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July 2022 Preliminary Employment Situation in Davao Region

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Over 2.33 million part of the total workforce population in Davao Region

Davao Region's total population 15 years old and over for July 2022 was estimated at 3.72 million. Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) during this period was at 62.7 percent, accounting for 2.33 million Davaoeños (see Table 1). This is 5.1 percentage points higher compared to the LFPR of July 2021, equivalent to 222 thousand Davaoeños.

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

Region XI (Davao Region)	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p
Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	3,658,388	3,711,758	3,716,452
Labor Force Participation Rate	57.6	57.4	62.7
Employment Rate	95.1	96.2	97.1
Underemployment Rate	17.2	8.1	7.7
Unemployment Rate	4.9	3.8	2.9

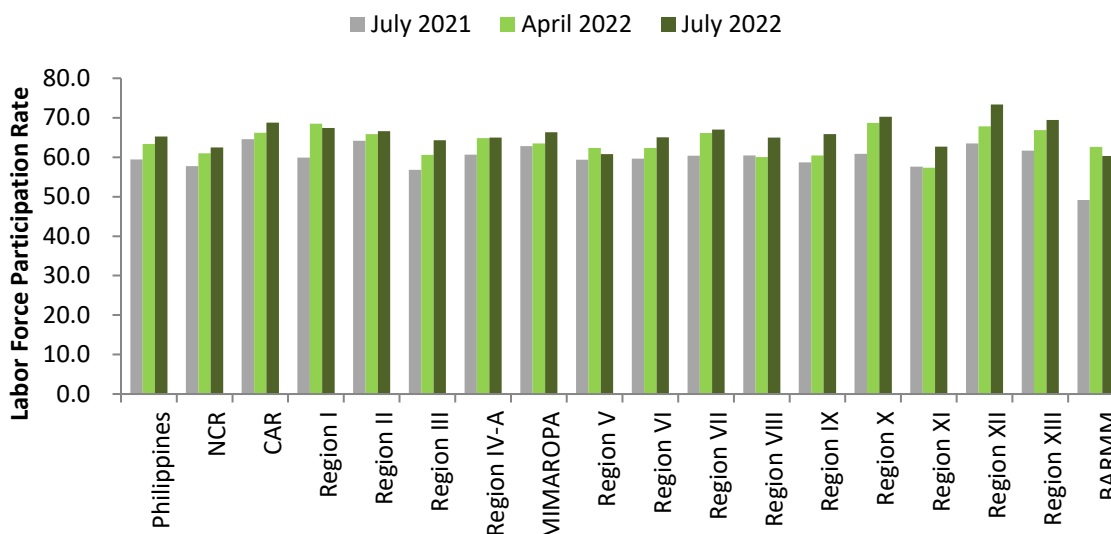
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

Figure 1. Labor Force Participation Rate in the Philippines, by Region: July 2021^f, April 2022^p, and July 2022^p



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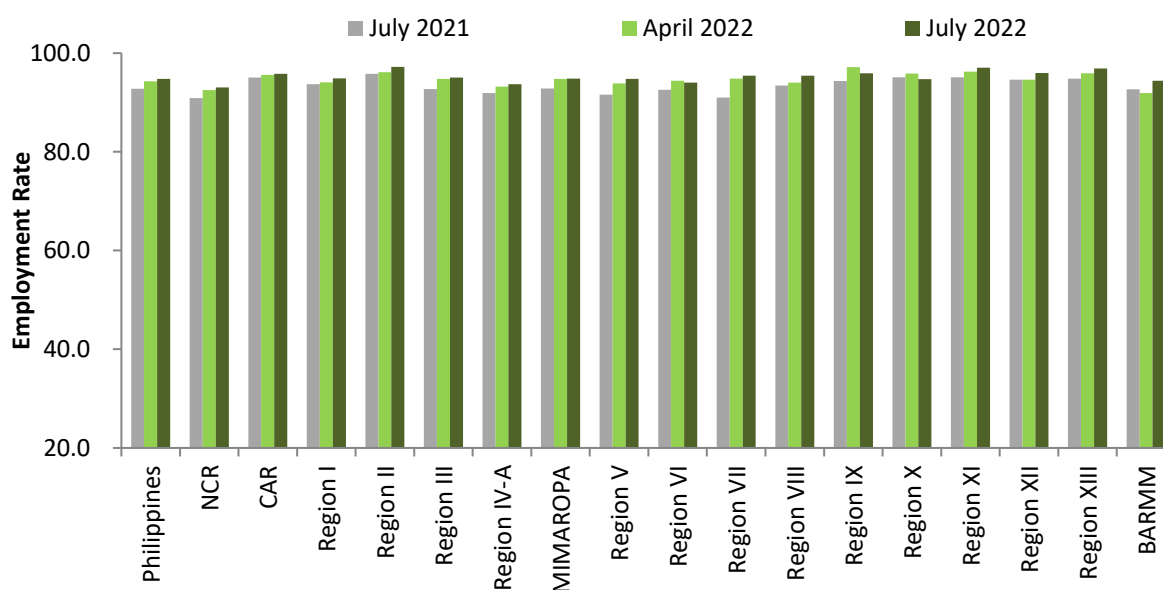


SOCCKSARGEN reported the highest LFPR at 73.4 percent on the other hand; BARMM has the lowest rate at 60.3 percent. Eight regions have lower LFPR than the national estimate at 65.2 percent: Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, CALABARZON, Central Luzon, Davao Region, NCR, Bicol Region and BARMM. Comparing to July 2021's LFPR, BARMM have the highest increase in terms of percentage points from 49.2 percent to 60.3 percent.

Majority of the economically active population in Davao Region were employed

Davao Region's employment rate in July 2022 stood at 97.1 percent. This is an estimated increase of 213 thousand Davaoëños with work compared to April 2022. The estimated employment rate is higher than the reported 95.1 percent in July 2021. In addition, Davao Region's employment rate for July 2022 attained higher than the national estimate of 94.8 percent by 2.3 percentage points.

**Figure 2. Employment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
July 2021^f, April 2022^p, and July 2022^p**



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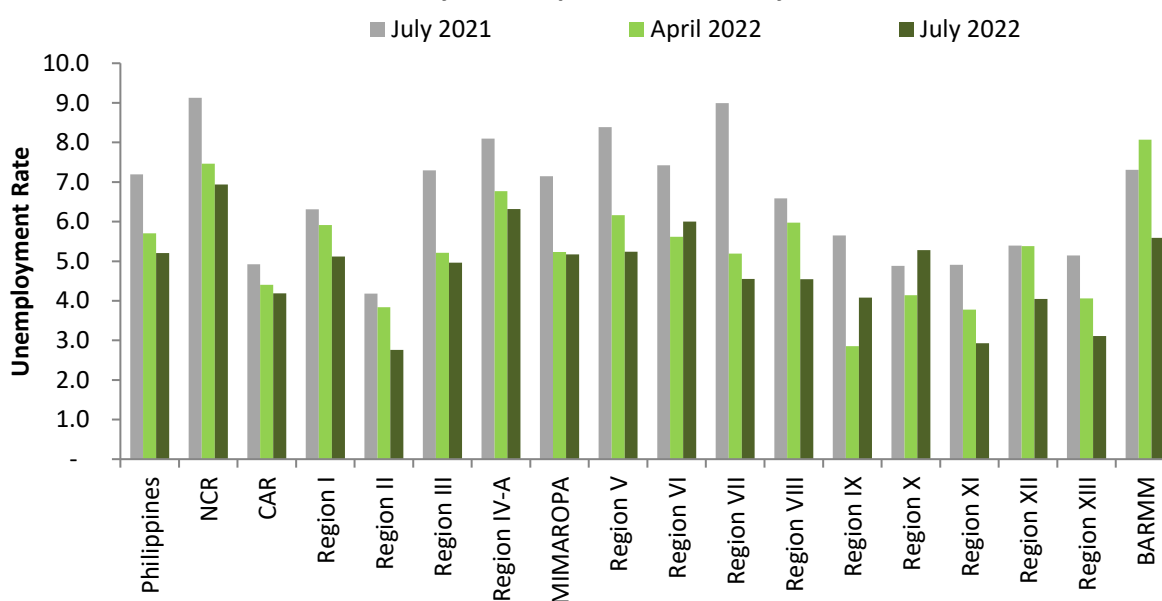
As Figure 2 shows, 11 regions recorded higher than the national rate which includes Cagayan Valley, Davao Region, Caraga, SOCCSKSARGEN, Zamboanga Peninsula, CAR, Eastern Visayas, Central Visayas, Central Luzon, Ilocos Region and MIMAROPA. Cagayan Valley has the highest employment rate among all regions at 97.2 percent which is 2.4 percentage points higher than the national estimate. BARMM showed the highest

increase of 2.5 percentage points from April 2022 at 91.9 percent to July 2022 at 94.8 percent.

Unemployment rate of Davao Region is at 2.9 percent

In July 2022, Davao Region posted an unemployment rate at 2.9 percent. This is lower compared to April 2022 unemployment rate (3.8%) and same period of last year (4.9%). It is similarly lower than the national estimate of 2.3 percentage points.

**Figure 3. Unemployment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
July 2021^f, April 2022^p, and July 2022^p**



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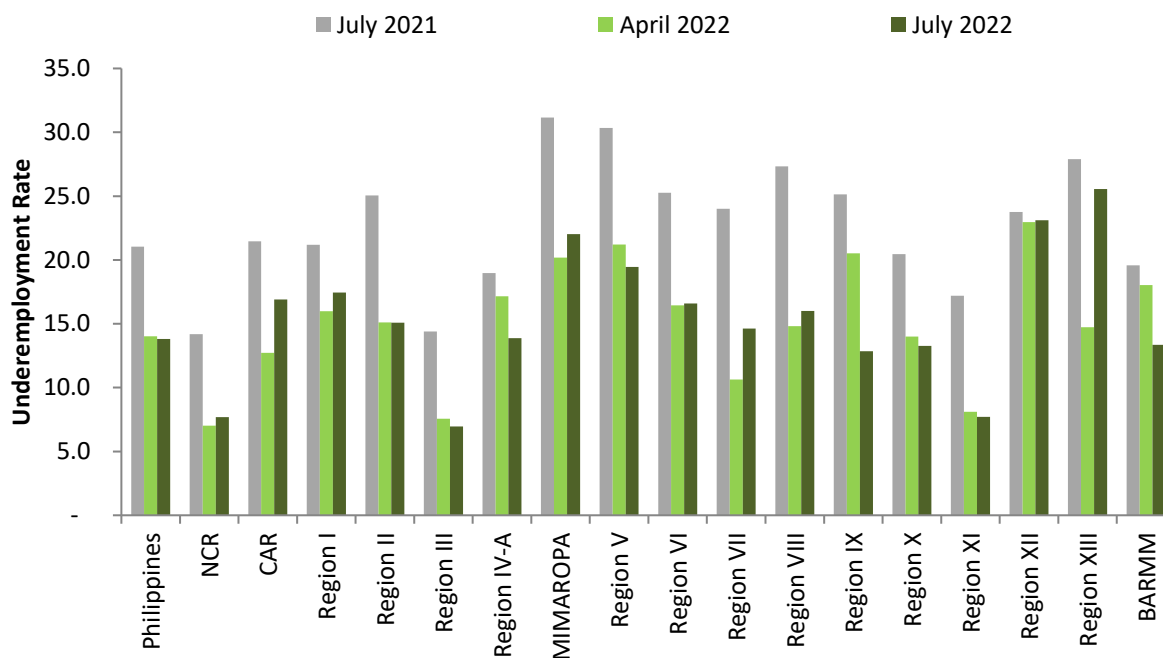
Figure 3 shows unemployment rates in six areas of the country reportedly higher than the national estimate of 5.2 percent in July 2022: NCR (6.9%), CALABARZON (6.3%), Western Visayas (6.0%), BARMM (5.6%), Northern Mindanao (5.3%) and Bicol Region (5.2%). Davao Region

Davao Region’s Underemployment rate in the country is at 7.7 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 July 2022, 7.7 percent of total employed Davaoños reported to be underemployed. The underemployment rate for July 2022 is lower by 0.4 percentage

points than April 2022 (8.1%) and during the same period last year (17.2%) at 9.5 percentage points.

**Figure 4. Underemployment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
July 2021^f, April 2022^p, and July 2022^p**



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As shown in Figure 4, 11 other regions with underemployment rate higher than the national estimate of 13.8 percent: Caraga, SOCCSKSARGEN, MIMAROPA, Bicol Region, Ilocos Region, CAR, Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Cagayan Valley, Central Visayas and CALABARZON. Caraga has the highest underemployment rate with 25.5 percent which is 11.7 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: July 2021^f, April 2022^p, and July 2022^p (In Thousands Except Rates)

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over			Labor Force Participation Rate			Employment Rate			Unemployment Rate			Underemployment Rate		
	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p	July 2021 ^f	April 2022 ^p	July 2022 ^p
Philippines	75,574	76,374	76,639	59.4	63.4	65.2	92.8	94.3	94.8	7.2	5.7	5.2	21.0	14.0	13.8
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,147	10,207	10,228	57.8	61.0	62.4	90.9	92.5	93.1	9.1	7.5	6.9	14.2	7.0	7.7
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,256	1,267	1,271	64.6	66.2	68.8	95.1	95.6	95.8	4.9	4.4	4.2	21.5	12.7	16.9
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,630	3,621	3,603	59.9	68.5	67.4	93.7	94.1	94.9	6.3	5.9	5.1	21.2	16.0	17.4
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,500	2,527	2,530	64.2	65.9	66.6	95.8	96.2	97.2	4.2	3.8	2.8	25.0	15.1	15.1
Region III (Central Luzon)	8,832	8,923	9,008	56.8	60.6	64.3	92.7	94.8	95.0	7.3	5.2	5.0	14.4	7.6	7.0
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,438	11,595	11,650	60.7	64.9	65.0	91.9	93.2	93.7	8.1	6.8	6.3	19.0	17.1	13.9
MIMAROPA Region	2,088	2,110	2,116	62.8	63.5	66.3	92.9	94.8	94.8	7.1	5.2	5.2	31.2	20.2	22.0
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,036	4,089	4,103	59.4	62.3	60.8	91.6	93.8	94.8	8.4	6.2	5.2	30.3	21.2	19.4
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,517	5,559	5,584	59.7	62.3	65.0	92.6	94.4	94.0	7.4	5.6	6.0	25.3	16.4	16.6
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,549	5,602	5,636	60.3	66.1	67.0	91.0	94.8	95.4	9.0	5.2	4.6	24.0	10.6	14.6
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,197	3,244	3,244	60.5	60.0	65.0	93.4	94.0	95.5	6.6	6.0	4.5	27.3	14.8	16.0
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,561	2,589	2,586	58.7	60.4	65.8	94.4	97.1	95.9	5.6	2.9	4.1	25.1	20.5	12.9
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,468	3,516	3,515	60.9	68.7	70.2	95.1	95.9	94.7	4.9	4.1	5.3	20.5	14.0	13.3
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,658	3,712	3,716	57.6	57.4	62.7	95.1	96.2	97.1	4.9	3.8	2.9	17.2	8.1	7.7
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,305	3,344	3,357	63.5	67.8	73.4	94.6	94.6	96.0	5.4	5.4	4.0	23.8	23.0	23.1
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,840	1,860	1,864	61.7	66.9	69.4	94.9	95.9	96.9	5.1	4.1	3.1	27.9	14.7	25.5
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2,551	2,608	2,629	49.2	62.6	60.3	92.7	91.9	94.4	7.3	8.1	5.6	19.6	18.0	13.4

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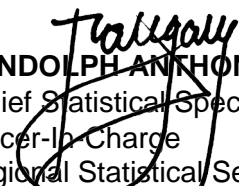
All estimates used the 2015 POPCEN-based Population Projection.

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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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