists in a limbo of ignorance, which may not be far from the truth in our society, equilibrium in the education and labor market will never be attained, except by some happy accident.

In the next section dealing with Philippine labor market, imperfections in the market will be used as an explanation of the disequilibrium condition of unemployment of educated labor.

B. The Unemployment Situation

Let us examine the markets for two types of labor - those with higher education and those without. We wish to take into consideration the effects of the existence of an alternative occupation, agriculture, and the existence of minimum wage legislation.

Persistent urban unemployment of those without higher education can be explained in terms of malfunctioning of the labor market so that supply and demand for labor cannot be equilibrated; there is no value which will simultaneously "solve" the two functions.

In chart 3 the demand and supply schedule for unbetter: "cannot altain equilibrium."

skilled labor are presented. The demand curve for labor,

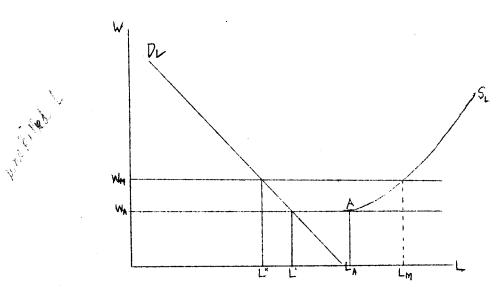


Chart 3

d_L is the traditional function - the downward-sloping marginal product of labor, curve. The supply curve of labor is upward-sloping from point A showing that at successively higher real wages, more workers will make themselves available for urban employment.

The positively-sloped supply of labor begins at point A. There is some wage rate, say W_A , higher than the subsistence or current agricultural wage which will draw agricultural workers away from the farm. At wages less than W_A , no workers will make themselves available for urban work because they could earn higher real wages in the agri-

cultural sector. When wages equal W_A , one has a point of transition and urban employment is suddenly more attractive than agricultural work for LA number of workers. As wages rise above W_A , the number of workers transferring from agriculture to the urban sector is indicated by the supply of labor schedule, AS. It can readily be seen that if point A to the right of the demand for labor curve, there is no wage which will equilibrate the market. Wage must be equal to or greater than W_A so that urban employers can hire labor, but WA real wage, unemployment emerges as more workers are available for work than will be hired. Under competitive conditions, wage will remain at WA, L' workers will be employed with LA - L' unemployed. Therefore, it is possible under competitive conditions, without minimum wage regulation to have chronic, urban unemployment, which may last indefinitely.

Market disequilibrium of the type described above is likely to occur when the urban sector of the economy is very small relative to the agricultural sector, so that the urban demand for labor is small relative to the total labor force. Under these circumstances the number of workers hired at the lowest wage consistent with urban employment is likely to be

smaller than the initial response on the supply side of the market. If agricultural income is exceedingly low, especially if it is below "subsistence", then the urban supply response will be especially large, leading to high levels of urban unemployment.

The presence of a minimum wage will reinforce the market disequilibrium situation. Assume that the government institutes W_M as the legal minimum wage. The number of workers seeking work will rise to L_M - L". Urban unemployment, therefore, can emerge in the absence of minimum wage legislation but the latter can cause unemployment to be greater than it would otherwise be.

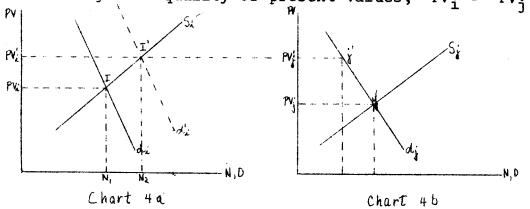
Persistent unemployment will increase or decrease over time depending on the relative speed of the rightward shift of the supply and demand curves for labor. If the supply curve shifts faster than the demand curve, unemployment will increase, and the converse will be true if the demand curve shifts faster.

In the case of educated labor, the adjustment toward full-employment involves inter-action between three markets; the labor market, the capital market and the education market

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Under perfectly competitive market conditions, adjustment in the market for educated labor necessarily involves
adjustment toward an optimal investment allocation among
relevant education alternatives. The market for educated
labor will tend towards full-employment.

Assuming we have the following long-run supply and demand functions for educated labor for professions i and j, S_i , d_i , S_j and d_j . Let us assume an initial condition of equilibrium in the capital and education markets as indicated by the equality of present values, $PV_i = PV_i$



Let us assume an outward shift in demand for labor in profession i from d_i to d'_i .

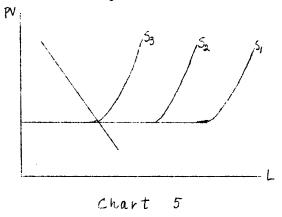
Students will shift among fields until their marginal present value of net returns are equal at PV_i and PV_j .

Under perfect market conditions, it is not possible to have unemployment. Unemployment would mean that expected mar-

ginal present value is negative. We made a general assumption that there is a positive relationship between job opportunity (income and employment probability) and amount learned If this assumption is realistic and under perfect information in the market, students of weak academic ability would not decide to go to college since the probability of their being unemployed is relatively high and may mean a negative present value. The labor market would under go a selective process of employing the best college graduates. If this fact is well known, students would continue to pursue only quality higher education. The adjustment in the labor market would involve a leftward shifting of the supply curve of educated labor till the market is at full-employment. adjustment is illustrated in the chart below, where the supply curve of labor shifts leftward till full-employment is achieved. $\sqrt{ extstyle The most interesting implication of this adjustment is that$ the economy allocates its education facilities according to academic ability of its people. The adjustment is given in Chart 5.

Let us have the conditions of Case 2 b. in Part I, where there is imperfect knowledge but under unlimited supply of investment funds. The known alternatives are the different levels of education and fields of specialization. The student is ignorant of the relationship between job opportunity on the

one hand, and performance while in school and quality of school, on the other. His decision of level and field is based on the average job-opportunity (income and employment rate) of those currently in the labor market.



Let us consider the case of high but differing unemployment rates among fields and level of education. The lower the level of education, the higher the rate of unemployment. We want to argue that ignorance of all the alternatives (level, field, school, and performance) will prevent the market from adjusting towards full-employment. Instead the decisions of students based on meager information will result in persistent unemployment. Decisions are likely to be based on the average income of those employed and on the average incidence of unemployment if the estimated average returns to education at the higher levels is positive. Students will continue pursuing degrees as long as the ave-

rage returns are positive. The marginal students who enroll in schools of poorest quality and who perform very badly, have no chance of employment under this condition of high unemployment. But they continue going to school since the basis of their decision is the average rate of return which is definitely higher than what they should expect the returns to be. The case of the brighter students is just the opposite. The expected income from their education is higher than the average and the probability of employment is close to 100 percent. Therefore students' lack of knowledge of their education alternatives will result in a large supply of graduates (including those whose employability is almost zero) than the market can employ at the current wage rates;

C. Capital Market

The capital market consists of the institutions that channel savings from households and business to be made available for investment. It also permits individuals to exchange one form of financial asset into another.

The usual assumption in investment theory of education is that the capital market is perfect and that the market that supplies funds to business is the same one that finances

investment in education. A perfect capital market is one when through the rate of interest, the supply of savings is allocated to the best investment alternatives. Assuming that the supply of domestic savings and funds from other sources is upward sloping and the demand for investment funds is downward sloping as in the chart below, the equilibrium rate of interest will be at r₁. The equilibrium is institutionally accomplished through financial institutions such as commercial, savings and investment banks, insurance companies, stock brokers, etc.

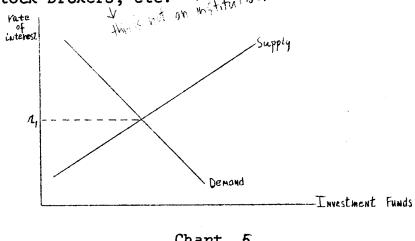


Chart 6

Savers deposit their money at the banks, pay their insurance premiums, buy stocks. The funds deposited in the financial institutions are now available for investments. Loan applications are evaluated as to ability of repayment which involves an evaluation of the investment project in

investment projects in terms of their respective profitability and risk. For projects of equal profitability, those with higher risk will be ranked lower than those with lower risk.

The lending institutions usually require that the risk is covered by collateral. The collateral should be large enough to pay for the principal and accrued interest, and whatever cost is incurred in settling the account. greater the risk involved in an investment plan, the more likely that the credit institution will require a collateral. In the Philippines, the most acceptable asset is real estate. and agricultural land. The industrialization, increases in population, technical improvement and increases in demand for agricultural products all combine to make people regard real estate and land very desirable forms of assets and therefore good collateral. There are not very many forms of assets in which to hold wealth and it might be argued that majority of families know of very few investment alternatives. likely, the few alternatives they know have a lower rate of return than the national average. If such is the case, education might give them a higher rate of return.

words, the private cost of investment in education is lower than the social cost, or that the rate of return on non-human investment is higher than that on education.

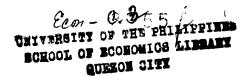
On the other hand, the cost of borrowing for education may be higher than that for investment in ordinary capital. Stigler argues that for a given amount of investment, the cost of collection of payment and collecting information on the person may be higher than in investment in ordinary capital. Part of the reason for the higher cost per unit is the smaller scale of investment per unit or per student. At the same time a social values prevent the lender from infringing on the personal and civil rights of the borrower in case of default. Human capital cannot be sold and human effort is employed at the sole volition of the individual. Under this situation the lender will have to require a collateral or charge a higher interest to cover the greater risk.

The ability to offer an acceptable collateral usually determines the ability to borrow; oftentimes, the primary criterion applied to loan application is the collateral given. Loans to finance education may be obtained from the financial institutions if real estate is offered as a collateral. To a limited extent loans on paid insurance premiums

are used for education.

On the whole borrowing is closed to the majority of families that cannot put up a collateral or if they can, the value of their collateral is not adequate to cover the total value of investment. Financial education through the existing financial institution in this situation is further limited by both the number of such institutions and their concentration in very few places. Banks are not accessible to a substantial portion of the population. *Statistics show that many students finance their education from current savings of their families or in accumulated savings for the express purpose of paying for the children's education. the latter case the size of savings of a family, which is dependent on the level of income, will determine what level of education and field of specialization a student can afford. In general, more will be able to afford less expensive education. If some fields are more costly to provide, less students can pursue these fields. Distance to school will increase the cost borne by the students. Anything that raises the cost of a given type of education will reduce the number of students who can afford it.

The above imperfections in the capital market will tend



to make the demand curve for education relative to private cost very elastic. Enrollment will be highly sensitive to cost. Under this condition and where most educational institutions are established mainly for profits, there will be a tendency for schools to offer lower quality education which costs less than good quality education. This tendency may be generalized for all levels and fields.

The argument is subject to empirical test of how much the cost of education influences the student's educational choice. Future research, when data become available, will show how much the cost influences education output, by level, by field and especially by quality.

Another implication of this capital market imperfection is that as per capita income increases, transportation facilities to schools expand, more and more people are going to school at each level and with a given demand for educated manpower. In fact the proportion of college enrollment over the population of college age has increased from 4.27 in 1948 to 10.01 in 1969. This trend in enrollment occurs under unemployment condition throughout.

Part II

The Philippine Labor Market

There are seven major groups of fields analyzed in the paper:

I - Sciences

V - Business and Commerce

II - Technology

VI - Education and Home Economics

III - Medical Sciences

VII - Law, Jurisprudence and

IV - Social Sciences and

Criminology

Humanities

We have further breakdown for some of the major groups: the natural sciences, the technological fields, and the medical sciences.

The most striking feature of the Philippine market for labor is the relatively high proportion of labor with college education at the stage of our economic development and the continuing increase in the supply of educated labor in spite of its high unemployment rate.

On Table 2 we have the total number of degrees conferred annually from 1950 to 1966, for the aggregate and by gives the indexes of field of specialization. Table 1 secondary and college enrollment from 1955-56 to 1965-66, and their respective annual growth rates for the same period. College enrollment is rising at a faster rate than that of This trend is also shown elementary and high school levels.

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on Table 3 which gives the ratio of the first-year college enrollment to high school graduates. In the later years, the ratio is greater than one which indicates that all the high school graduates plus some of the backlog of the earlier years who could not right away go to college, enrolled in college. However, the rates of growth are not the same for all fields of specialization. Looking at Table 2 we find that some fields attract an increasing proportion of students while some, just the opposite. The proportion attracted in others has remained more or less constant. In some the increase has been very gradual.

The proportion of graduates of medical science; law, jurisprudence and criminology; and business and commerce, combined, has declined substantially in relative proportion from 63.0% to 16.6% from 1955-56 to 1965-66. The graduates of other broad fields except education, showed very slight changes in relative proportion. The proportion of students going into education and home economics has increased at a very fast rate from 13.1% to 55.42% for the same period. The reduction in the proportion of graduates in the three major fields above seems to have gone mostly to the education field.

Within each group, we can also observe a change in the relative proportion of graduates. In the Scientific fields, Pharmacy degrees declined in relative proportion from 87% to 22% whereas the proportion in agricultural sciences increased from 6% to 46% from 1950 to 1966. In Engineering, Chemical Engineering seemed to have drawn students away from Civil Engineering. The proportion of graduates in Civil Engineering declined from 48% to 23% while that for Chemical Engineering increased from 4% to 19%. The proportion in other fields showed relatively small fluctuations with the Other Engineering increasing consistently. Other Engineering consists of new fields like aeronautics, industrial engineering, etc.

The changes in the relative proportion of graduates within each group and among big groups of fields indicate that students choice is not fixed by tradition as has been the belief of some social scientists. It is true that one of the remnants of colonial influence in developing economies was the prestige put on the law and the administrative professions. Statistics show that it does not take very long for society to grasp and to respond to market opportunities offered by education in non-traditional fields of

specialization. The rapid rate of growth of enrollment at all levels and the relatively fast shifts among fields indicate that Filipino families try to invest rationally in education. Whether they all succeed to make an optimal investment decision is another question.

Unemployment Rate

Tables 9 and 10 show the rates of unemployment for various occupations. The unemployment rate is defined as the ratio of those who are looking for work but cannot find work at the current wage rate to the labor force. The labor force consists of those who are employed and those looking for work.

There are several sources of information on unemployment. The International Labor Organization, with the assistance of the Office of the Manpower Services, conducted an inquiry into employment and unemployment of those with High School education and those with College Education by field of specialization. The Bureau of Census Philippine Statistical Survey of Households gives annual employment in some broad groups of occupations from which estimates of unemployment can be made. Estimates of unemployment for some occupations that are not available from the above sources are given below.

The unemployment rates for most occupations are very high including those that require college education. However, the rate varies widely between those with high school education, those with college education and for the labor force as a a whole. For labor with a given level of education, the rate varies also by occupation.

The Bureau of Census PSSH shows that from 1956 to 1965, the unemployment rate ranges between 4.6 to 10.0 per cent of the labor force. From observation it would seem that this rate is understated. The rates given by the Bureau of Census is certainly very much lower than those given in the ILO survey and those estimated in this paper. New estimates were made to correct the census rates and it is shown that our estimates are not too far from those by ILO.

Tables 8 and 9 are reproduced in part from the ILO Report except that the unemployment rate is corrected to fit the definition of unemployment given above. The high school average unemployment ranges from 35 per cent to 50 per cent for both sexes. Those with agriculture educational background showed the highest unemployment and those with vocational showed the lowest unemployment incidence. Those with higher education show unemployment rates ranging from 6.9%

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for 1956 to 1965. However, we do not have data on the labor force. The available data are increments to the labor force which consist mostly of new graduates in education. Therefore, the incremental unemployment rate, instead of the average unemployment rate is computed for teachers for the years 1961 and 1965. The increment to the employment is equal to $(N_t - N_{t-1})$ plus the number of those employed in N_{t-1} who are retiring, R. The increment to the labor force of teachers are the sum of new graduates from time period t-1 to time period t, adjusted for mortality rate, m. The incremental unemployment rate for teachers is then computed as follows:

For 1961, the rate is 27.2 per cent. It went down to 20. per cent in 1965. These rates are much higher than those given in the ILO survey for 1961 but this could easily be accounted for the part-time employed teachers and those who are not in the labor force because they gave up looking for work. We can consider the ILO rate as the lower limit and

the estimate of incremental unemployment rate the upper limit for teachers. The important implications of the estimated incremental unemployment rates lie in the direction of change through time, from 1961 to 1965. There has been a tremendous decrease in the unemployment rate from 27.2 per cent to 20.0 per cent.

Unemployment rates for two other broad occupational categories, professional and non-professional workers were estimated. The estimates were based on the employment statistics given by the Bureau of Census PSSH from 1956 to 1965.

For the non-professionals, employment data are given annually from 1956-1965. However, data on the labor force are not available. We estimated the increments to the labor force instead of the labor force itself. For 1956 to 1961, the increment in the labor force of non-professional categories are assumed to be those who became of working age during this period, minus those who died and those enrolled in college. Those who came of working age P_{wa} during the period 1956-1961 were those aged five to nine in the last population census in 1948.

$$L_{56-61} = P_{wa} (1-m-c)$$

where m is mortality rate, c is the proportion of college enrollment to the population aged 17-21. As in the case of teachers, the incremental, instead of the average unemployment rates are estimated.

$$u_{t} = \frac{(N_{t} - N_{t-1})^{+} R_{t}}{P_{wa} (1-m-c)}$$

The increment in the working age population from 1961 to 1965 is assumed to be those aged 13-16 in the Population CEnsus of 1960. The college enrollment rate applied to 1961 is the average of the college enrollment rate for 1948 which is equal to 4.2 per cent and that for 1960 which is equal to 10.07 per cent. The latter rate is applied in computing the increment in the working-age non-professional labor for 1965.

The incremental unemployment rate for non-professional workers is 52.3 per cent in 1961 and 40.5 in 1965. The unemployment rate for 1961 is not very much higher than that reported in the ILO survey for those with high school education. As in the case of teachers, the important implication of the estimates is in the direction of change. Unemployment seems to be decreasing for the big bulk of the labor force, those without college degrees. The reduction is quite substantial over a relatively short period of time.

The same method was used to estimate the unemployment rate of those with college education. Data on professional employment, N, are given annually in the PSSH survey. The problem lies with the estimate of the labor force for the professionals. The labor force in 1961 is estimated to be employed in 1956, adjusted for mortality and retirement rates, plus the sum of college graduates from 1956 to 1960, adjusted for mortality rate.

$$^{\text{u}}_{1961} = \frac{^{\text{N}}_{61}}{^{\text{L}}_{61}}$$
, where $^{\text{60}}_{161} = ^{\text{N}}_{56} (1-\text{m-r}) + ^{\text{EG}}_{56}$

The estimated unemployment rate for 1961 is only slightly higher than the rate reported in the ILO survey. However, the rate for 1965 is much higher than that for 1961. This might be explained by the very fast rate of growth of college graduates especially in the recent years. There is no sector that increases at the same rate as the college graduates. Given the unemployment rate at the beginning period, a higher increase in college graduates relative to the increase in employment opportunities, would result in increasing unemployment rates. On the other hand population is not increasing as fast as the increase in employment in various industries as given on Table 11.

In an evaluation of the utilization of scientific and technological manpower, Mrs. dela Cruz of the NSDB made a five-year projection of demand and supply of technical and scientific monpower in the Philippines.

1965 data of graduates and employed scientists and engineers in three sectors of the economy: private industry, government agencies, and educational institutions were used as baseline to estimate the supply and demand for scientists and engineers for the next five years (1966-1970).

She used the following formula to estimate the yearly supply S_{t} of scientists and engineers:

$$S_{t} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (S_{it-1} + G_{it} - 1_{it})$$

where S_{it-1} = number of scientiests in field i for year, 1965

 G_{it} = graduates of field i at year t

l
it = estimated losses in field i at year, t

t = years 1...5 (1966-1970)

Again 1965 data on employed scientists and engineers were used in estimating the growth rate of demand:

$$D_{t} = \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{1}} d_{it-1} (1 + r_{i})$$
, where $r_{i} = \frac{Y_{it} - Y_{it-1}}{Y_{it-1}}$

and d = employed scientists and engineers of industry
i for 1965

 Y_i = income of industry i

t = the time periods (1966 - 1970)

This projection formula is based on rather naive assumption; first, that technique of production will remain constant over this period. The assumption implies that there is a stable relationship between industry output and demand for professional labor. The second assumption is that the growth rate of national income, its industrial composition and the growth rate of college graduates by fields based on historical experience, will remain constant through the projection period. The validity and accuracy of the projected figures depend on the realism of these assumptions. It may be argued that the projected demand is understated. Under the present administration there seems to be a more deliberate effort for faster industrialization especially for export manufactures where the market is larger. Secondly, the attention put in improvement in agricultural productivity and in the construction of

infra-structure for agricultural marketing would require larger scientific and technical labor. Certainly the success of the present government programs depends on who wins the election and on political epediency in the 1970's.

The average annual rate of growth of college graduates was 12.9% from 1957-66. From 1957 - 1966, the average annual rate of increase was 12.5% with the rate increasing to 13.6% from 1962-1966. The PSSH showed an average annual growth rate of 8.08% in employment of professional, technical and related workers from 1957-1961, and a 10.04% average rate of growth from 1965.

Mrs. dela Cruz' projected surplus are consistent with the above fact that employment was growing less slowly than the supply of professionals. If these projections prove to be accurate, the estimated demand and supply table shows that only an average of 55.1% of these new professionals may be absorbed by the different sectors.

However, her projections should not be taken in terms of the accuracy of their absolute values but in the likely bias in the projections given expected changes in the economy. At the same time the projected excesses or shortages of labor

in specific professions would indicate what will be the trend of the unemployment rates - whether the unemployment situation will continue at same rates or at an increasing or decreasing rates.

All fields studies show a surplus of graduates over estimated demand. The figures indicate that there is not likely to be a reduction in the unemployment rates.

The Present Value of Expected Returns to Investment in College Education

Tables 6 and 7 give the estimated present value of returns to investment in college education by field of spe cialization. Arbitrary discount rates were used - 9%, 15% and 20%. Estimation of the present value of expected returns to education is given in Appendix A.

Nine per cent is close to the long-term bank rate for loans made to priority projects. The market bank rate to both long-term and short-term loans is about 12%. of the peculiar character of investment in human capital, the market rate may be considered higher than 12%. Stigler /3 / argues that even if financial institutions exist to service loans for human investment, the relevant rate is likely to be higher. The size of loan is relatively small; the cost of collection and of getting good objective information on the creditability of each small borrower is higher. the risk, element of unemployment, mortality or sickness which will raise the cost. At the same time the value of education is embodied in the person which cannot be sold to pay for the That makes lending for educational purposes unattractive.

Theoretically it may be reasonable to use higher rates of discount than the current market rate. However, when conditions in the capital market are considered, the relevant rate may be lower. As we have discussed in Part I, the alternative investment placement of families who send their children to school may be lower than the over-all market rate for long-term investment. In the countryside and smaller towns ordinary investment may be as risky as in investment in man. The likely investment alternatives that village people may undertake with their small savings are in improvement in agriculture, in fishing gears, in small retail stores, and on money lending and hoarding. Agricultural and fishing activities are highly subject to adverse natural forces, and to problems of transportation and marketing. It is true that the rate of interest on money lending is very high, reaching up to 100% or more. However, the risk of default is correspondingly Under the imperfect conditions of our financial market, the lowest rate of 9% may be the reasonable rate to use in discounting expected income.

Tables 6 and 7 show that investment in college education for various scientific and technical fields and in education is profitable on the average. Table 9 gives the average gross present value of expected income and Table 11 indi-

cates the average present value of income net of the probability of unemployment and of the total private cost of college education. We find that in spite of the high unemployment rates in different fields of specialization, the average net present value is positive.

We also notice from Tables 9 and 11 that the average returns to investment in various specializations differ very much. In the first part of this paper it was stated that when students choose whether or not to pursue college education, they also must decide a field of specialization, the The data indicate that if school and how hard they study. students respond to the average present value by level and by field the labor market would continue to experience unem-The average gross present value discounted up to 20% is higher than that of high school graduates. sent value, net of total cost of education and unemployment rate for college degrees is positive at 9% discount rate. Therefore if the rate of interest in higher education is higher than 9%, it is not worthwhile, on the average, to invest in education at this level. However, this is from the aggregate viewpoint. Some fields of specialization in college like science and engineering give a positive net present value even at 20% discount rate. College education for all fields

is attractive if the rate of interest is 9%; only a few will be profitable if the rate of interest is higher than 9%.

The behaviour of students may be rationalized by the positive average net returns to college education. We find that there is some positive relationship between the number of degrees to the present value and unemployment rates in each field within the groups. Students respond as expected to the average values of the relevant variables in the market - income and employment probability. But if we look at individual students, especially those who perform very badly in school or who choose the school of poorest quality, investment in his education may not be considered a rational decision. His investment has probably a zero present value.

The relative constancy of the high unemployment rates and the persistence of poor quality of education imply a lack of adjustment in the education market as explained in Part I. We have argued that if students knew all their alternatives they would behave in such a way that adjustment in the markets would be observed. There would be a tendency for students to choose better schools and to develop their full potential in school. For instance, the University of the Philippines has not experienced a strong pressure to expand

its facilities. The performance of its students are below their potential. If students realize that the employability of those at the bottom 10 or 20% of their class is practically zero, or that it would involve a relatively longer time to find their first job, or that the positions that may be open to them are relatively unattractive, they will probably perform better in school or drop out altogether. In the latter case, there would be a smaller increment to graduates than what we are getting now. At the same time there would be an upgrading of graduates. Students would move into better quality schools. This would force poor-quality ones to raise their standards or to close down.

The Philippine market for educated labor might be characterized by a seeming inconsistency. There is an excess and a shortage at the same time of educated labor. There is an excess supply of degree holders in all fields. However, there might be a shortage of supply of graduates of good quality. One clear example of this condition is in the business secretarial graduates. This field has one of the highest unemployment rates but firms and government agencies experience difficulty in finding qualified graduates. Reputedly good schools are able to place a much higher percentage of their graduates in jobs - examples are Ateneo, U.P., De La

Salle College, St. Theresa's College, Philippine Normal College. One consulting firm hires a disproportionately large number Other firms probably do the same. from those schools. One other factor tant prevents market adjustment is the reliance on personal contact or influence in finding a job. specially true of government jobs that are subject to politi-If students and their families rely more on cal backings. this factor than on economic variables, there will not be as strong an incentive for a careful and rational choice. /Reliance on personal or political contact might be illusory to a lot of people. Usually personal contact gives one the advantage of being introduced to employers. But actual hiring still depends on one's qualifications, more than on anything else.

The imperfection in the capital market will prevent the adjustment towards equality in present values in alternative fields and even towards full-employment equilibrium in the labor market. In the United States the average family income is ten times higher than in the Philippines yet, stipends prove to be an important determinant of degrees. We can expect that cost factor will matter more in the Philippines where family income is so much lower. It is very likely therefore that the cost of education will influence choice very strongly.

Table 12 which was computed from the ILO Report, indicates that 66.3% of students with higher education were . financed by their families, 46.7% wholly, and 19.6% partial-In addition, 10.4% were assisted by relatives. about 20% earned from part-time employment to pay for part of their college education. In the case where the family is the main source of financing education, the average income earned by the family limits the education alternatives open to a student. The absolute cost of various types of education will determine what type of education each family can or cannot afford, whether it will be in the Manila area or scientific-technical in the locality; in scientific and technical fields versus in the non-scientific or non-technical fields; in respectably good schools or in those that charge lower fees.

Table 15 gives the geographic distribution of enrollment. We find that the ratio of college enrollment to the population by provinces varies tremendously. Casual observation of provincial schools indicates that facilities for the various disciplines are not equally distributed either. Most of the engineering, medical and scientific fileds are offered in the Manila area. This disproportionate distribution of schools by field of specialization would make the relative cost to the students of technical and scientific fields higher. Therefore,

more students can afford to enroll in fields offered by schools operating in the locality.

On the other hand if the cost of providing scientific and technical fields is higher than in non-scientific-technical fields, and schools charge the same price or tuition fees, schools will tend to offer non-scientific fields. We need some empirical study of cost to support this statement but probably this is not a bad guess. In such a case, there will always be a relatively small number of students going into costly fields even if income in these fields are relatively higher However, the reader would note that the statement is subject to empirical evidence by which future research may confirm.

There is not enough time lag allowed between the perception of income disequilibrium or differences among alternative fields and the time that a degree can be completed. The earliest we can expect number of degrees to correspond to present value in 1965 is in 1969, unless the relative levels are of present values in 1965/the same as those existing a few years before. If we can assume this, we may expect some adjustment in the supply of degrees in 1969 in the form of faster increases in the fields with higher present values in 1965, and the slow increments or even a reduction in fields with rela-

tively low income.

In the Engineering market there seems to be a significant adjustment of degrees in each field to demand as reflected in relative present value and number employed aged 20-34.

The number employed of those aged 20-34 is used as some indicator of the relative number demanded of the various fields because everything else equal (present value, cost) the greater the employment of younger age labor, the higher the increase in demand.

As a whole we can say that there is a relationship though weak, between income and unemployment on the one hand, and the number of degrees on the other. An initial disequilibrium situation where the present value and unemployment rate vary very much between fields called for an adjustment in labor and capital market in the form of relative changes of growth of degrees in each field or group of fields. Though at first glance the relationship between degrees and present values is weak, the market shows a response to the difference in present value by a movement away from professions that in the past had a relatively low income. The fast growth in teacher education may be accounted for by the relatively high growth

in employment as indicated in the reduction in the incremental

unemployment rate of teachers.

When complete data on income and unemployment become available, it will be possible to make a more conclusive statement about the exact relationship between our variables and to evaluate the speed of adjustment, and the significance of each determinant in terms of degrees of market imperfections. As it is we can only scratch the surface and see from the meager data we have whether the variables are correlated and whether there is a market adjustment toward optimal education choice. We are not able to define their exact relationship and time lags of adjustment. The data show adjustment among fields, but not adjustment towards full-employment equilibrium.

PART III

Conclusion

Some important features of the Philippine market for educated labor were discussed in this paper. Our market is characterized by a very fast growing supply of college graduates as shown in Table 1. We also see in Table 17 that a very large proportion of the gross domestic investment is allocated to. education though the proportion is declining through time from 30 per cent in 1956 to 27 per cent in 1964. At the same time the proportion of degrees granted in each field or group of fields has not remained constant. From the aggregate viewpoint students seem to have made their choice of field according to economic criterion of maximizing the returns or minimizing the probability of unemployment - given the limited alternatives they have considered - level and fields of specialization. The alternatives of the majority of students have been very much constrained by problems of financing good quality education and lack of information of the market. explains in part the large number that pursue fields that are These fields are offered by more not costly to provide. schools which are geographically distributed more equally. The distance to a school reduces the out-of-pockets cost that students bear.

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We have also shown that in spite of the high unemployment rate the average private return (net present value) to investment in college education is positive, especially, for the scientific and technical fields of specialization. However, if the rate of interest for investment in education were higher than nine per cent, not all fields in college would be worthwhile investing in. We have seen in Table 5 that the net present value of investment for college as a whole is smaller than that for high school students if said investments are made at 15% and 20% rates of interest. If the realistic rate is 9%, we can say that on the average college investment is worthwhile in any field. This would rationalize the strong desire of Filipinos for college education.

However, the fact that a significant proportion of college graduates are unemployed indicates that the aggregate or social marginal returns to the investment is negative. From society's point of view, there is a misallocation of resources in education. Some of the investment funds made in the unemployed college graduates could havebeen channeled to investment in ordinar capital. These extra investment resources could also be used in improving the quality of education of the most talented students or those well motivated instead of spreading the amount too thinly over a large college enrollment. Some improvements

in quality as we have discussed do not involve monetary cost but extra effort of teachers and students. An improvement in the quality of education is likely to result in higher productivity of the educated labor force, and in the long-run in improvement in technique used by industry and other sectors. At the same time shortages for qualified people will be solved by a general improvement in quality in education.

The paper emphasizes the importance of adequate information about the labor and education market in making rational education choice. A large part of the misallocation of resources and disappointing job experience of college graduates could have been prevented if students were better informed about alternative job opportunities of corresponding types of education. Moreover, the worst misallocation of resources is the waste of student minds in poor quality schools which have not attempted to develop the students' interest and potential. One may make a dramatic statement that money wasted can be recovered, but the waste of a young mind is the waste of a person.

Of course these statements about the alternative uses of the wasted investment in education are a priori and would require a more thorough research. The paper emphasizes the value of better information in decision-making of students. The Department of Education and other concerned government agencies may approach the problem by information campaign and/or stricter control over the educational institutions.

APPENDIX A

Estimation of the Present Value

The expected stream of income to be earned if one completes a college degree in say field i is assumed to be equal to what employed members in the corresponding profession currently earn at succeeding ages. A new college graduate may expect to earn the average income received by members of the profession aged m years when the graduate reaches that age; the average income of the employed aged n years, when he reaches the age of n, and so on. Summing the average income of the members of the profession at each single age until the retirement age of 65 gives us the expected lifetime income of investment. in college education for a given specialization. In order to evaluate income received at different time periods, we need to discount it by the relevant interest rate. This amounts to saying that if we make an investment of \$100 now, where the amount is borrowed at 10%, by the end of the year we have to pay 到00 (1+.10) or 到10, by the end of the second year we have to pay \$100 (1+.10)2 or \$121 if we have not made any payment in the first year. Therefore if we expect to receive income at the end of the first year, the income must be at least F110 to cover both principal and interest; if income is received at the end of the second year, it must be at least \$121 to break even. This method is equivalent to evaluating the profitability of the investment by discounting the future income by the interest rate. In the first case we compare the investment of \$100 to \$100> in the first year, or \$100 to in the second year which amounts to maying that the future in∞me of ₱100 at the end of the first year must cover at least

P100 (1+ r); or that the future income in the second year of P121 must cover P100 (1+ r) owed in the first year multiplied by (1+ r), for the second year of P100 (1+ r).²

Expected income in profession i at each age is usually estimated to be equal to the income at the corresponding age of those currently working in the profession. The basis of the estimate is income at full-employment. To take into account the unemployment rate, we assume that the average probability of being fully employed is one minus the unemployment rate in profession i, u_i, or (1 - u_i). Therefore, if the gross present value estimated from the annual income of the age cohort of the profession is GPV, the net present value, NPV is computed as follows:

$$NPV_{i} = GPV_{i}(1 - u_{i})$$

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Table 1

Enrollment Index for all School Levels - Philippines, 1956-1965

School Year	Secondary	Collegiate	Annual Rate in Per	of Growth centage
50::001 1001	oo oo aa a	OOTTOBIA	Secondary	Collegiate
1956-57	100.00	100.00		
<i>57–</i> 58	100•99	106.53	•99	6•53
58 59	107.19	113.49	6.14	6.52
59 – 60	111.53	117.01	4.05	3.10
60-61	113.69	125•34	2.09	7.12
6162	122.12	139•61	7.42	11.38
62-63	140•53	157.65	15.07	12.97
63 64	161.70	171.96	15.06	9•03
64-65	175.89	190•99	8.77	11.07

Average growth rate 7.46

Source: Table 2, p. 8. "Sources and Uses of Income in Five Philippine Private Universities, 1956-1965" by Priscila M. Eugenio

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		1963	1964	1965	1966
	Natural Sciences (- Number - % of Grand Total	1,752 3,22	1,863 2.95	2,364 2.72	1,620 2.16
	Medical Science (A - Number - % of Grand Total	5,018 9.22	5,183 8,21	5,471 6.30	3,812 5.08
	A. Medicine - Number - % of Medical Sci B. Dentistry	1,881 237.48	1,902 36.70	1,834 33.52	1,420 √37.25
	- Number - % of Medical Sci C. Nursing	522 10•40	415 8•00	375 6 . 85	375 9•84
	- Number - % of Medical Sci D. Optometry	1,642 32.72	1,924 37.12	2,102 38.42	852 22 . 35
	- Number - % of Medical Sci E. Pharmacy	210 4.18	205 3•96	193 3•53	84 2•20
	- Number - % of Medical Sci	667 13•29	499 9•63	515 9•41	459 12.04
III.	Engineering - Number - % of Grand Total	3,792 6.97	3,229 5.12	4,462 5.14	9,932 13.23
IV.	Social Sciences - Number - % of Grand Total	5,362 9.85	5,270 8.35	5,086 5.85	6,877 9.16
V.	Business - Number - % of Grand Total	17,932 32.94	23,112 36.61	34,193 39.36	12,585 16.77
VI.	Education - Number - % of Grand Total	17,821 32.74	22,906 36.29	33,911 39.04	38,552 51.36
VII.	Law - Number - % of Grand Total	2,325 4.27	1,371 2.17	1,105 1,27	1,306 1.74
WII.	Architecture - Number - % of Grand Total	430 •79	189 •30	279 •32	373 •50
IX.	Grand Total - Number - Annual Growth Rat	54,432 20%	63,123 16%	86,871 38%	75,057 -14%

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Table 3

Upward Trend in the Proportion of High School Graduates
Attending College

School Year	High School Graduate	First Year Collegiate Enrollment	Ratio of (3) to (2) %
1955–56	103,263		
56-57	103,328	92,674	89•74
57-58	102,995	92,613	89•63
58 –5 9	113,923	96,123	93.32
59 – 60	114,967	98,796	86.72
60-61	109,614	99,895	86.89
61-62	120,942	106,825	97.45
62 – 63	124,678	123,774	102.34
63-64	136,682	144,781	116.12
64-65	151 , 156	154,482	113.02
65 – 66		156,907	103.80

Source: Priscilla Eugenio, "Sources and Uses of Income of Five Philippine Private Universities, 1956-65" Unpublished Master's thesis, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City

Number and Percent Distribution of Bachelors' Graduates in the Sciences by Field of Specialization
1949-50 - 1965-66

Year	All Scientific Fields	Mathe- matics	Biological Sciences	Earth Sciences	Physics and Astronomy	Chemistry	Agricul- ture
1949-50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66	217 312 349 365 477 478 875 966 857 1,231 1,381 1,287 1,662 1,752 1,863 2,364 1,620	1 42 8 14 8	3 5 25 48 59 182 121 66	8 2 9 5 9 11 4 5 14	2 5 138 10 10 8	96 131 172 58 82 88 162 150 194 213 239 319 561 568 570 815 571	121 181 177 307 295 390 709 803 661 1,009 1,135 930 1,035 987 1,089 1,399 953
		I	Percentage	Distributi	on		`
1950 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 60 61 62 64 64		.11 .31 .12 .43 .59 .49	1.94 2.89 3.37 9.77 5.11 4.07	.86 .23 .73 .36 .70 .66	•14 •30 7•88 •54 •42	24.8 33.8 32.4 30.6 34.5	55.8 58.0 50.7 84.1 78.3 81.6 81.0 83.1 77.1 82.0 82.2 72.3 62.3 56.3 58.5 59.2 58.8

Source: NSDB unpublished statistics

Table 5

Number of Bachelor's Degrees in Engineering and Their Percentage Distribution by Field

Year	Total	Chemical	Civil	Electrical	Mechanical	Others
1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966	1,165 1,338 1,358 1,676 1,576 1,911 4,119 1,798 1,651 1,867 2,058 2,707 3,643 2,841 2,429 3,873 3,622	46 65 119 88 106 155 295 118 134 220 260 345 385 782 603 739 711	518 542 573 600 608 730 1,342 640 380 543 562 678 751 740 699 937 876	144 150 161 238 219 278 641 242 273 236 254 354 277 301 239 443 473	379 497 427 669 585 686 1,606 646 721 716 730 975 1,949 710 684 1,421 1,327	78 84 78 81 58 62 235 152 152 252 355 281 318 204 333 235
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1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966		4.0 4.8 8.8 5.2 6.7 8.1 7.2 6.6 8.1 11.8 12.6 12.9 10.6 27.4 24.8 19.1	44.5 40.5 42.2 35.8 38.6 38.2 32.6 35.6 23.0 29.1 27.3 25.4 20.6 26.0 28.8 24.2 23.2	12.4 11.2 11.8 14.2 13.9 14.5 15.6 13.4 16.5 12.6 12.3 13.2 7.6 10.6 9.8 11.4 13.0	32.5 37.1 31.4 39.9 37.1 35.9 39.0 35.9 43.7 38.4 35.5 35.2 53.5 24.9 28.2 36.7 35.2	6.7 6.3 5.7 4.8 3.7 3.2 5.7 8.5 8.7 8.1 12.2 13.3 7.7 11.1 8.4 8.6 9.3

Source: Same as Table 4

Table 6

Gross Present Value of Income in Various Professions, 1965

(In hundreds of pesos)

		$\mathbf{r} = 9\%$			r = 15%	79		r = 20%	7. 9
Fields	National Private Gov't. Industry	.	Educational National Institutions Gov't.	National Gov't.	Private Industry	Private Educational National Private Industry Institutions Gov't. Industry	National Gov't.	Private Industry	Private Educational Industry Institutions
						1	(1	i I	1
Agriculture	370.18	480•16	659.25	208.04	254.07	361.70	150.64	175.01	258•42
Chemistry	487.30	97•799	29*979	259.30	343.09	352.54	184.80	230•23	250.54
Mathematics	97*169	1	601.05	381,10	1	328.05	2777,24	5	234.73
Physics	331.29	375.47	754.18	199.92	221.78	434•09	150•35	161,15	317,98
Biology	421.02	t	673.15	233.74	t	373.86	167.77	I .	566.24
Chemical Engineering	500,20	568.61	730.93	292.19	319.14	370•41	218,50	227.91	253.23
Civil Engineering	497.41	569.56	586.04	278.83	274.83	293.85	201.52	183.15	200•59
Electrical Engineering	417.98	516.95	79.889	228.50	2777.49	421.98	163.02	193•39	324.26
Mechanical Engineering	442.17	517.87	751.83	228.86	282.06	391.87	158,20	198.08	272.62
Others (Engineering)	405.02	571.02	i	213.80	291.55		152,82	201.20	ı

Unpublished data on income from NSDB Scientific and Technical Manpower Survey and Table 10 for the weights. Source:

Note: The weighted averages for fields where data are not complete are based on the available data.

Table 7

Net Present Value of Income, of Investment in Various Professions, Adjusted for UNE Rate

(In hundreds of Pesos)

		H	r = 9%			H	r = 15%			R	r = 20%	2
Fields	National Private Gov't. Industr	.	Educ'l. Institu- tions	Weighted Average	Weighted National Private Average Gov't. Industr	Α.	Educ'l. Institu- tions	Weighted Average	Weighted National Private Average Gov't. Industr	b	Educ'l. Institu- tions	Weighted Average
mi cui ture	226.48	217.47	72-27	252.19	77.96	133,60	219.70	110.12	50.85	70.35	137.08	88.09
emistry	320,18	761.91	77.68	380.05	137.78	204,81	212.37	166.64	78,18	114.52	130.77	97.58
thematios	483.51	ı	411,18	422,81	235.22	1	192,78	199.60	152,13	ı	118,12	123.59
ysics	195•37	230.72	533.68	277.40	90.27	107.76	277.61	135.24	54.84	59.26	184.72	84•36
ology.	267.16	ı	98*897	403.47	117.33	1	229.43	193.09	97.•49	ı	143•33	117.86
nemical Engr'g.	344.50	401.15	535.55	387.96	172,27	194•59	.237.04	188,80	111,26	119.05	140.01	117.38
.vil Engineering	342.20	401.94	415.58	355.61	161.21	157.90	173.67	161,81	97.20	81.99	64.43	95.24
Lectrical Engr'g.	276.43	358.37	500.53	340•39	113.14	160.10	279.74	153.16	65.32	60.47	198.83	90.65
ehanical Engr'g.	296.46	359.14	552.86	354.23	119.84	232.84	254.81	206.98	61.33	94.35	156.07	29.63
thers (Engr'g.)	263.21	403.14	ı	i	107.37	171.74	ı	ı	56.87	66.93	t	1
	-											

Tables 4, 6, and 9-a where Net Present Value is Gross Present Value (1 - unemployment rate) - Private Direct Cost of College Education (Foregone income + Direct Cost) Source:

Note: The weighted averages for fields where data are not complete are based on the available data.

Table 8

Gross and Net Present Value of Level of Education and for Teachers by Level of Students Taught

(In hundreds of Pesos)

	r=	9%	r =	15%	r =	20%
,	Gross Present Value	Net Present Value	Gross Present Value	Net Present Value	Gross Present Value	Net Present Value
Illiterates	69.15		39.04		28.39	
Primary	63.13		27.04	7 1 1 1 1 1	15.74	
Intermediate	108.20		51.97		34.29	
Elementary	172.10		79,00		50.03	
General Secondary	318.40	121.29	197.60	110.05	146.90	28.78
General College	343.16	193.10	196.87	76.07	131.67	23,92
Teachers						
Primary	270.06	138.95	157.40	47.02	115.27	12.64
Intermediate	261.55	132.00	152.31	42.86	111.41	9•49
Secondary	268.24	137.46	157.51	47.11	115.75	13.03

Source: 1. Gross Present Value by Level, T. 19 in de Voretz "Investment in Philippine Education"

^{2.} Income of Teachers, T. 66, p. 87, Bureau of Public Schools, 1964 Statistical Bulletin.

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Employment Status of Persons With Higher Education, by Kind of First Degree Obtained, 1961

Table 9

	Total Number	7			Not in	Rate of	[dwg	Employed
Aima oi first Degree	(n thousands) Fercent Employed Unemployed	rercent	Emproyed	опешртоуеа	labor force	Unemployment	Full-time Part-time	Part-time
rotal. all degrees	193	100.0	73.4.	18.2	7.00	36.61	65.1	7 . 8
Liberal Arts	0	100.0	75.0	25.0	30.0	35.78	35.0	10.0
Commerce & Business Adm.	41	100.0	78.4	13.4	8,2	14.6%	72.2	6.2
Education (B.S.E. or ETC)	81	100.0	77.4	17.4	5.3	18.4%	70.0	7.4
Engineering	13	100.0	77.5	16,1	6.5	17.2%	71.0	6.5
	∞	100.0	7•89	15.8	15.8	18.8%	57.9	10.5
Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine	7	100.0	70.0	30.0	1	30.0%	0.07	30.0
Med., Dentistry, Pharm., Optometry	15	100.0	777.0	5.7	17.1	6.9%	65.7	11.4
Nursing and Midwifery	9	100.0	69.2	30.8	1	30.8%	53.8	15.4
Collegiate Secretarial Course	6	100.0	45.0	1	10.0	50.0%	72.0	f
Collegiate Technical Course	9	100.0	66.7	26.7	6.7	28.6%	7.97	20:0
	8	100.0	0.09	0.07	1	%0°07	ſ	1

Source:

T. 84, p. 68 Office of Manpower Services Department of Labor, Summary Report on Inquiry Into Employment and Unemployment Among those with High School or Higher Education.

Table 10

Employment Distribution of Scientists and Engineers, by Field of Main Activity and by Sector, 1965

Field of Main Activity	Private Industry	National Government	Educational Institution
Engineering	63•3	39•0	10.3
Mathematics	1.8	1.5	7.9
Agricultural Science	3.3	26.5	2•4
Biological Science	0.2	4.7	9•4
Medical Science	6.8	15.0	11.2
Earth Science	0.5	2.6	0.5
Physics & Astronomy	1.2		3.1
Chemistry	12.0	5.9	8.1
Social Sciences	0.4	4.2	12.9
Other Scientific Fields	5.6	0.1	34.0
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Surveys of Scientific and Technological Manpower in the Philippines: Private Industry, National Government Sector, and Educational Institutions (1965-66) NSDB

Table 11

Persons with High School Education by Employment Status by Type of High School Attended and Sex; May, 1961

	Number (thousands)	Percent	Working Full-time	Working Part-time	Out of work Looking	Out of work Out of work Unemployment Looking Not looking rate	Unemployment rate
Both Sexes	189	100.0	22.5	13.8	30•2	33.5	•45
General Academic	285	100.0	22.9	13.7	31.0	32.3	97.
Vocational (arts & trades)	. E. E.	100.0	32.1	19.2	30.8 16.7	17.9	.50
Agricultural Other type	- I -	100.0	34.6	26.9	34.6	3.8 100.0	.36
Male	366	100.0	30•0	16.6	28.8	24.6	•38
General	152	100.0	30.0	15.7	30.5	23.5	07*
Academic Vocational (arts & trades)	27	100.0	38.1	15.9	30.2	15.9	38
Technical	<i>m</i> (100.0	1 2	16.7	16.7	L-999	• 50
Agricultural Other type	» i	100	5.65	0.0%	+ • !	1 1	1 1
Female	315	100.0	13.9	10.5	31.8	43.7	• 56
General Academic	133	100.0	14.6	11.5	31.5	42.4	.55
Vocational (arts & trades)	9	100.0	6.7	33.3	33.3	26.7	•45
reconica. Agricultural	1 02	100.0	0.07	50° 0	20•0	20.0	•25
Other types	1	1	ī	1	1	1	1

Table 32, p. 37 Source: ILO-Philippine Office of Manpower Service, Op. cit.

Table 12

Percentage Distribution of Source of Finance for Higher Education

	%	%
Parents Wholly Partially	46.7 19.6	66.3
Other Relatives Wholly Partially	1.9 8.5	10•4
Earning during term Wholly Partially	1.1	9•7
Earning during vacation Wholly Partially	9.7	9•7
Saving before entering college Wholly	-	2.7
Partially Other means	2.7	1.1
Wholly Partially Total	1.1	100.0

Source: T. 128, p. 91, IIO - Philippine Office of Manpower Services, <u>ibid</u>.

Table 13

Direct Expenditures on Philippine Education 1965 - 1966 (in current prices) a

Year	Direct Expenditure on Education	Share in GNP	Share in GDI	Public Expenditures Share in Government Expenditures
1956	341,106,905	•037	•39	•30
1957	370,645,913	•036	•35	•31
1958	385,290,902	•035	•49	•33
1959	400,934,562	•034	. 40	•32
1960	457,556,506	.037	•38	•32
1961	545,120,211	•040	.30	•34
1962	622,863,065	•041	.32	•33
1963	723,761,601	•041	.31	•32
1964	856,190,845	•044	.27	•34
1965	963,416,681	.045	n.a.	•34
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a/ Source: de Voretz, D.V.: "Investment in Philippine Educational Resources, 1966-74," unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, University of Wisconsin, 1968.

Table 14

Yearly Per Student Direct Costs of Public and Private Philippine
Education for 1966 by Education Level

(In 1966 pesos)

Educational Level	Tuition and Books	Public Education (Operating and Capital Costs)	Total (Public)	Private Education (Total, Direct)
Primary	0	113	113	100
Intermediate	0	113	113	100
General Secondary	43	292	335	134
Vocational	45	397	442	381
College Normal	60	295	3 5 5	288
Other College	338	973	1,311	294
	1			

Source: Philippines, Director of Public Schools, Annual Report (Manila, Annually) Passim for column 1. Philippines
Bureau of Public School, Research and Guidance Division
1965 Statistical Bulletin (Manila, 1966), pp 79-82
for column 2; Phil., Bureau of Private Schools, 1966
Statistical Bulletin (Manila, 1967), pp. 19-27 and V.
Sinco, loc. cit, pp. 81-97 for column. 4 and from
de Voretz, ibid.

Table 15

Geographical Distribution of Universities
and Other Establishments for Higher Education - 1960

			Other e	stablish	ments for	higher e	ducation
Region ¹	Population (in thou- sands)	Univer- sities	Techno- logy	Medical	Agricul- tural	Social Sciences and Hu- manities	Total
Total	27,088	25	65	30	8	288	416
X X X Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y	2,120 1,470 1,036 3,691 3,251 2,363 3,210 4,564 3,273 2,111	15 - - 1 4 4	17 4 1 12 7 3 9 9	14 - 2 7 - 3 - 3	1 2 2 1 1	33 23 9 36 54 16 29 32 27 29	79 28 10 51 68 22 45 47 34 32

1 Bureau of the Census and Statistics, Philippine Statistical Survey of Households defined regions:

- I. City of Manila, Quezon City, Pasay City, Caloocan City and Municipalities of Makati, Mandaluyong, Parañaque and San Juan
- II. Abra, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union and Mountain Province
- III. Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya
 - IV. Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Tarlac and Zambales
 - V. Betangas, Cavite, Iaguna, Marinduque, Occ. Mindoro, Or. Mindoro, Palawan, Quezon and Rizal (except those in Rizal I)
 - VI. Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, and Sorsogon
- VII. Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Negros Occ., Negros Or., and Romblon
- VIII. Bohol, Cebu, Leyte, Samar and Southern Leyte
 - IX. Cotabato, Davao, Sulu, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga
 - X. Agusan, Bukidnon, Ianao del Norte, Ianao del Sur, Misamis Occ., Misamis Or., Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur.

Sources of Data: (a) Bureau of Private Schools, <u>List of Authorized</u>
Private Schools and Courses, 1959-1960

- (b) Board of National Education, School Statistics, 1959-60
- (c) Bureau of Public Schools, Statistical Bulletin, 1960 (d) Bureau of the Census and Statistics, Census of the

Philippines, 1960

Number of Public and Private School Teachers Classified by Level of Students Taught: 1955 - 1965

Table 16

	Primery	ary	Intermediate	diate	Secondary	dary	Collegiate	late
Year	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
	1		ממת הוכ	072	2 783	9.785	354	6,032
1954 - 1955	57,40%	6TO 67	611612	CIA	(0) (0) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1		. 00	7,820
1955 - 1956	59,711	2,291	28,526	1,432	8,566	11,682	447	22061
1956 - 1957	62,239	2,476	29,079	1,508	798.8	11,646	777	966*8
1957 - 1958	878,479	2,530	30,300	1,615	9,013	11,788	501	009*6
1958 - 1959	70,503	3,234	31,931	1,610	9,292	12,333	435	896.8
1959 - 1960	72,157	3,334	33,479	1,655	6,682	12,815	697	9,121
1960 - 1961	79,141	3,566	32,165	2,202	10,334	13,384	528	0.446
1961 – 1962	84,815	3,838	35,973	2,363	10,950	14,572	567	79067
1962 - 1963	869,16	4,229	41,430	2,118	3,985	16,384	245	13,670
1963 - 1964	102,213	4,437	727,97	2,347	9,773	16,698	274	18,591
1964 - 1965	109,847	4,607	51,017	2,661	11,638	17,663	576	19,608
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Yearbook of Philippine Statistics, 1966 Philippine Bureau of Public Schools Statistical Bulletin (1955-65) Private Schools Statistics (1958-1959) Source:

Table 17
Estimated Demand for Scientists & Engineers: 1966-70

Field of Specialization	1966	1967	1 9 68	1969	1970
Science Technology Medical Science Agricultural Science Social Science	14,167 45,509 6,848 4,816 9,609 80,949	15,089 48,475 7,294 5,130 10,235 86,223	16,005 41,418 7,737 5,442 10,856 91,458	16,989 54,579 8,213 5,776 11,524 97,081	18,048 57,979 8,725 6,136 12,241 103,129
Estimated Supply	of Scient	ists & Eng	ineers: 19	966-70	
Field of Specialization	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Science Technology Medical Science Agricultural Science Social Science	32,520 63,512 15,109 8,091 22,637 141,869	34,448 65,551 21,298 9,418 28,618 159,233	36,526 75,790 27,424 10,769 34,835 185,344	38,756 82,226 33,488 12,146 41,287 207,903	41,136 88,861 39,489 13,547 47,976 231,009
Estimated Surpl	us of Scie	ntists & E	ngineers:	1966 - 70	
Field of Specialization	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Science Technology Medical Science Agricultural Science Social Science	18,353 18,003 8,261 3,275 13,028 60,920	19,359 17,076 14,004 4,288 18,383 73,010	20,521 24,372 19,687 5,327 23,979 93,886	21,767 27,647 25,275 6,370 29,763 110,822	23,088 30,882 30,764 7,411 35,735 127,880

Source: dela Cruz, Milagros: "An Evaluation of the Utilization of Scientific and Technological Manpower." Unpublished paper.

Table 18 Employment by Field of Specialization and by Age-Group

65 & Over	86 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84	36.18	21 21 20 20 20	158 69 1 4 8 5
60-64.	328 105 108 60 60 20 20	269 54 67 148	187 156 - 31	301 168 20 72 72
55-59	432 151 38 95 40 41 67	269 26 46 73 124	136 100 1 20 15	233 71 71 95 50
50-54	450 133 71 102 8 26 110	297 46 471 290	139	484 154 104 186 40
45-49	204 204 132 100 66 155 119			
77-07	1,199 161 201 312 198 127 200	1,167 62 353 312 460	35 4 202 56 56	782 342 97 183 160
35-39	1,762 402 447 144 153 300 316	1,856 117 398 860 481	707 252 195 70 187	1,139 609 144 156 230
30-34	2,355 1,040 281 408 217 160 249	1,948 214 477 826 431	414 161 15 65 173	1, 120 479 149 94 398
25-29	3,234 1,376 490 556 202 238 372	2,334 356 627 930 421	192 118 31 30	1,206 484 457 53 212
20-24	1,459 296 239 230 152 352 190	732 244 130 247 111	20 20 6 5	289 138 251 200
	Scientific Fields: Agricultural Sciences Biological Sciences Chemistry Earth Sciences Mathematics Physics	Engineering Fields: Chemical Electrical Wechamical Civil	Medical Fields: Medicine Optometry Dentistry Pharmacy	Other Fields: Education Business Iaw Social Sciences

Source: Survey of Scientific and Technological Manpower in the Fhilippines

Table 19

Percentage Distribution of Employed Scientific and Technical Manpower by Field and by Age-Group

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	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	77-0 7	6757	50-54	55–59	79-09	65 & Over
Scientific Fields:	12.1	26.8	19.5	74.6	10.0	7•9	3.7	3.6	2.7	7.
Agricultural Sciences	7.6	35.5	26.8	10.4	4.2	6.3	3.4	7.00	2.7	u n
	11.9	27.4	20.7	7.1	15.4	4.0	0.80	4.7 3.8	3.0	0.1
Mathematics Physics	21.7	17.2	11.6	21.7	15 6 KI	11.2	1.9	3°0 4°1	1.4	T • 1
Fingineeming Fields:	7.3	23.3	19.5	18.6	11.9	7.0	0•9	2.7	2.7	٥.
Chemical	20.5	29.9	18.0	8.6	5.2	7. 9	7.9	2.2	i (か,
Electrical Mechanical	2.0	26.9	20.4	17.1	15.1	2.20	2.7	000	, r. r. s.	T
Civil	7	15.3	15.5	17.3	16.5	10.0	10.4	7. 7	5.3	E. 1
Medical Fields:	1.	8	17.6	29.9	15.0	5.7	8•9	5.7	7.9	1.7
Medicine	1.6	7. 6	12.8	20•1	16,1	6.7	11.1	8	12.4	1.7
Optometry	2.7	1.4	8,0	988	1 5	1 ?	1 1	4.	1 1	1 1
Dentistry Pharmacy	1 **	0°TT 0°49	29.0	31.3	16.1	1.7	3.4	2.5	5.2	3.4
Other Fields:	8.5	17.3	16.2	16.4	11.3	13.2	7.0	3.4	4•3	2.3
Education	4.7	16.5	16.3	20.7	11.6	14.3	5.2	2.4	5.7	2.4
Business	19.2	34.9	11.4	11.0	7.4	200	7.9	η α		, 7
Iaw	1	4.7	ر ه ن		10.2	200.00	10.4 2	* 0	7.0	5.5
Social Sciences	12.8	13.6	25.6	× 47	70. 70.	•	2	2) 	
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Source: Survey of Scientific and Technological Manpower in the Philippines

Median Entrance Salary Range Offered by Industrial Establishments (Manila) Table 20

Field of Main Activity	High School Graduate	College Graduata	Dost Cradinate
Engineering	166.51	295•00	557.25
Mathematics	•	374•00	ı
Agricultural Sciences	•	307.67	ı
Biological Sciences	ī	330.12	I
Medical Sciences	ı	294.42	00*679
Earth Sciences	1	280,62	ı
Physics and Astronomy	124.50	278,90	ı
Chemistry	155.62	281,20	ı
Social Sciences	ı	311.25	1
Other Scientific Fields	198.50	298,50	1
Overall	162,72	297.06	200.00

Source: Survey of Scientific and Technological Manpower in the Philippines, 1965

Table 21

Number of Employed Persons by Major-Occupation Group (1956-1965)

	October	October	Toduback	ŏ	October	October	October	October	May 1067	October
Major Occupation Group	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1905	7302	1704	1707
The labor force	8,561	8,829	8,976	9,116	9,116	9,713	10,266	10,233	11,296	10,764
RE	89.68	92.86%	92.79%	94.06%	93.67%	93,64%	93.54%	95.42%	93.59%	93.84%
Total Number Employed (In thousands)	7,702	8,199	8,329	8,575	8,539	560,6	609*6	792.66	10,572	10,101
Professional, technical and related workers	216	221	576	257	239	309	288	312	317	374
Proprietors, managers, adminis- trators and officials	354	312	576	317	324	336	355	351	433	434
Clerical, office & related workers	184	787	175	197	213	273	250 576	283	740	324 677
Farmers, farm laborers, fishermen and related workers	4,529	096,4	5,255	5,274	5,208	5,502	5,886	5,750	6,153	5,677
Workers in mine, quarry and related occupations	31	24	25	56	56	18	53	20	32	10
Workers in operating transport occupation	146	156	158	172	188	181	192	253	243	273
Graftsmen, factory operatives and related workers	1,071	1,140	1,024	1,115	1,136	1,100	1,152	1,249	1,384	1,272
Manual workers & laborers, n.c.c.	691	156	117	7,6	162	163	163	195	*07 869	838
Service and related workers Occupation not reported	539	772	33	26	43	27	29	50	10	ž 40
										

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