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April 2021 Employment Rate in Central Visayas (Preliminary Results)

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The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is one of the nationwide household surveys undertaken quarterly which provides up-to-date information on the Philippine labor force and its characteristics. This survey gathers data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population and aims to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market.

From the preliminary result of the April 2021 Labor Force Survey (LFS), Central Visayas has 5,506,000 total population of 15 years old and over wherein 67.2 percent were engaged in the Labor Force also known as the Labor Force Participation Rate (Table 1).

Central Visayas	2021 ^P	2020 ^F
Population 15 Years Old and Over (in 000)	5,506	5,420
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	67.2	57.3
Employment Rate (%)	91.8	83.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	16.7
Underemployment Rate (%)	20.8	17.7

*P - Estimates for January 2021 are preliminary and may change.
 F - Final*

Table 2. April 2021 Employment Rate, Preliminary Result

Rank	Region	Employment Rate (%)
	Philippines	91.3
1	IX – Zamboanga Peninsula	96.7
2	XI – Davao Region	95.8
3	XII – SOCCSKSARGEN	95.2
4	VIII – Eastern Visayas	95.0
5	X – Northern Mindanao	94.5
6	XIII – Caraga	94.2
7	MIMAROPA	94.1
8	CAR	94.0
9	BARMM	93.4
10	V – Bicol Region	93.0
11	VI – Western Visayas	92.5
	I – Ilocos Region	92.5
12	VII – Central Visayas	91.8
13	II – Cagayan Valley	91.2
	III – Central Luzon	91.2
14	IV-A – CALABARZON	86.6
15	NCR	85.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority,
 April 2021 Labor Force Survey

Labor Force Participation Rate is the percentage of the total number of persons in the labor force to the population of 15 years old and over.

The labor force population consists of the *employed* and the *unemployed persons* 15 years old and over.

The national *employment rate* in April 2021 was estimated at 91.3 percent. Among regions Central Visayas had an employment rate of 91.8 percent which is higher compared with the national estimate (Table 2).

In April 2021, workers were grouped into three broad sectors, namely, agriculture, industry and services sector. Workers in the services sector comprised the largest proportion of the population who are employed. It was followed by the agriculture sector and those in the industry sector are the smallest group.

Employed persons are classified as either full-time workers or part-time workers. Full-time workers refer to those who worked for 40 hours or more during the reference week, while those who worked for less than 40 hours were considered part-time workers. The reference week or reference period refers to the past seven days (moving) from the date of interview. This covers all persons aged 15 years old and over as of their last birthday.

Employed persons fall into any of these categories: (1) wage and salary workers, (2) self-employed workers without any paid employee, (3) employers in own family-operated farm or business, and (4) unpaid family workers. Wage and salary workers are those who work for private households, private establishments, government or government-controlled corporations, and those who work with pay in own family-operated farm or business.

Meanwhile unemployed persons include all those who, during the reference period, are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday who have no job/business, currently available for work and actively looking for work.

Also considered as unemployed are persons without a job or business who are reported not looking for work because of their belief that no work was available or because of temporary illness/disability, bad weather, pending job application or waiting for job interview.

The national *unemployment rate* in April 2021 was estimated at 8.7 percent. Central Visayas had a lower unemployment rate than the national estimate at 8.2 percent (Table 3).

Table 3. April 2021 Unemployment Rate, Preliminary Result

Region		Unemployment Rate (%)
Rank	Philippines	8.7
1	National Capital Region (NCR)	14.4
2	Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	13.4
3	Region II (Cagayan Valley)	8.8
	Region III (Central Luzon)	8.8
4	Region VII (Central Visayas)	8.2
5	Region I (Ilocos Region)	7.5
6	Region VI (Western Visayas)	7.5
7	Region V (Bicol Region)	7.0
8	Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	6.6
9	Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	6.0
10	MIMAROPA Region	5.9
11	Region XIII (Caraga)	5.8
12	Region X (Northern Mindanao)	5.5
13	Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	5.0
14	Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	4.8
15	Region XI (Davao Region)	4.2
16	Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	3.3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, April 2021 Labor Force Survey