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October 2023 Preliminary Employment Situation in Davao Region

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Sixty-four percent of the population 15 years old and over were in the labor force

In October 2023, Davao Region's total population 15 years old and over was estimated at 3.78 million. Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) during this period was at 63.9 percent, accounting for 2.42 million Davaoeños (see Table 1). This is 1.8 percentage point higher compared to the LFPR of October 2022 for 62.1 percent; i.e. 105 thousand more Davaoeños in the labor force in 2023 than in 2022.

Table 1. Key Labor and Employment Indicators, October 2023

Region XI (Davao Region)	October 2022 ^f	July 2023 ^p	October 2023 ^p
Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	3,719,369	3,791,169	3,779,827
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.1	59.0	63.9
Employment Rate	96.5	96.5	97.1
Underemployment Rate	7.8	13.8	7.3
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	2.9

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

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey



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Figure 1. Labor Force Participation Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
October 2022^f, July 2023^p, and October 2023^p



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Among the 17 Regions, BARMM reported the highest LFPR at 74.0 percent, while Zamboanga Peninsula has the lowest rate at 59.7 percent. Nine regions have lower LFPR than the national estimate at 63.9 percent: Eastern Visayas (63.6%), Ilocos Region (63.6%), Central Luzon (62.8%), Western Visayas (62.7%), Bicol Region (62.6%), CALABARZON (62.2%), NCR (61.8%), MIMAROPA (61.0%), and Zamboanga Peninsula (59.7%). Comparing to October 2022's LFPR, Caraga has the highest increase in terms of percentage points from 67.2 percent in 2022 to 71.0 percent in 2023.

Davao Region attained highest employment rate at 97.1 percent among regions

Employment rate or the proportion of employed persons of the total labor force in Davao Region was at 97.1 percent in October 2023. This is an estimated of 187 thousand more Davaoeños with work compared to July 2023.

Figure 2. Employment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
October 2022^f, July 2023^p, and October 2023^p



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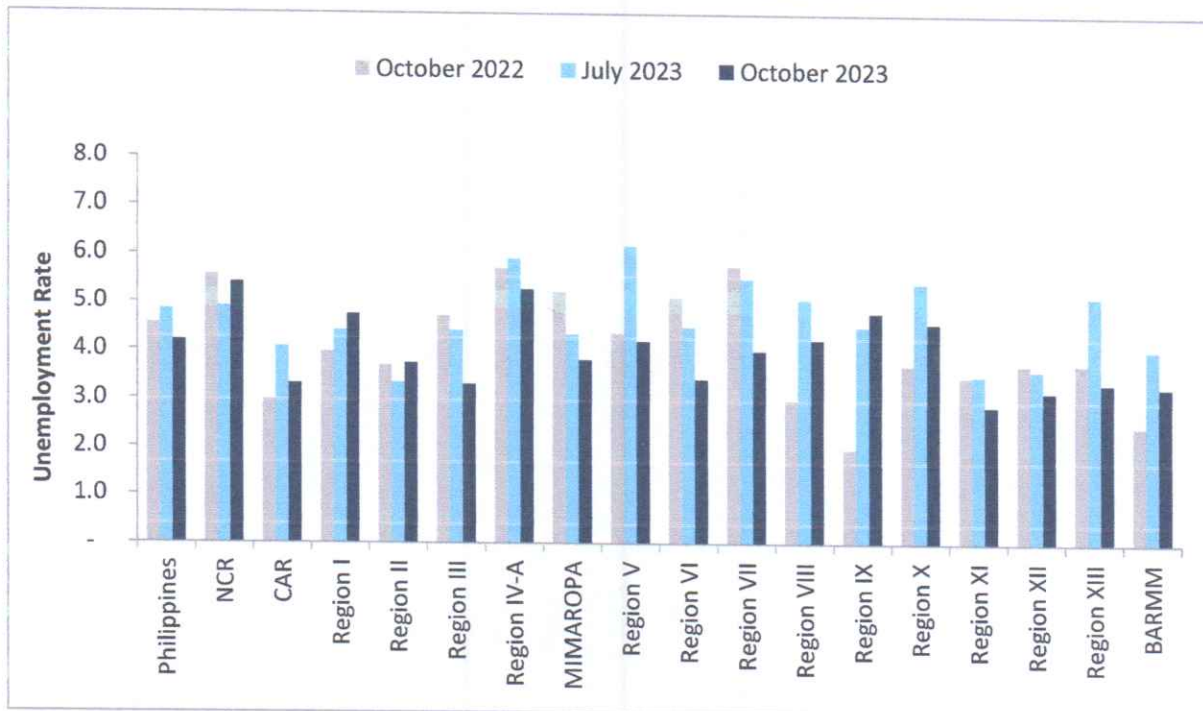
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In addition, Davao Region reported the highest employment rate among all regions. Davao Region's employment rate for October 2023 was higher than the national estimate of 95.8 percent. Nine other regions recorded higher employment rate compared to the national employment rate: SOCCSKSARGEN (96.8%), BARMM (96.7%), Central Luzon (96.7%), CAR (96.7%), Caraga (96.7%), Western Visayas (96.6%), Cagayan Valley (96.3%), MIMAROPA (96.2%), and Central Visayas (96.0%). Bicol Region showed the highest increase of 2.0 percentage points from July 2023 at 93.8 percent to October 2023 at 95.8 percent.

Unemployment rate was recorded at 2.9 percent

In October 2023, Davao Region posted an unemployment rate at 2.9 percent. This is lower compared to July 2023 unemployment rate with 3.5 percent and 1.3 percentage points lower than the national estimate of 4.2 percent.

Figure 3. Unemployment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
October 2022^f, July 2023^p, and October 2023^p



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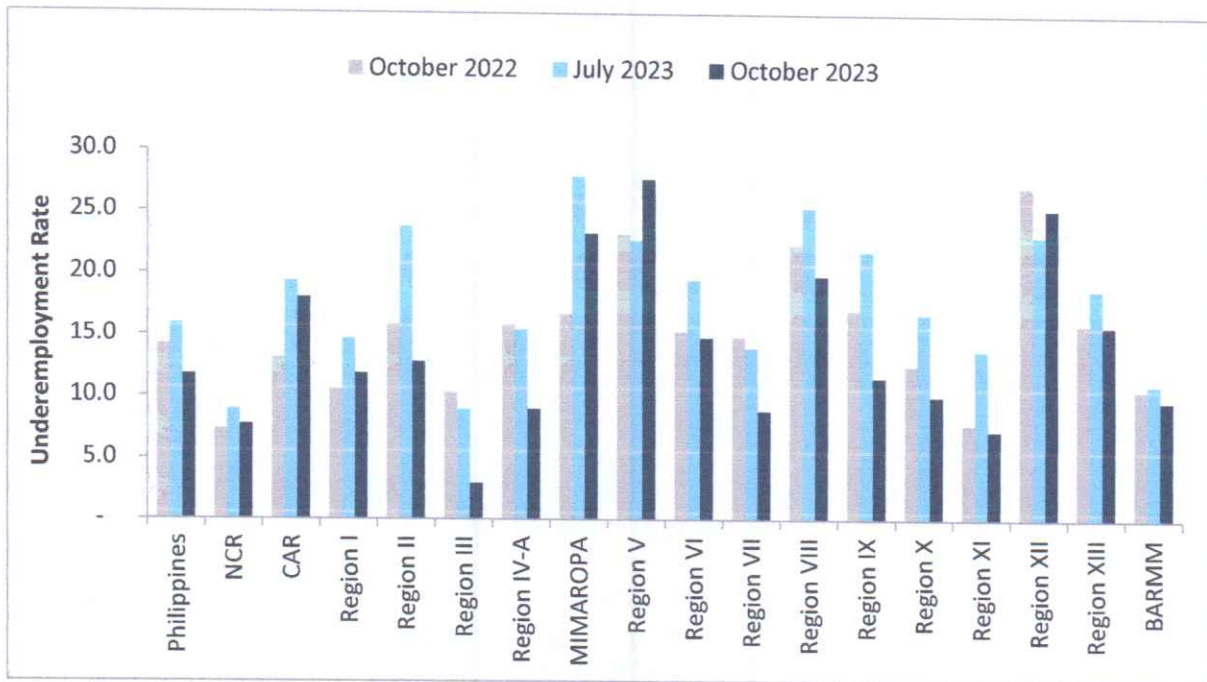
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Unemployment rates in five regions of the country reporting higher than the national estimate of 4.2 percent in October 2023 were: NCR (5.4%), CALABARZON (5.3%), Zamboanga Peninsula (4.8%), Ilocos Region (4.7%), and Northern Mindanao (4.6%).

Davao Region's Underemployment rate in the country is at 7.3 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 hours of work. In October 2023, 7.3 percent of total employed Davaoeños reported to be underemployed. The underemployment rate for October 2023 was lower by 6.5 percentage points than July 2023 (13.8%).

Figure 4. Underemployment Rate in the Philippines, by Region:
October 2022^f, July 2023^p, and October 2023^p



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Bicol Region has the highest underemployment rate with 27.7 percent which is 16 percentage points higher than the national estimate. Eight other regions with underemployment rate higher than the national estimate of 11.7 percent were: SOCCSKSARGEN (25.2%), MIMAROPA (23.3%), Eastern Visayas (19.8%), CAR (18.0%), Caraga (15.8%), Western Visayas (14.8%), Cagayan Valley (12.8%), and Ilocos Region (11.8%).

Table 2. Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment, by Region: October 2022^f, July 2023^p, and October 2023^p (In Thousands Except Rates)

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over		Labor Force Participation Rate		Employment Rate		Unemployment Rate		Underemployment Rate						
	October 2022 ^f	July 2023 ^p	October 2023 ^p	October 2022 ^f	July 2023 ^p	October 2023 ^p	October 2022 ^f	July 2023 ^p	October 2022 ^f	July 2023 ^p	October 2023 ^p				
Philippines	76,869	78,051	78,018	64.1	60.1	63.9	95.5	95.2	95.8	4.5	4.8	4.2	14.2	15.9	11.7
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,246	10,398	10,384	60.5	59.8	61.8	94.4	95.1	94.6	5.6	4.9	5.4	7.4	8.9	7.7
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,266	1,288	1,285	64.7	64.2	66.4	97.0	95.9	96.7	3.0	4.1	3.3	13.1	19.4	18.0
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,641	3,710	3,692	63.3	58.8	63.6	96.0	95.6	95.3	4.0	4.4	4.7	10.5	14.7	11.8
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,512	2,566	2,517	64.8	61.3	64.1	96.3	96.7	96.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	15.9	23.7	12.8
Region III (Central Luzon)	9,041	9,167	9,152	62.5	58.7	62.8	95.3	95.6	96.7	4.7	4.4	3.3	10.3	9.0	3.0
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,790	11,918	11,954	64.5	60.8	62.2	94.3	94.1	94.7	5.7	5.9	5.3	15.8	15.5	9.0
MIMAROPA Region	2,115	2,142	2,147	62.9	62.3	61.0	94.8	95.7	96.2	5.2	4.3	3.8	16.7	27.9	23.3
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,081	4,150	4,144	58.6	57.2	62.2	95.6	93.8	95.8	4.4	6.2	4.2	23.2	22.7	27.7
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,545	5,639	5,642	64.3	61.1	62.7	94.9	95.5	96.6	5.1	4.5	3.4	15.3	19.5	14.8
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,623	5,722	5,746	67.0	60.5	66.2	94.2	94.5	96.0	5.8	5.5	4.0	14.9	14.0	8.9
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,249	3,301	3,301	64.3	60.1	63.6	97.0	94.9	95.8	3.0	5.1	4.2	22.4	25.3	19.8
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,592	2,623	2,626	61.8	59.1	59.7	98.0	95.5	95.2	2.0	4.5	4.8	17.1	21.8	11.5
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,535	3,594	3,607	67.0	60.5	66.9	96.3	94.6	95.4	3.7	5.4	4.6	12.5	16.8	10.1
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,719	3,791	3,780	62.1	59.0	63.9	96.5	96.5	97.1	3.5	3.5	2.9	7.8	13.8	7.3
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,022	3,073	3,064	71.6	62.9	69.3	96.3	96.4	96.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	27.1	23.1	25.2
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,869	1,892	1,883	67.2	64.6	71.0	96.3	94.9	96.7	3.7	5.1	3.3	16.0	18.8	15.8
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	3,023	3,077	3,095	74.7	57.7	74.0	97.6	96.0	96.7	2.4	4.0	3.3	10.6	11.0	9.7

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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 vehicle to gather such data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population with nationwide coverage and conducted on a quarterly and monthly mode by interviewing households. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) implements the LFS.
- The survey is designed to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment, and underemployment for the country, as a whole, and for each of the administrative regions.
- 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 field interviewer.
- 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 was likewise used in the October 2019 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 these rounds.
- In the April 2017 round of the LFS, Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) using Tablet was utilized in the 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. In 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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