

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## October 2022 Preliminary Employment Situation in Davao Region

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### Over 2.31 million part of the total workforce population in Davao Region

Davao Region's total population 15 years old and over for October 2022 was estimated at 3.72 million. Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) during this period was at 62.1 percent, accounting for 2.31 million Davaoeños (see Table 1). This is 0.5 percentage point higher compared to the LFPR of October 2021, equivalent to 51 thousand Davaoeños.

Table 1. Results for Davao Region from the October 2022 Labor Force Survey (LFS)

Region XI (Davao Region)	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>
Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	3,667,547	3,716,452	3,721,159
Labor Force Participation Rate	61.6	62.7	62.1
Employment Rate	94.5	97.1	96.5
Underemployment Rate	7.7	7.7	7.8
Unemployment Rate	5.5	2.9	3.5

Notes: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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BARMM reported the highest LFPR at 73.9 percent on the other hand; Bicol Region has the lowest rate at 58.7 percent. Seven regions have lower LFPR than the national estimate at 64.2 percent: Ilocos Region, MIMAROPA, Central Luzon, Davao Region, Zamboanga Peninsula, NCR and Bicol Region. Comparing to October 2021's LFPR, BARMM have the highest increase in terms of percentage points from 55.2 percent to 73.9 percent.

### Davao Region's employment rate attained 96.5 percent

Employment rate or the proportion of employed persons to the total labor force in Davao Region is at 96.5 percent in October 2022, lower by 0.6 percentage point from 97.1 percent in July 2022. This is an estimated decrease of 33 thousand Davaoeños with work compared to July 2022. In addition, Davao Region's employment rate for October 2022 attained higher than the national estimate of 95.5 percent by 1.0 percentage point.



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As Figure 2 shows, 11 regions recorded higher than the national rate which includes Zamboanga Peninsula, BARMM, CAR, Eastern Visayas, Davao Region, SOCCSKSARGEN, Cagayan Valley, Northern Mindanao, Caraga, Ilocos Region and Bicol Region. Zamboanga Peninsula has the highest employment rate among all regions at 98.0 percent which is 2.5 percentage points higher than the national estimate. BARMM showed the highest increase of 3.1 percentage points from July 2022 at 94.4 percent to October 2022 at 97.5 percent.



### Unemployment rate was recorded at 3.5 percent

In October 2022, Davao Region posted an unemployment rate at 3.5 percent. This is higher compared to July 2022 unemployment rate (2.9%) and it is similarly lower than the national estimate of 1.0 percentage point.



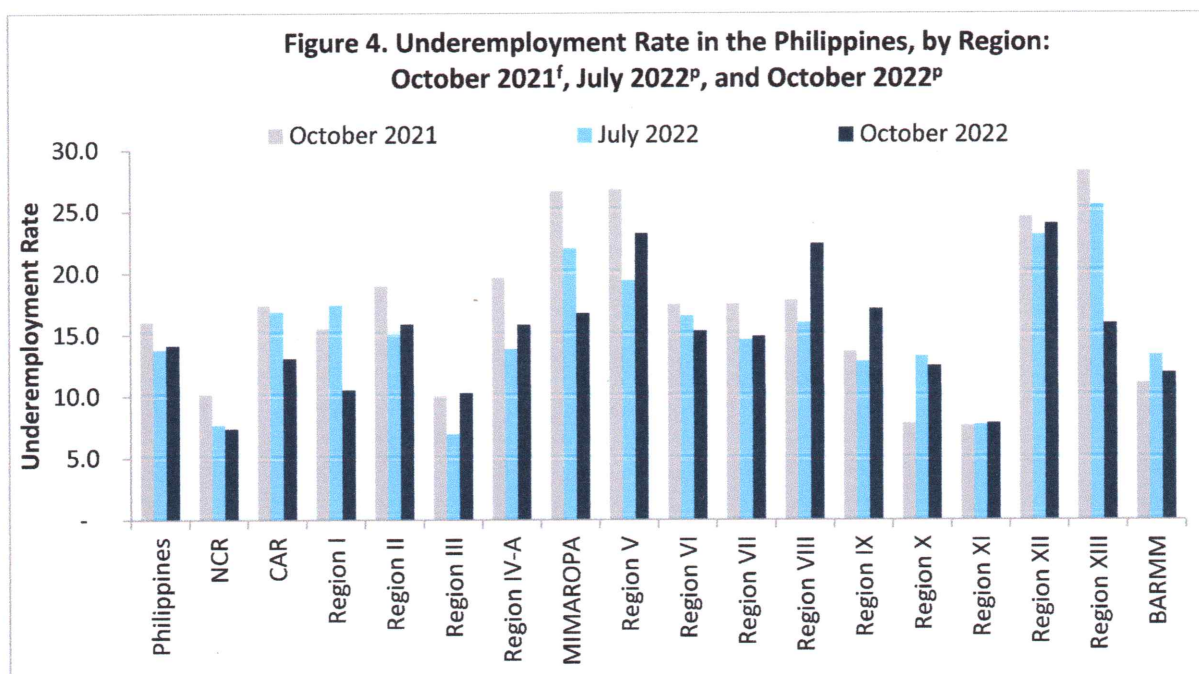
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Figure 3 shows unemployment rates in six areas of the country reportedly higher than the national estimate of 4.5 percent in October 2022: Central Visayas (5.8%), CALABARZON (5.7%), NCR (5.6%), MIMAROPA (5.2%), Western Visayas (5.1%) and Central Luzon (4.7%).

### Davao Region's Underemployment rate in the country is at 7.8 percent

Underemployed persons or employed persons who: expressed their desire to have additional hours of work in their present job or to have additional job, or to have a new job with longer hours of work. In October 2022, 7.8 percent of total employed Davaoeños reported to be underemployed. The underemployment rate for October 2022 is lower by 0.1 percentage points than July 2022 (7.7%).



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As shown in Figure 4, ten other regions with underemployment rate higher than the national estimate of 14.2 percent: SOCCSKSARGEN, Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, MIMAROPA, Caraga, Cagayan Valley, CALABARZON, Western Visayas and Central Visayas. SOCCSKSARGEN has the highest underemployment rate with 24.0 percent which is 9.8 percentage points higher than the national estimate.

**Table 2. Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment, by Region: October 2021<sup>f</sup>, January 2022<sup>p</sup>, April 2022<sup>p</sup>, July 2022<sup>p</sup>, and October 2022<sup>p</sup> (In Thousands Except Rates)**

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over					Labor Force Participation Rate					Employment Rate					Unemployment Rate					Underemployment Rate				
	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p, 1</sup>	April 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p, 1</sup>	April 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p, 1</sup>	April 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p, 1</sup>	April 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2021 <sup>f</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p, 1</sup>	April 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July 2022 <sup>p</sup>	October 2022 <sup>p</sup>
Philippines	75,567	75,895	76,374	76,639	76,925	62.6	60.5	63.4	65.2	64.2	92.6	93.6	94.3	94.8	95.5	7.4	6.4	5.7	5.2	4.5	16.1	14.9	14.0	13.8	14.2
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,141	10,230	10,207	10,228	10,252	60.6	58.8	61.0	62.4	60.6	90.7	92.7	92.5	93.1	94.4	9.3	7.3	7.5	6.9	5.6	10.2	9.0	7.0	7.7	7.4
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,253	1,270	1,267	1,271	1,267	64.2	65.0	66.2	68.8	64.7	94.9	94.8	95.6	95.8	97.0	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.2	3.0	17.4	18.9	12.7	16.9	13.1
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,617	3,661	3,621	3,603	3,646	63.0	62.0	68.5	67.4	63.3	91.6	92.8	94.1	94.9	96.0	8.4	7.2	5.9	5.1	4.0	15.5	14.7	16.0	17.4	10.5
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,485	2,530	2,527	2,530	2,515	66.4	62.9	65.9	66.6	64.9	96.6	95.7	96.2	97.2	96.3	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.8	3.7	19.0	19.9	15.1	15.1	15.9
Region III (Central Luzon)	8,825	8,952	8,923	9,008	9,042	59.6	58.6	60.6	64.3	62.5	92.8	94.3	94.8	95.0	95.3	7.2	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.7	10.1	9.4	7.6	7.0	10.3
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,500	11,572	11,595	11,650	11,792	63.6	62.2	64.9	65.0	64.5	89.7	92.6	93.2	93.7	94.3	10.3	7.4	6.8	6.3	5.7	19.7	13.7	17.1	13.9	15.8
MIMAROPA Region	2,075	2,100	2,110	2,116	2,119	62.8	62.8	63.5	66.3	62.9	90.0	93.5	94.8	94.8	94.8	10.0	6.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	26.6	25.0	20.2	22.0	16.8
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,015	4,077	4,089	4,103	4,082	61.4	58.4	62.3	60.8	58.7	91.0	92.2	93.8	94.8	95.6	9.0	7.8	6.2	5.2	4.4	26.8	22.6	21.2	19.4	23.2
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,503	5,548	5,559	5,584	5,554	61.6	63.0	62.3	65.0	64.3	94.2	95.3	94.4	94.0	94.9	5.8	4.7	5.6	6.0	5.1	17.5	17.0	16.4	16.6	15.3
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,547	5,601	5,602	5,636	5,633	66.2	60.0	66.1	67.0	67.0	93.0	92.0	94.8	95.4	94.2	7.0	8.0	5.2	4.6	5.8	17.5	16.4	10.6	14.6	14.9
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,196	3,231	3,244	3,244	3,251	60.1	58.0	60.0	65.0	64.3	92.4	93.0	94.0	95.5	97.0	7.6	7.0	6.0	4.5	3.0	17.8	19.8	14.8	16.0	22.4
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,564	2,588	2,589	2,586	2,593	61.6	60.0	60.4	65.8	61.8	95.0	95.0	97.1	95.9	98.0	5.0	5.0	2.9	4.1	2.0	13.7	18.7	20.5	12.9	17.1
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,462	3,507	3,516	3,515	3,536	69.4	62.7	68.7	70.2	67.0	95.9	94.9	95.9	94.7	96.3	4.1	5.1	4.1	5.3	3.7	7.8	14.9	14.0	13.3	12.5
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,668	3,694	3,712	3,716	3,721	61.6	59.5	57.4	62.7	62.1	94.5	95.2	96.2	97.1	96.5	5.5	4.8	3.8	2.9	3.5	7.7	11.0	8.1	7.7	7.8
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,294	3,337	3,344	3,357	3,382	68.2	63.0	67.8	73.4	72.6	95.2	95.6	94.6	96.0	96.5	4.8	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.5	24.6	19.5	23.0	23.1	24.0
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,838	1,399	1,860	1,864	1,872	66.0	62.9	66.9	69.4	67.3	95.1	94.5	95.9	96.9	96.3	4.9	5.5	4.1	3.1	3.7	28.3	19.2	14.7	25.6	15.9
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2,584	2,597	2,608	2,629	2,669	55.2	55.6	62.6	60.3	73.9	93.4	92.5	91.9	94.4	97.5	6.6	7.5	8.1	5.6	2.5	11.1	12.6	18.0	13.4	11.9

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All estimates used the 2015 POPCEN-based Population Projection.

1 - Preliminary estimate excludes Suigao del Norte and Dinagat Island.


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## Technical Notes

- The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide quarterly survey of households conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population until 2020. Starting 2021, the LFS was conducted monthly in response to the need for high frequency data to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The reference period for this survey is the “past week” referring to the past seven days preceding the date of visit of the enumerator or the interviewer.
- Starting with the April 2016 LFS round, the population projections based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing (2010 CPH) has been adopted to generate the labor force statistics.
- Starting April 2012 LFS, the codes for industry adopted the 2009 Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC). Prior to this, codes for industry used the 1994 PSIC.
- The 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was adopted starting April 2016. The 1992 PSOC had been used prior to April 2016.
- Starting January 2017 round, Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) using Tablet was utilized in the LFS enumeration.
- Overseas Filipino Workers are not considered part of the labor force in the Philippines. Hence, in the LFS, data on economic characteristics of household members who are overseas workers are not collected. For the LFS reports, they are excluded in the estimation of the size of working population, that is, population aged 15 years and older, and in the estimation of the labor force.

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