

without work, i.e., had no job or business during the basic survey reference period; and currently available for work, i.e., were available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self employment during the basic survey 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 seeking work, i.e., had taken specific steps to look for a job or establish a business during the basic survey reference period

**Underemployed** - Include 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

- The new definition of unemployed was adopted starting April 2005 per NSCB Resolution No. 15 dated October 20, 2004.
- The 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was adopted starting April 2016. The 1992 PSOC had been used prior to April 2016.
- Starting with the October 2019 LFS round, the population projections based on the 2015 Population Census (POPCEN 2015) has been adopted to generate the labor force statistics.
- Starting January 2017 round, Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) using Tablet was utilized in the LFS 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. For 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.
- In January 2019, the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification of Education (PSCED) has been adopted. The categories for highest grade completed were also revised considering the K to 12 programs in the education system.
- Starting April 2020 LFS round, Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)/Lockdown/COVID-19 pandemic was included in the reasons for working more than 48 hours, less than 40 hours, and not looking for work.
- In January 2021 LFS round, the following were included: working arrangement, days worked in the past week; and temporary unemployment was included.

**TABLE 1 Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates for Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment, Underemployment, by Region:**

**April 2024<sup>P</sup>**

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over (in '000)	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Underemployment Rate
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>78,617</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,391	62.3	95.6	4.4	5.7
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,289	63.5	96.2	3.8	11.6
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,736	64.2	96.5	3.5	8.6
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,558	65.9	96.4	3.6	22.6
Region III (Central Luzon)	9,247	64.5	96.7	3.3	9.2
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	12,070	64.8	94.7	5.3	19.1
MIMAROPA Region	2,147	64.2	95.9	4.1	22.2
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,172	60.7	94.6	5.4	21.3
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,685	62.4	96.0	4.0	12.8
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,789	63.7	96.0	4.0	11.2
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,350	62.4	97.0	3.0	20.1
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,656	59.6	97.7	2.3	19.1
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,625	66.8	95.7	4.4	21.1
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,821	61.9	96.4	3.6	7.1
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,072	69.0	96.2	3.8	32.2
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,902	68.3	96.0	4.0	19.5
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	3,105	71.2	97.0	3.0	8.9

**TABLE 2 Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates for Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment, Underemployment, by Region:**

**April 2023<sup>f</sup>**

Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over (in '000)	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Underemployment Rate
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>77,260</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>12.9</b>
National Capital Region (NCR)	10,314	63.0	94.4	5.3	7.9
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,275	65.4	97.3	2.7	10.4
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,637	63.8	95.5	4.5	12.7
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,495	62.8	97.6	2.4	11.9
Region III (Central Luzon)	9,108	64.0	95.3	4.7	11.6
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,788	64.3	94.5	5.5	13.3
MIMAROPA Region	2,132	65.2	97.1	2.9	15.3
Region V (Bicol Region)	4,117	61.1	96.1	3.9	25.1
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,590	65.6	95.7	4.3	12.5
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,675	67.7	94.8	5.2	6.8
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,277	65.5	95.8	4.2	18.0
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,605	63.7	97.2	2.8	10.5
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,558	65.6	94.7	5.3	11.7
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,760	63.1	96.7	3.3	8.7
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,037	70.5	96.0	4.0	29.2
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,877	75.9	97.0	3.0	19.4
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	3,015	72.8	95.7	4.3	9.9

**Notes:** Details may not add up to totals due to rounding. All estimates used the 2015 POPCEN-based Population Projection.

p-Preliminary, f- Final.

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