

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## 2024 ANNUAL LABOR MARKET STATISTICS OF DAVAO REGION (Preliminary Results)

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### ***Davao Region Records 64.5 Percent Labor Force Participation Rate in 2024***

Of the estimated 3.83 million population 15 years old and over of Davao Region in 2024, 2.47 million were in the labor force. This translates to a labor force participation rate (LFPR) of 64.5 percent. This is 1.9 and 0.3 percentage points higher compared to the LFPR of years 2022 and 2023, respectively. (Table 1a)

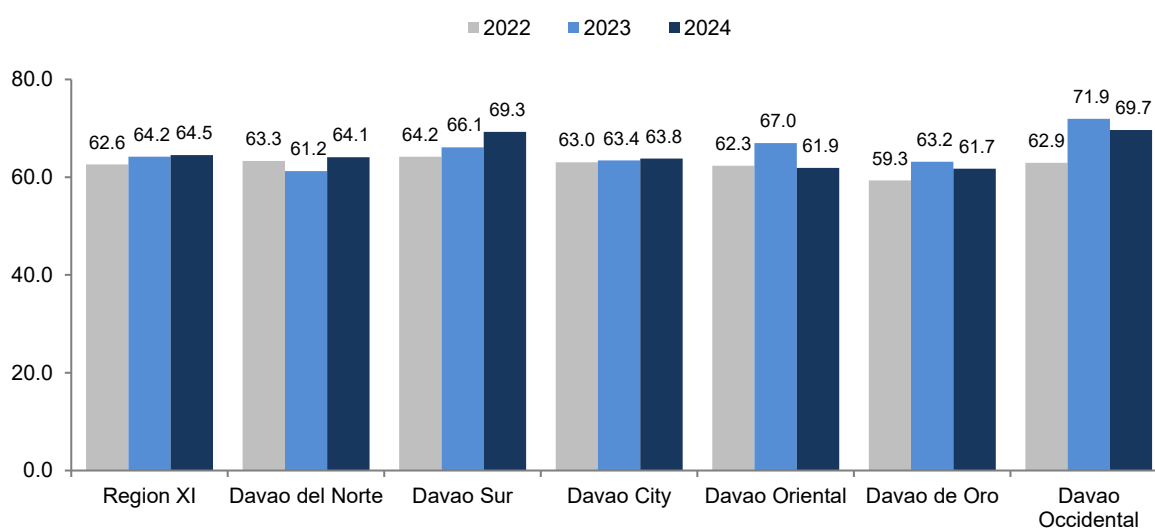
Table 1a. 2022-2024 Labor Force Survey (LFS) Results in Davao Region			
Region XI (Davao Region)	2022 <sup>f</sup>	2023 <sup>f</sup>	2024 <sup>p</sup>
Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	3,711,413	3,772,805	3,830,846
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.6	64.2	64.5
Employment Rate	96.0	96.8	96.8
Underemployment Rate	9.1	6.7	4.4
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.2	3.2

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

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022, 2023 and 2024, Labor Force Survey

In year 2024, among the provinces and Highly Urbanized City in Davao Region, Davao Occidental reported the highest LFPR at 69.7 percent, followed by Davao del Sur at 69.3 percent. On the other hand, Davao de Oro has the lowest rate at 61.7 percent. Davao del Norte, Davao City and Davao Oriental recorded 64.1 percent, 63.8 percent and 61.9 percent, respectively. (Figure 1)

**Figure 1. Labor Force Participation Rate in Davao Region,  
by Province: 2022f, 2023f and 2024p**

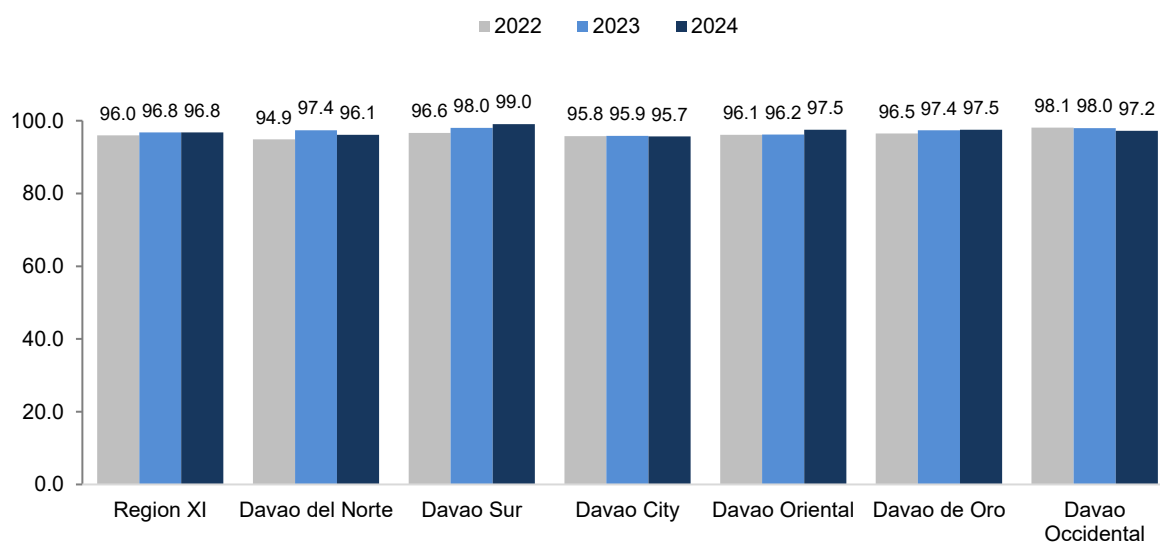


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022, 2023 and 2024, Labor Force Survey

### ***Davao del Sur registers the highest employment rate in 2024***

The employment rate in the Davao Region was estimated at 96.8 percent in 2024, translating to approximately 2.39 million persons employed. In 2023, it was estimated 2.35 million individuals were employed (96.8%). In 2022, the employment rate was 96.0 percent. (Table 1a)

**Figure 2. Employment Rate in Davao Region,  
by Province: 2022f, 2023f and 2024p**



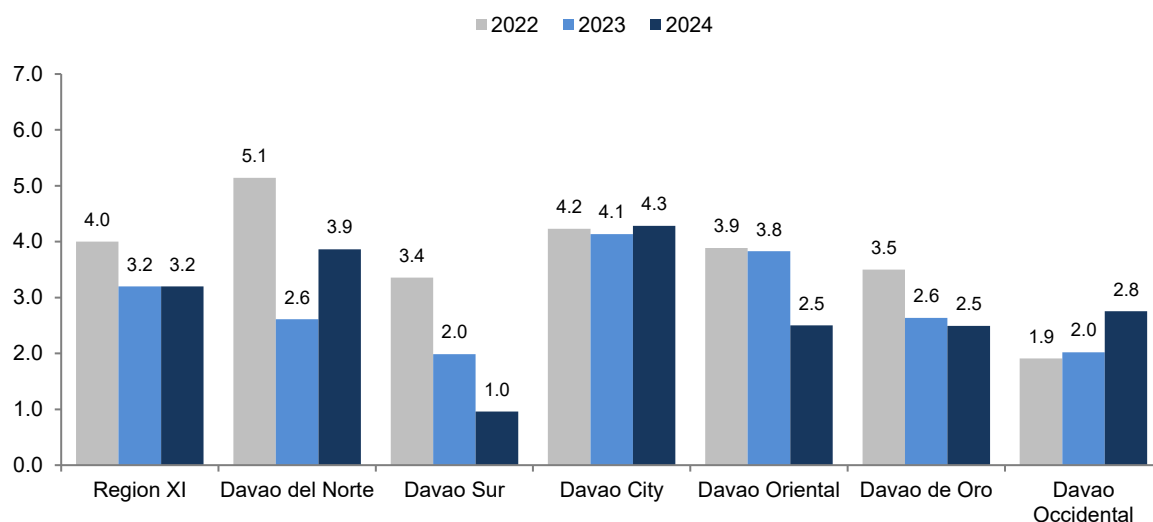
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022, 2023 and 2024, Labor Force Survey

Davao del Sur posted the highest employment rate at 99.0 percent. On the other hand, Davao del Norte and Davao City recorded the lowest rates at 96.1 percent and 95.7 percent, respectively. The provinces of Davao de Oro (97.5%), Davao Oriental (97.5%), and Davao Occidental (97.2%) registered employment rates above the regional estimate of 96.8 percent.

### ***Unemployment rate of Davao Region stands at 3.2 percent***

Of the 3.83 million persons 15 years old and over in the labor force, 79 thousand were unemployed, which translates to an unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in 2024.

**Figure 3. Unemployment Rate in Davao Region, by Province: 2022f, 2023f and 2024p**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022, 2023 and 2024, Labor Force Survey

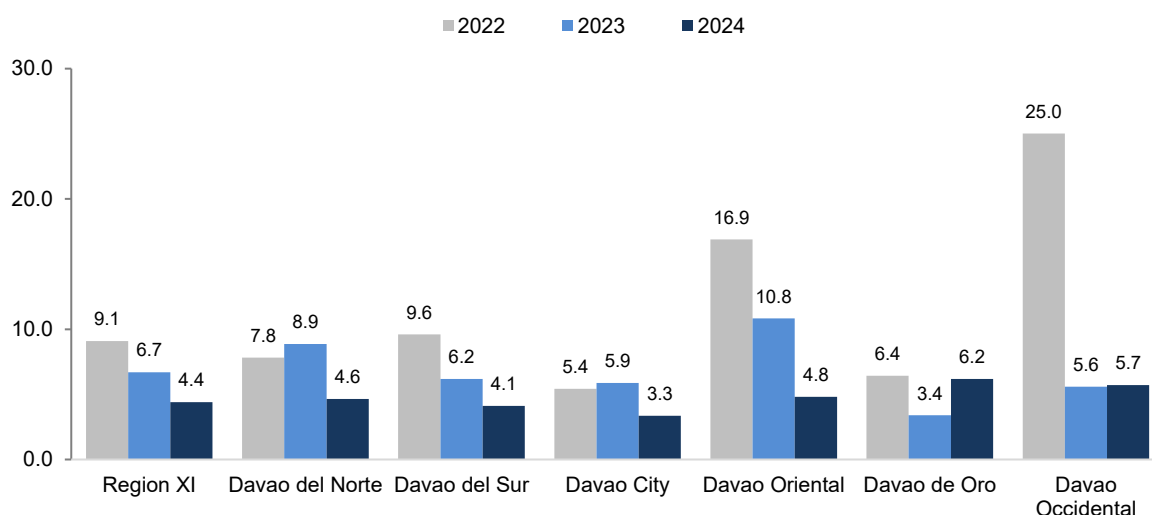
Davao City registered the highest unemployment rate in 2024 at 4.3 percent, accounting 37 thousand individuals. This was followed by Davao del Norte at 3.9 percent. The provinces of Davao Occidental (2.8%), Davao de Oro (2.5%), Davao Oriental (2.5%), and Davao del Sur (1.0%) recorded unemployment rate lower than the regional figure of 3.2 percent. (Figure 3)

### ***Davao Region's Underemployment rate hits 4.4 percent***

Underemployed persons are 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 working hours. In 2024, the total number of underemployed persons was estimated at 105 thousand or 4.4 percent of the total number of employed persons in 2024. This marks a significant decrease from the 2023 underemployment rate, which was recorded at 157 thousand or 6.7 percent of the total employed population. (Table 1a)

Davao de Oro recorded the highest underemployment rate in 2024 at 6.2 percent, followed by Davao Occidental (5.7%), Davao Oriental (4.8%), Davao del Norte (4.6%), and Davao del Sur (4.1%). On the other hand, Davao City has the lowest underemployment rate at 3.3 percent. (Figure 4)

**Figure 4. Underemployment Rate in Davao Region, by Province: 2022f, 2023f and 2024p**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022, 2023 and 2024, Labor Force Survey

## STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1. Provincial Total Employed Persons and Employment Rate: 2022, 2023 and 2024

PROVINCE	Total Employed Population (in '000)									Employment Rate(%)								
	2022			2023			2024			2022			2023			2024		
	EST	SE	CVPCT	EST	SE	CVPCT	EST	SE	CVPCT	EST	SE	CV	EST	SE	CV	EST	SE	CV
Philippines	46,887	513.79	1.1	48,178	527.58	1.1	48,843	517.96	1.1	94.6	0.08	0.1	95.6	0.07	0.1	96.2	0.06	0.1
Region 11 (Davao Region)	2,231	86.84	3.9	2,347	91.06	3.9	2,391	89.97	3.8	96.0	0.20	0.2	96.8	0.21	0.2	96.8	0.20	0.2
Davao del Norte	441.17	39.67	9.0	441.23	38.60	8.7	460.34	39.06	8.5	94.9	0.47	0.5	97.4	0.40	0.4	96.1	0.42	0.4
Davao del Sur	308.75	26.21	8.5	329.46	27.76	8.4	356.65	31.37	8.8	96.6	0.48	0.5	98.0	0.27	0.3	99.0	0.16	0.2
Davao City	787.35	62.90	8.0	813.19	64.33	7.9	832.18	63.16	7.6	95.8	0.33	0.3	95.9	0.49	0.5	95.7	0.43	0.4
Davao Oriental	243.10	21.74	8.9	263.83	24.86	9.4	249.54	22.88	9.2	96.1	0.64	0.7	96.2	0.63	0.6	97.5	0.41	0.4
Davao de Oro	306.58	26.40	8.6	331.09	31.82	9.6	327.23	29.85	9.1	96.5	0.53	0.5	97.4	0.34	0.3	97.5	0.37	0.4
Davao Occidental	144.40	12.43	8.6	168.53	16.21	9.6	165.32	13.43	8.1	98.1	0.34	0.3	98.0	0.30	0.3	97.2	0.36	0.4

Table 2. Provincial Total Population in the Labor Force and Labor Force Participation Rate: 2022, 2023 and 2024

PROVINCE	Total Population in Labor Force (in '000)									Labor Force Participation Rate (%)								
	2022			2023			2024			2022			2023			2024		
	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV	EST	SE	CV	EST	SE	CV
Philippines	49,558	542.46	1.1	50,371	551.93	1.1	50,786	538.22	1.1	64.7	0.1	0.2	64.9	0.1	0.2	64.4	0.1	0.2
Region 11 (Davao Region)	2,325	90.88	3.9	2,424	94.10	3.9	2,470	93.38	3.8	62.6	0.5	0.8	64.2	0.4	0.6	64.5	0.4	0.7
Davao del Norte	465.09	42.08	9.0	453.05	39.53	8.7	478.84	40.77	8.5	63.3	1.2	1.9	61.2	0.9	1.4	64.1	0.9	1.4
Davao del Sur	319.47	27.01	8.5	336.15	28.19	8.4	360.11	31.49	8.7	64.2	1.0	1.6	66.1	1.0	1.5	69.3	1.2	1.8
Davao City	822.14	65.95	8.0	848.27	67.12	7.9	869.41	66.35	7.6	63.0	0.9	1.4	63.4	0.8	1.2	63.8	0.8	1.3
Davao Oriental	252.92	22.46	8.9	274.33	25.84	9.4	255.94	23.28	9.1	62.3	1.1	1.7	67.0	1.0	1.5	61.9	0.9	1.5
Davao de Oro	317.70	27.33	8.6	340.05	32.42	9.5	335.59	30.51	9.1	59.3	1.1	1.9	63.2	1.1	1.7	61.7	0.8	1.2
Davao Occidental	147.21	12.61	8.6	172.01	16.52	9.6	170.00	13.83	8.1	62.9	1.4	2.2	71.9	1.1	1.6	69.7	1.0	1.4

**Notes:**

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Table 3. Provincial Total Unemployed Persons and Unemployment Rate: 2022, 2023 and 2024

PROVINCE	Total Unemployed Population (in '000)									Unemployment Rate (%)								
	2022			2023			2024			2022			2023			2024		
	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)
Philippines	2,671	47.73	1.8	2,193	42.36	1.9	1,943	38.13	2.0	5.4	0.1	1.4	4.4	0.1	1.5	3.8	0.1	1.6
Region 11 (Davao Region)	93	6.16	6.6	77	6.06	7.9	79	5.96	7.6	4.0	0.2	4.9	3.2	0.2	6.7	3.2	0.2	6.1
Davao del Norte	23.92	3.28	13.7	11.82	2.06	17.4	18.51	2.66	14.3	5.1	0.5	9.1	2.6	0.4	15.4	3.9	0.4	10.8
Davao del Sur	10.72	1.76	16.4	6.68	1.00	14.9	3.46	0.55	15.8	3.4	0.5	14.4	2.0	0.3	13.5	1.0	0.2	16.1
Davao City	34.80	4.09	11.8	35.08	5.05	14.4	37.24	4.94	13.3	4.2	0.3	7.7	4.1	0.5	11.7	4.3	0.4	10.0
Davao Oriental	9.83	1.80	18.3	10.50	2.00	19.1	6.40	1.12	17.6	3.9	0.6	16.6	3.8	0.6	16.3	2.5	0.4	16.4
Davao de Oro	11.12	1.95	17.5	8.96	1.28	14.3	8.36	1.40	16.8	3.5	0.5	15.1	2.6	0.3	12.8	2.5	0.4	14.7
Davao Occidental	2.81	0.53	19.0	3.48	0.60	17.2	4.68	0.73	15.6	1.9	0.3	17.9	2.0	0.3	14.7	2.8	0.4	13.0

Table 4. Provincial Total Underemployed Persons and Underemployment Rate: 2022, 2023 and 2024

PROVINCE	Total Underemployed Population (in '000)									Underemployment Rate								
	2022			2023			2024			2022			2023			2024		
	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)	EST	SE	CV (%)
Philippines	6,676	130.42	2.0	5,944	118.19	2.0	5,818	117.10	2.0	14.2	0.2	1.6	12.3	0.2	1.7	11.9	0.2	1.7
Region 11 (Davao Region)	204	13.46	6.6	157	9.18	5.9	106	6.99	6.6	9.1	0.5	5.8	6.7	0.4	5.5	4.4	0.3	6.4
Davao del Norte	34.52	5.98	17.3	39.10	5.25	13.4	21.36	4.36	20.4	7.8	1.1	14.1	8.9	1.0	11.4	4.6	0.9	18.7
Davao del Sur	29.62	4.08	13.8	20.37	2.59	12.7	14.69	2.32	15.8	9.6	1.1	11.3	6.2	0.7	11.2	4.1	0.6	14.9
Davao City	42.76	8.09	18.9	47.81	5.23	10.9	27.87	3.84	13.8	5.4	0.9	17.1	5.9	0.6	10.3	3.3	0.5	13.5
Davao Oriental	41.08	6.24	15.2	28.59	4.48	15.7	12.01	1.64	13.6	16.9	2.0	12.1	10.8	1.5	13.8	4.8	0.6	12.8
Davao de Oro	19.73	2.40	12.1	11.24	1.20	10.7	20.26	2.42	11.9	6.4	0.7	10.7	3.4	0.5	14.8	6.2	0.8	13.2
Davao Occidental	36.12	4.31	11.9	9.40	1.07	11.4	9.45	1.16	12.2	25.0	1.9	7.5	5.6	0.6	10.1	5.7	0.5	9.6

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## Technical Notes

- The Annual Labor Force Survey (LFS) refers to the average of data collected across all survey rounds throughout the year. It produces labor and employment statistics for the full year, providing a more comprehensive analysis of the Philippine labor market, including the regional, provincial, and highly urbanized city levels.
- The LFS was being conducted on a quarterly basis, specifically in January, April, July and October. Starting 2021, special rounds of LFS, known as monthly LFS were conducted in response to the need for high-frequency data to monitor the impacts of the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 pandemic on the Philippine labor market.
- The reference period for this survey is the “past week” referring to the past seven (7) days preceding the date of visit of the enumerator or the interviewer.
- The 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was adopted starting April 2016. The 1992 PSOC had been used prior to this round. In January 2019, the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification of Education (PSCED) was adopted. The categories for highest grade completed were also revised considering the K to 12 programs in the education system.
- The population projections based on the 2015 Population Census (POPCEN 2015) has been adopted to generate the labor force statistics. For comparability, population projections based on the POPCEN 2015 were likewise used in the October 2019 labor force statistics.
- In the January 2017 round of the LFS, Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system using a tablet was utilized in the enumeration. Starting April 2020, a hybrid approach was used in data collection, a mixed mode of CAPI face-to-face interview, whenever possible, or a telephone interview.
- 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. In the LFS report, they are excluded in the estimation of the size of working population, and in the estimation of the labor force.

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