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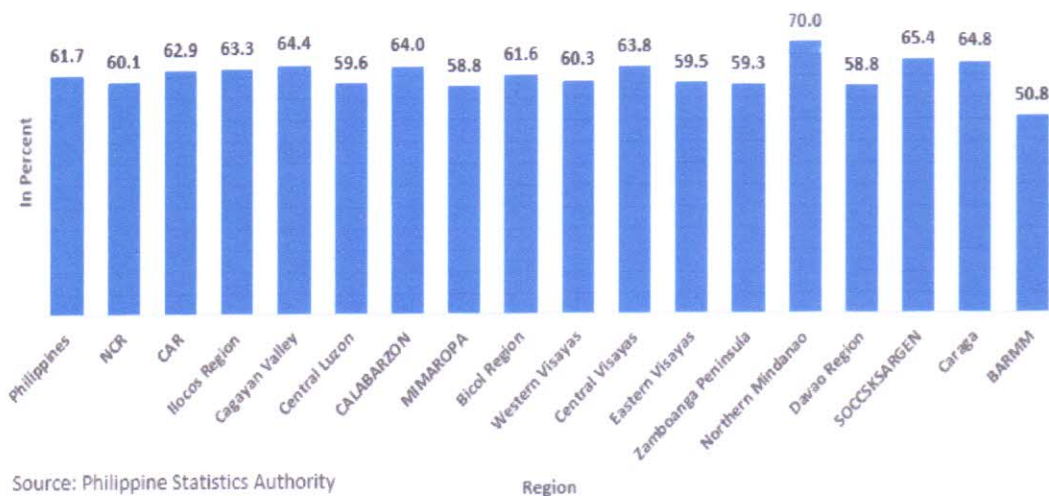
## January 2020 Employment Situation of Central Visayas

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### Sixty-four Percent of the population 15 years old and over are in the labor force

In January 2020, the total population 15 years old and over in Central Visayas was estimated at 5.3 million wherein the number of persons who were in the labor force was reported at 3.4 million. This placed the labor force participation rate (LFPR) at 63.8 percent, which means that six in ten of the population aged 15 years and over were either employed or unemployed. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Labor Force Participation by Region, January 2020



### Central Visayas recorded a 96.5 percent employment rate

The total number of employed persons in Central Visayas was estimated at 3.3 million. The employment rate reported or the proportion of employed persons to total labor force was 96.5 percent (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Employment Rate by Region, January 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Region

Central Visayas had a higher employment rate with the national employment rate of 94.7 percent for the January 2020 Employment Situation.

Table 1. January 2020 Unemployment Rate

| Region                          | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Philippines</b>              | <b>5.3</b>            |
| 1 I – Ilocos Region             | 8.8                   |
| 2 IV-A - CALABARZON             | 6.7                   |
| 3 NCR                           | 6.2                   |
| 4 III – Central Luzon           | 6.1                   |
| 5 VI – Western Visayas          | 5.6                   |
| 6 V – Bicol Region              | 5.5                   |
| 7 BARMM                         | 5.3                   |
| 8 VIII – Eastern Visayas        | 4.6                   |
| 9 XI – Davao Region             | 4.6                   |
| 10 XIII - Caraga                | 4.4                   |
| 11 II – Cagayan Valley          | 4.0                   |
| 12 MIMAROPA                     | 3.6                   |
| <b>13 VII – Central Visayas</b> | <b>3.5</b>            |
| 14 IX – Zamboanga Peninsula     | 3.5                   |
| 15 XII - SOCCSKSARGEN           | 3.3                   |
| 16 X – Northern Mindanao        | 3.2                   |
| 17 CAR                          | 2.8                   |

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.

Table 1 shows the national *unemployment rate* in January 2020 was estimated at 3.5 percent. The table also shows that there were 12 regions which have an unemployment rate higher than the Region VII figure.

By definition, employed persons who express 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 are considered *underemployed*.

In January 2020, the *underemployment rate* was estimated at 14.7 percent for Central Visayas (Table 2) and ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among regions.

Underemployed persons who work for less than 40 hours in a week are called *visibly underemployed persons*.

**Table 2. January 2020 Underemployment Rate**

| Region             |   | Underemployment Rate (%) |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Philippines</b> |   | <b>14.8</b>              |
| 1                  | Region V (Bicol Region)                                 | 30.4                     |
| 2                  | Region XIII (Caraga)                                    | 27.4                     |
| 3                  | Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)                               | 24.2                     |
| 4                  | MIMAROPA Region   | 23.4                     |
| 5                  | Region X (Northern Mindanao)                            | 21.7                     |
| 6                  | Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)                         | 19.3                     |
| 7                  | Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)                           | 16.4                     |
| 8                  | Region II (Cagayan Valley)                              | 16.3                     |
| 9                  | Region I (Ilocos Region)                                | 16.1                     |
| 10                 | Region VII (Central Visayas)                            | 14.7                     |
| 11                 | Region XI (Davao Region)                                | 14.2                     |
| 12                 | Region VI (Western Visayas)                             | 12.5                     |
| 13                 | Region III (Central Luzon)                              | 12.5                     |
| 14                 | Region IV-A (CALABARZON)                                | 11.6                     |
| 15                 | Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)                  | 11.3                     |
| 16                 | Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) | 7.7                      |
| 17                 | National Capital Region (NCR)                           | 4.6                      |

The January 2020 Employment Situation is taken from the final result of the January 2020 Labor Force Survey conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (Table 3).

**Table 3. Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment, by Region: January 2020**

| Region                   | Total Population 15 Years Old and Over (in '000) | Labor Force Participation Rate (%) | Employment Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) | Underemployment Rate (%) |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Philippines</b>       | <b>72,841</b>                                    | <b>61.7</b>                        | <b>94.7</b>         | <b>5.3</b>            | <b>14.8</b>              |
| NCR                      | 9,819  | 80.1                               | 93.8                | 6.2                   | 4.6                      |
| CAR                      | 1,210  | 62.9                               | 97.2                | 2.8                   | 11.3                     |
| I - Ilocos Region        | 3,497  | 63.3                               | 91.2                | 8.8                   | 16.1                     |
| II - Cagayan Valley      | 2,415  | 64.4                               | 96.0                | 4.0                   | 16.3                     |
| III - Central Luzon      | 8,417  | 59.6                               | 93.9                | 6.1                   | 12.5                     |
| IV-A - CALABARZON        | 10,912   | 64.0                               | 93.3                | 6.7                   | 11.6                     |
| MIMAROPA                 | 2,041  | 58.8                               | 96.4                | 3.6                   | 23.4                     |
| V - Bicol Region         | 3,908  | 61.6                               | 94.5                | 5.5                   | 30.4                     |
| VI - Western Visayas     | 5,384  | 60.3                               | 94.4                | 5.6                   | 12.5                     |
| VII - Central Visayas    | 5,388  | 63.8                               | 96.5                | 3.5                   | 14.7                     |
| VIII - Eastern Visayas   | 3,104  | 59.5                               | 95.4                | 4.6                   | 16.4                     |
| IX - Zamboanga Peninsula | 2,491  | 59.3                               | 96.5                | 3.5                   | 19.3                     |
| X - Northern Mindanao    | 3,341  | 70.0                               | 96.8                | 3.2                   | 21.7                     |
| XI - Davao Region        | 3,533  | 58.8                               | 95.4                | 4.6                   | 14.2                     |
| XII - SOCCSKSARGEN       | 3,168  | 65.4                               | 96.7                | 3.3                   | 24.2                     |
| XIII - Caraga            | 1,795  | 64.8                               | 95.6                | 4.4                   | 27.4                     |
| BARMM                    | 2,439  | 50.8                               | 94.7                | 5.3                   | 7.7                      |

*Note: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding*

*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2020 Labor Force Survey*

## SUMMARY STATISTICS

| Region VII                            | January 2020 | January 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total 15 years old and over (in '000) | 5,366        | 5,296        |
| Labor Force (in '000)                 | 3,423        | 3,331        |
| Labor Force Participation Rate (%)    | 63.8         | 62.9         |
| Employment (in '000)                  | 3,304        | 3,155        |
| Employment Rate (%)                   | 96.5         | 94.7         |
| Unemployment (in '000)                | 119          | 177          |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                 | 3.5          | 5.3          |
| Underemployment (in '000)             | 486          | 577          |
| Underemployment Rate (%)              | 14.7         | 18.3         |

- a) The labor force participation rate (LFPR) among Filipinos in Central Visayas 15 years and older is estimated at 63.8 percent in January 2020. This translates to a 3.4 million Filipinos in Central Visayas in the labor force.
- b) Employment rate in January 2020 was recorded at 96.5 percent, equivalent to 3.3 million total employed persons in Central Visayas.
- c) Unemployment rate was estimated at 3.5 percent, which translates to 119 thousand total unemployed persons in Central Visayas.
- d) Underemployed persons were estimated at 14.7 percent of the total employed persons in Central Visayas, this can be translated to 486 thousand underemployed in January 2020.

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