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EASTERN VISAYAS REGISTERS 95.9 PERCENT EMPLOYMENT RATE IN APRIL 2019

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Employment rate (ER) in Eastern Visayas in April 2019 was estimated at 95.9 percent, ranking fifth among the regions with high employment rate in the country (Table 1). This figure is higher than the 95.4 percent ER recorded in April 2018. Employment rate is the proportion of employed persons to total labor force.

Out of the estimated 3.2 million population 15 years old and over in April 2019, about 1.9 million were economically active or in the labor force. This number translates to a Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of 61.0 percent. This figure is 2.2 percentage points lower compared with the 63.2 percent LFPR in the same period a year ago. Eastern Visayas registered the eighth lowest LFPR among regions.

The underemployed persons or those employed persons who express the 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 was estimated at 575 thousand in April 2019. This is equal to an underemployment rate of 18.6 percent, lower than the 23.8 percent recorded in the same period last year. The region had the sixth highest underemployment rate in the country.

Meanwhile, about 81 thousand persons in the labor force were unemployed in April 2019. This translates to an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, lower than the 4.6 percent rate recorded in April 2018. Eastern Visayas ranked fifth among the the regions with low employment rate.

Data were based on the preliminary estimates released by the Philippine Statistics Authority from the Labor Force Survey (LFS) conducted in April 2019.

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TABLE 1. Labor Force Participation Rate, Employment, Unemployment, and Underemployment Rates by Region: April 2018 and April 2019

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over ('000)		Labor Force Participation Rate		Employment Rate		Unemployment Rate		Underemployment Rate	
	Apr-2019	Apr-2018	Apr-2019	Apr-2018	Apr-2019	Apr-2018	Apr-2019	Apr-2018	Apr-2019	Apr-2018
Philippines	72,538	71,015	61.4	60.9	94.9	94.5	5.1	5.5	13.5	17.0
National Capital Region (NCR)	9,283	9,134	60.7	59.8	93.7	93.6	6.3	6.4	4.6	9.0
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,291	1,262	62.5	60.2	97.1	96.7	2.9	3.3	13.5	14.2
Ilocos Region	3,552	3,549	59.9	62.3	94.1	92.7	5.9	7.3	20.5	19.2
Cagayan Valley	2,417	2,402	63.3	64.8	97.0	97.7	3.0	2.3	18.6	20.8
Central Luzon	8,034	7,810	60.0	60.2	94.8	94.6	5.2	5.4	8.6	13.8
CALABARZON	10,239	10,062	63.4	62.1	94.7	93.4	5.3	6.6	10.6	12.7
MIMAROPA Region	2,143	2,093	61.3	62.0	95.3	94.8	4.7	5.2	18.5	22.1
Bicol Region	4,195	4,081	60.7	62.5	94.2	95.1	5.8	4.9	33.3	34.5
Western Visayas	5,584	5,439	56.8	61.8	95.2	94.6	4.8	5.4	8.6	17.5
Central Visayas	5,404	5,264	62.5	61.8	94.5	94.3	5.5	5.7	12.3	16.0
Eastern Visayas	3,227	3,152	61.0	63.2	95.9	95.4	4.1	4.6	18.6	23.8
Zamboanga Peninsula	2,668	2,615	56.5	54.6	95.7	95.8	4.3	4.2	12.2	15.2
Northern Mindanao	3,370	3,305	73.5	66.0	95.0	94.9	5.0	5.1	21.2	20.5
Davao Region	3,565	3,488	58.2	59.6	96.9	94.6	3.1	5.4	8.2	19.0
SOCCSKSARGEN	3,206	3,134	64.8	60.5	95.6	95.1	4.4	4.9	19.7	15.7
Caraga	1,927	1,872	65.3	66.1	96.0	95.8	4.0	4.2	19.0	29.4
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)	2,432	2,354	55.0	44.3	91.0	95.8	9.0	4.2	10.7	5.8

Notes: Estimates for April 2019 are preliminary and may change.

Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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