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EASTERN VISAYAS POSTS 94.0% EMPLOYMENT RATE IN APRIL 2022 (Preliminary)

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Figure 1. Employment Rate, Eastern Visayas:
Apr-2021^f, Jan-2022^p, Apr-2022^p



Apr-2021

Jan-2022

Apr-2022

Notes: p – preliminary
f – final

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Eastern Visayas registered a Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of 60.0 percent in April 2022. This placed the region's labor force at 1.95 million persons who were either employed or unemployed out of the estimated 3.24 million population 15 years old and over in April 2022. The 60.0 percent LFPR was higher by 2.0 percentage points than the LFPR in January 2022 posted at 58.0 percent. This means that the labor force in April 2022 was stronger by around 75 thousand persons than the 1.87 million persons in the labor force in January 2022. However, the number was lower by around 37 thousand persons compared with the 1.98 million persons in the labor force in the same period in 2021.

The region's Employment Rate (ER) in April 2022 was estimated at 94.0 percent. This translates to 1.83 million employed persons out of the 1.95 million persons in the labor force. This was higher by about 90 thousand employed persons than the 1.74 million employed persons reported in January 2022; but, lower by around 54 thousand compared with the 1.88 million employed persons in April 2021.

Eastern Visayas' unemployment rate has improved at 6.0 percent, lower by 1.0 percentage point compared with the 7.0 percent unemployment rate recorded in January 2022. This was equivalent to around 116 thousand persons in the labor force who were unemployed in April 2022, lower by 15 thousand unemployed persons compared with the 131 thousand unemployed persons in January 2022. However, the latest unemployment rate was 1.0 percentage point higher than the unemployment rate in April 2021 at 5.0 percent.

The underemployment rate in Eastern Visayas was posted at 14.8 percent or 271 thousand persons out of the 1.83 million employed persons in April 2022. The latest underemployment rate has improved compared with the underemployment rates of 19.8 percent and 15.5 percent in January 2022 and April 2021, respectively.

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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 LFS aims to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans, and formulation of policies affecting the labor market. Specifically, 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 survey operations for April 2022 LFS ran for 18 days from 08 to 30 April 2022 excluding 17 to 18 April 2022 and covered 43,500 eligible sample households. Overseas Filipino Workers are not considered part of the labor force in the Philippines.

The April 2022 LFS utilized the 2013 Master Sample (MS) refreshed with the results of the 2015 Population Census. Enumeration is a highly complex operation, and it may happen that reported/encoded entries during data collection may have some omissions, and implausible/inconsistent entries. Editing is a process meant to correct these errors. During the interview, embedded editing was activated and errors/inconsistent entries were detected by the program. Editing was also done using Computer Aided Field Editing (CAFE) program after every interviewed household to ensure completeness and consistency of encoded entries.

“Population 15 Years Old and Over” refers to the number of population 15 years old and over excluding overseas workers. “In the Labor Force” or “Economically Active Population” refers to persons 15 years old and over who are either employed or unemployed in accordance with the following definitions:

1. Employed persons include all those who, during the reference period are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday, and are reported either:
 - a. At work, i.e., those who do any work even for one hour during the reference period for pay or profit, or work without pay on the farm or business enterprise operated by a member of the same household related by blood, marriage, or adoption; or
 - b. With a job but not at work, i.e., those who have a job or business but are not at work because of temporary illness or injury, vacation, or other reasons. Likewise, persons who expect to report for work or to start operation of a farm or business enterprise within two weeks from the date of the enumerator’s visit are considered employed.
2. Underemployed persons include all employed persons who express the desire to have additional hours of work in their present job, or an additional job, or to have a new job with longer working hours. Visibly underemployed persons are



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those who work for less than 40 hours during the reference period and want additional hours of work.

3. Unemployed persons include all those who, during the reference period, are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday, and reported as persons:
 - a. Without work, i.e., had no job or business during the reference period;
 - b. Currently available for work, i.e., were available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self-employment during the reference period, and/or would be available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self-employment within two weeks after the interview date; and
 - c. Seeking work, i.e., had taken specific steps to look for a job or establish a business during the reference period, or
 - d. Not seeking work due to the following reasons: (1) fatigued or believed no work available, i.e., discouraged workers; (2) awaiting results of previous job application; (3) temporary illness or disability; (4) bad weather; and/or (5) waiting for rehire or job recall.

4. "Persons Not in the Labor Force" are Persons 15 years old and over who are neither employed nor unemployed according to the definitions mentioned. Those not in the labor force are persons who are not looking for work because of reasons such as housekeeping, schooling and permanent disability. Examples are housewives, students, persons with disability, or retired persons.



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**TABLE 1 Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment
Unemployment and Underemployment, by Region: April 2021¹, January 2022^p, and April 2022^p**
(In Thousands Except Rates)

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over		Labor Force Participation Rate		Employment Rate		Unemployment Rate		Underemployment Rate			
	April 2021 ¹	January 2022 ^{p,1}	April 2021 ¹	January 2022 ^{p,1}	April 2021 ¹	January 2022 ^{p,1}	April 2021 ¹	January 2022 ^{p,1}	April 2021 ¹	January 2022 ^{p,1}		
Philippines	74,971	75,895	63.2	60.5	91.3	93.6	94.3	8.7	6.4	17.2	14.9	14.0
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,084	10,230	60.1	58.8	85.6	92.7	92.5	14.4	7.3	15.5	9.0	7.0
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,249	1,270	64.2	65.0	94.0	94.8	95.6	6.0	5.2	18.7	18.9	12.7
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,549	3,661	64.4	62.0	92.5	92.8	94.1	7.5	7.2	17.7	14.7	16.0
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,489	2,530	62.8	62.9	91.2	95.7	96.2	8.8	4.3	15.3	19.9	15.1
Region III (Central Luzon)	8,763	8,952	57.0	58.6	91.2	94.3	94.8	8.8	5.7	9.6	9.4	7.6
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,350	11,572	64.8	62.2	86.6	92.6	93.2	13.4	7.4	18.6	13.7	17.1
MIMAROPA Region	2,073	2,100	69.1	62.8	94.1	93.5	94.8	5.9	6.5	24.2	25.0	20.2
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,006	4,077	60.1	58.4	93.0	92.2	93.8	7.0	7.8	20.3	22.6	21.2
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,465	5,559	61.7	63.0	92.5	95.3	94.4	7.5	4.7	21.6	17.0	16.4
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,506	5,601	67.2	60.0	91.8	92.0	94.8	8.2	8.0	20.8	16.4	10.6
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,183	3,231	62.3	58.0	95.0	93.0	94.0	5.0	7.0	15.5	19.8	14.8
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,530	2,588	67.1	60.0	96.7	95.0	97.1	3.3	5.0	16.9	18.7	20.5
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,443	3,507	71.4	62.7	94.5	94.9	95.9	5.5	5.1	19.7	14.9	14.0
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,627	3,694	59.2	59.5	95.8	95.2	96.2	4.2	4.8	9.0	11.0	8.1
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,290	3,337	67.8	63.0	95.2	95.6	94.6	4.8	4.4	18.5	19.5	23.0
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,830	1,399	69.1	62.9	94.2	94.5	95.9	5.8	5.5	29.2	19.2	14.7
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2,535	2,597	65.0	55.6	93.4	92.5	91.9	6.6	7.5	11.5	12.6	18.0

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

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f - Final.

All estimates used the 2015 POPCEN-based Population Projection.

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

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey