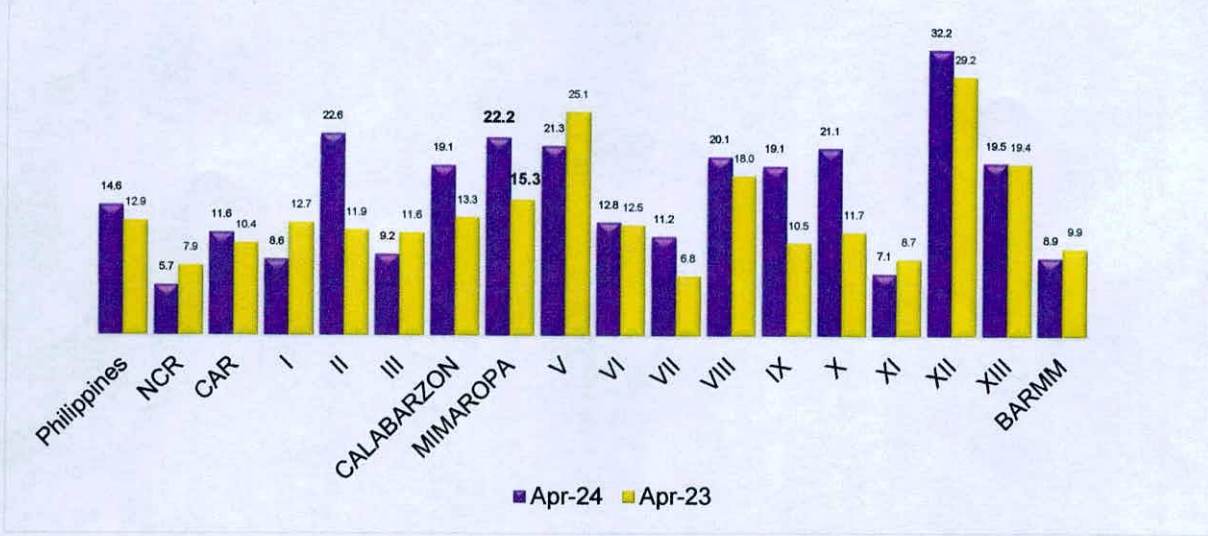


**FIGURE 4 Underemployment Rate in the Philippines, by Region :
April 2024 and April 2023**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

Figure 4 shows that among regions in the country, SOCCSARGEN or Region XII recorded the highest underemployment rate at 32.2 percent in April 2024 and also in 2023 in same month with 29.2 percent. On the other hand, National Capital Region recorded the lowest underemployment rate with 5.7 percent in April 2024 and Central Visayas or Region VII was at 6.8 percent in April 2023.

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Technical Notes

- The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a vehicle to gather such data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population with nationwide coverage and conducted on a quarterly and monthly mode by interviewing households. For this release, the data being presented are based on the preliminary results of the October 2023 round of the LFS.
- The reference period used in the survey is the past seven (7) days preceding the date of visit of the enumerator. The regular LFS (January, April, July, and October LFS rounds) has four replicates to a total of 44,202 secondary sampling units (SSUs) while the special LFS (February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December LFS rounds) has one replicate equivalent to a total of 10,692 secondary sampling units (SSUs).
- Computation of the labor index:

$$\text{Labor Force Participation Rate} = LFPR = \frac{LF}{P} \times 100$$

$$\text{Employment Rate} = ER = \frac{E}{LF} \times 100$$

$$\text{Unemployment Rate} = UR = \frac{U}{LF} \times 100$$

$$\text{Underemployment Rate} = U_nR = \frac{U_n}{E} \times 100$$

where:

LFPR = Labor Force Participation Rate'

LF = total number of persons in the labor force

P = total population 15 years old and over

E = total number of employed persons

U = total number of unemployed persons

U_n = total number of underemployed persons

Employed - Include all persons 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and during the basic survey reference period are reported as either: a. At work. 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. Those who have a job or business but are not at work because of temporary illness/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.

Notes: This definition is based on the ILO definition for employed.

Unemployed -The unemployed include all persons who are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported as: