

Adult literacy rate (ALR) has also shown the same tendency as general literacy rate as shown in Table 3.13 and Figure 3.12. Nineteen provinces showed a rise in ALRs during the 2008-13. Particularly, the provinces of Kep, Ratanak Kiri, Kampong Speu and Otdar Meanchey have a rise in ALR by 7% or more. On the other hand, 5 provinces, Kampong Chhnang, Mondul Kiri, Phnom Penh, Banteay Meanchey and Pursat, dropped in ALR. The highest rate is recorded in Phnom Penh (91.8%), and the lowest is in Ratanak Kiri (54.8%) in 2013. It is noted that Phnom Penh is by far the highest both for GLR and ALR among all the provinces, however, Phnom Penh showed a drop by around 1.5% in both GLR and ALR during 2008-13 due to the changes in boundaries in 2011.

Table 3.14 shows the ranking of province by the level of GLR and ALR. The ranking position of the province for GLR and ALR changed except the top and the bottom during the period for 2008 and 2013.

Map 1 presents adult literacy rate by province in 2013. The high adult literacy rates are found in Phnom Penh and surrounding provinces located in the southern part of the country, and also Battambang and Pailin located in the northwestern part and the border with Thailand. On the other hand, the provinces of Ratanak Kiri and Mondul Kiri located northeastern part and the border with Laos and Vietnam showed the lowest adult literacy rates.

Map 1. Adult Literacy Rates (%) in any Language: Province, 2013

Adult Literacy Rates (%) of Cambodia:
79.7

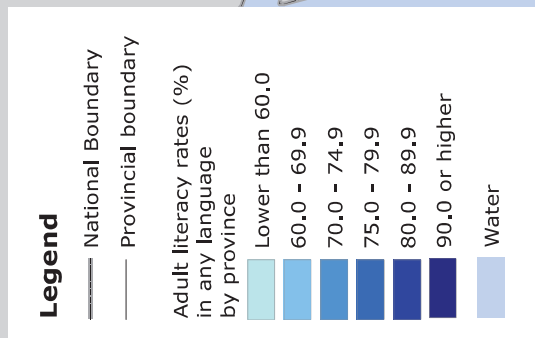
Adult Literacy Rates (%) by Province:

Min: 54.8 (Ratanak Kiri)

Max: 91.8 (Phnom Penh)

Mean: 76.1

Thailand



Note:
Adult literacy rate is the percentage of total population aged 15 and over in literate.

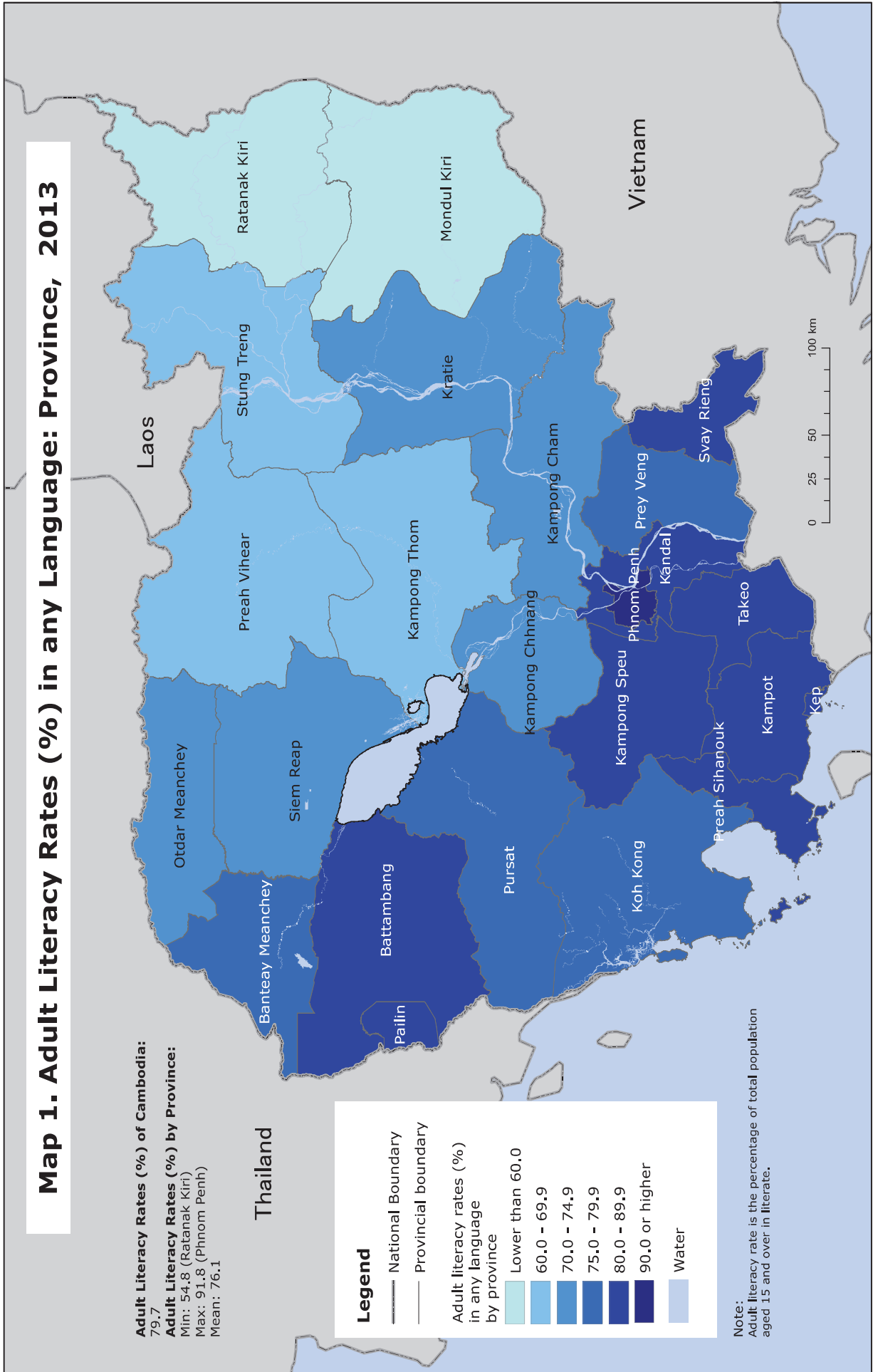


Table 3.14 Ranking of Province by General and Adult Literacy Rates (%) in any Language: Province, 2008, 2013

Rank	General Literacy Rate				Adult Literacy Rate			
	Province	2008	Province	2013	Province	2008	Province	2013
1	Phnom Penh	92.9	Phnom Penh	91.3	Phnom Penh	93.2	Phnom Penh	91.8
2	Kandal	83.7	Preah Sihanouk	87.4	Kandal	83.1	Kandal	87.3
3	Prey Veng	80.8	Kandal	86.7	Preah Sihanouk	80.4	Preah Sihanouk	87.3
4	Preah Sihanouk	80.7	Svay Rieng	83.3	Prey Veng	79.2	Kampong Speu	83.1
5	Svay Rieng	80.1	Takeo	82.8	Battambang	78.9	Svay Rieng	82.9
6	Battambang	79.3	Kampong Speu	82.7	Svay Rieng	78.7	Takeo	82.3
7	Takeo	78.9	Kep	82.7	Takeo	77.4	Kep	82.0
8	Kampot	78.5	Pailin	81.4	Pursat	77.1	Battambang	81.4
9	Banteay Meanchey	78.0	Kampot	81.4	Kampot	76.9	Pailin	80.9
10	Pursat	77.3	Battambang	81.1	Banteay Meanchey	76.7	Kampot	80.5
11	Kampong Chhnang	76.6	Prey Veng	79.7	Kampong Chhnang	75.5	Prey Veng	79.7
12	Kampong Cham	76.3	Banteay Meanchey	77.4	Pailin	75.5	Pursat	77.0
13	Kampong Speu	76.3	Pursat	76.9	Kampong Speu	75.5	Koh Kong	76.0
14	Koh Kong	76.2	Kampong Cham	76.3	Koh Kong	75.2	Banteay Meanchey	76.0
15	Kep	75.4	Koh Kong	75.9	Kampong Cham	74.5	Kampong Cham	74.9
16	Pailin	74.9	Siem Reap	75.3	Kratie	73.7	Kratie	74.5
17	Kratie	73.5	Kratie	73.6	Kep	72.8	Siem Reap	73.4
18	Siem Reap	71.2	Kampong Chhnang	72.3	Siem Reap	68.7	Kampong Chhnang	70.9
19	Kampong Thom	69.9	Otdar Meanchey	71.6	Kampong Thom	67.8	Otdar Meanchey	70.9
20	Otdar Meanchey	65.5	Kampong Thom	68.8	Otdar Meanchey	63.8	Kampong Thom	69.0
21	Preah Vihear	63.5	Preah Vihear	66.2	Preah Vihear	63.5	Stung Treng	66.7
22	Mondul Kiri	61.5	Stung Treng	65.3	Stung Treng	61.5	Preah Vihear	65.1
23	Stung Treng	60.4	Mondul Kiri	57.8	Mondul Kiri	60.9	Mondul Kiri	58.1
24	Ratanak Kiri	44.6	Ratanak Kiri	53.8	Ratanak Kiri	45.9	Ratanak Kiri	54.8

3.6.2 Literacy by Province and Sex

Figures 3.13 and 3.14 indicate GLRs and ALRs by ascending order of the rates for females, respectively. The highest GLR in 2013 is recorded in Phnom Penh (male: 94.7%, female: 88.3%), and the lowest is in Ratanak Kiri (male: 59.5%, female: 48.1%). The top highest 3 provinces for males in GLR are Phnom Penh, Kandal and Preah Sihanouk, and those for females are Phnom Penh, Kandal and Preah Sihanouk in 2013.

Adult literacy rate has also shown the same tendency as general literacy rate. The highest ALR was recorded in Phnom Penh (male: 95.5%, female: 88.5%), and the lowest was in Ratanak Kiri (male: 62.1%, female: 47.5%) in 2013. The top 3 highest provinces for males in ALR are Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk and Kandal, and for females are Phnom Penh, Kandal and Preah Sihanouk in 2013.