



SPECIAL RELEASE

2018 Western Visayas Gross Regional Domestic Product

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Explanatory Notes

The Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) measures the economic performance of a region. It encompasses the value of goods and services produced in the region for a given reference period. GRDP is usually reported in terms of growth rate in real terms or at constant prices and indicates whether the economy grew faster, slower, or declined compared to the previous year. It includes regional estimates on the three major industries and their sub-industries. The first major industry is Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing (AHFF). The second is Industry which consists of Mining and Quarrying; Manufacturing; Construction, and Electricity, Gas and Water Supply sub-industries. Third major industry is Services comprised of the sub-industries on Transport, Storage and Communication; Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Personal and Household Goods; Financial Intermediation; Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities; Public Administration & Defense, Compulsory Social Security, and Other Services. Other Services includes Health, Education, and Hotel & Restaurant.

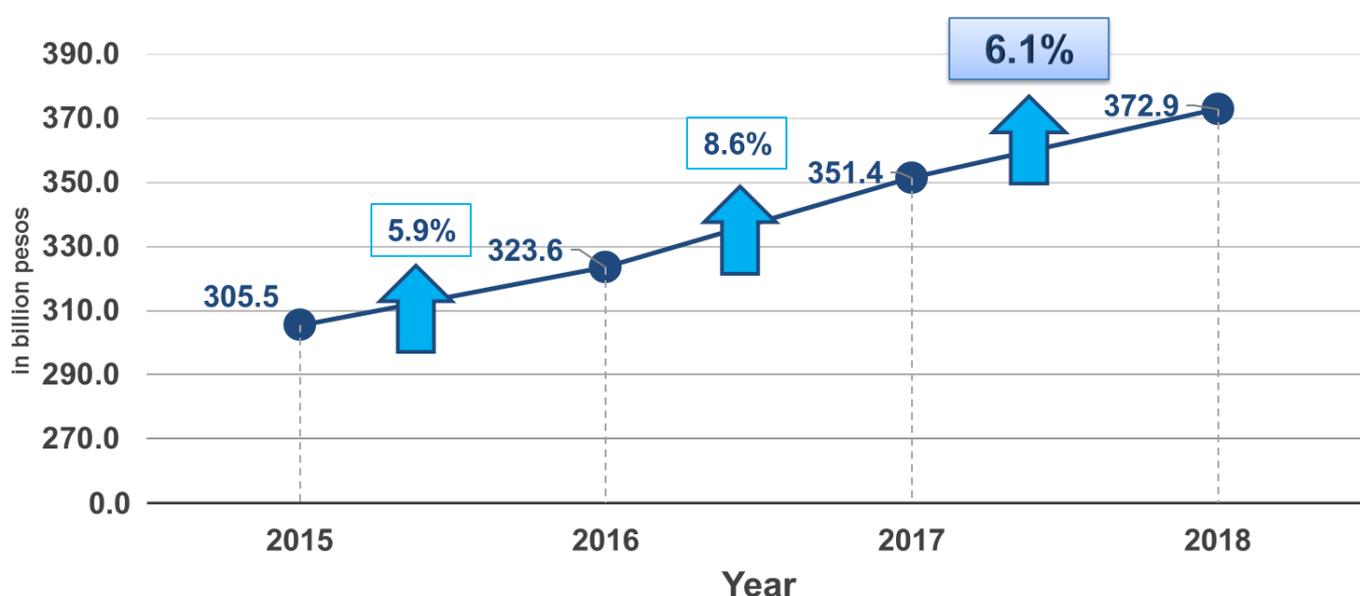


Figure 1. Gross Regional Domestic Product, Western Visayas: 2015 to 2018 at Constant 2000 Prices, in billion pesos

The economy of Western Visayas grew by 6.1 percent in 2018. This was slower as compared with the 8.6 percent growth recorded in the previous year. The economic growth of the region was contributed by Services and Industry but was pulled down by Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing (AHFF).

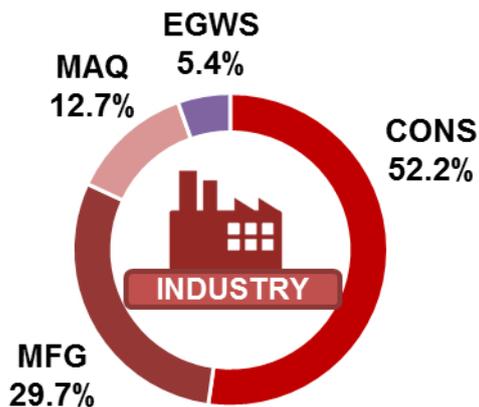
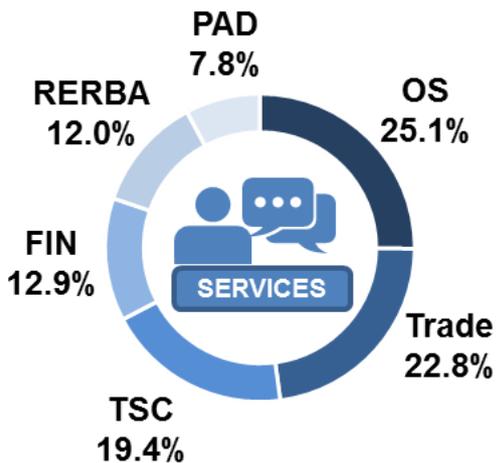
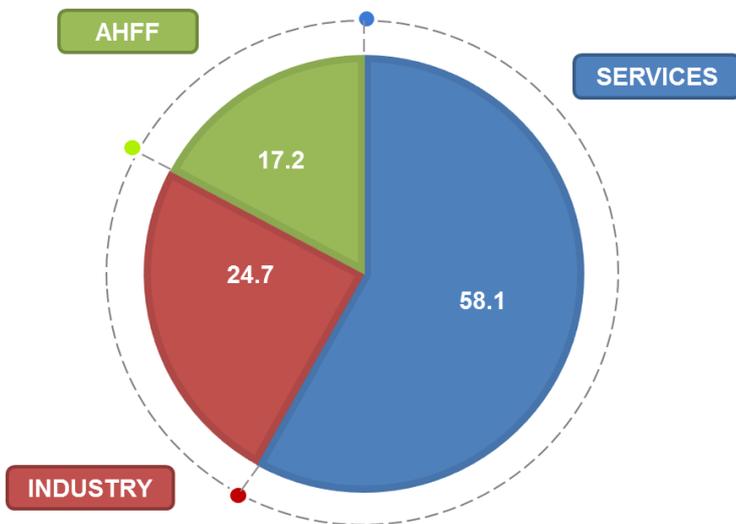
INDUSTRY	YEAR	
	2016-2017	2017-2018
I. AGRICULTURE, HUNTING, FORESTRY & FISHING	8.8	(1.4)
a. Agriculture and Forestry	11.5	(1.6)
b. Fishing	(1.8)	(0.6)
II. INDUSTRY	8.7	8.6
a. Mining and Quarrying	36.7	(1.5)
b. Manufacturing	4.1	4.7
c. Construction	4.3	14.3
d. Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	21.8	4.5
III. SERVICES	8.5	7.5
a. Transport, Storage & Communication	5.8	6.8
b. Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Personal and Household Goods	6.4	8.0
c. Financial Intermediation	14.4	8.1
d. R. Estate, Renting & Business Activities	7.2	5.2
e. Public Administration & Defense; Compulsory Social Security	8.3	14.7
f. Other Services	10.4	6.2
GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT, WESTERN VISAYAS	8.6	6.1

Table 1. Growth Rates by Industry, Western Visayas: 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 at Constant 2000 Prices

Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing (AHFF) declined by 1.4 percent in 2018 as compared with the 8.8 percent expansion in 2017. This was attributed to the decline in Agriculture and Forestry by 1.6 percent coupled with the decline in Fishing by 0.6 percent although at a slower rate than the previous year's decline of 1.8 percent.

Industry expanded by 8.6 percent in 2018. Construction, the main contributor to Industry growth, posted a double digit growth of 14.3 percent. Manufacturing also accelerated to 4.7 percent from 4.1 percent in 2017. Meanwhile, Electricity, Gas and Water Supply slowed down to 4.5 percent in 2018 from 21.8 percent in the previous year. On the other hand, Mining and Quarrying suffered a reversal as it declined by 1.5 percent from a double digit growth of 36.7 percent in 2017.

Services grew by 7.5 percent in 2018. The top contributor to the growth of Services was Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Personal and Household Goods as it grew by 8.0 percent, faster than the 6.4 percent growth in the previous year. Among the sub-industries with faster growth in 2018 were: Transportation, Storage and Communication, which grew by 6.8 percent; and Public Administration and Defense with double digit growth rate of 14.7 percent. On the other hand, the rest of the sub-industries grew at a slower pace: Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities, 5.2 percent; and Financial Intermediation, 8.1 percent. Other Services, likewise slowed down to 6.2 percent from 10.4 percent in the previous year.



More than half of the region's GRDP in 2018 was contributed by Services. Of the total Services, Other Services (OS) accounted 25.1 percent followed by Trade at 22.8 percent, Transportation, Storage and Communication (TSC) at 19.4 percent, Financial Intermediation (FIN) at 12.9 percent, Estate, Renting and Business Activities (RERBA) at 12 percent and Public Administration and Defense (PAD) at 7.8 percent.

One fourth of the region's GRDP is contributed by industry. More than half of the Industry is contributed by Construction (CONS) followed by Manufacturing (MFG) with about one third. Mining and Quarrying (MAQ), and Electricity, Gas and Water Supply (EGWS) accounted 12.7 percent and 5.4 percent respectively.

Meanwhile, AHFF contributed about 17 percent to the region's GRDP. Under AHFF, Agriculture and Forestry shared 81.4 percent while Fishing contributed about 19 percent.

The economy of the region is predominantly Services-based which is the same with other 12 regions. Only 3 regions were predominantly Industry-based (CAR, III, IV-A) and one predominantly Agriculture-based (ARMM).

Figure 2. Percent Distribution by Industry, Western Visayas: 2018 at Constant 2000 Prices

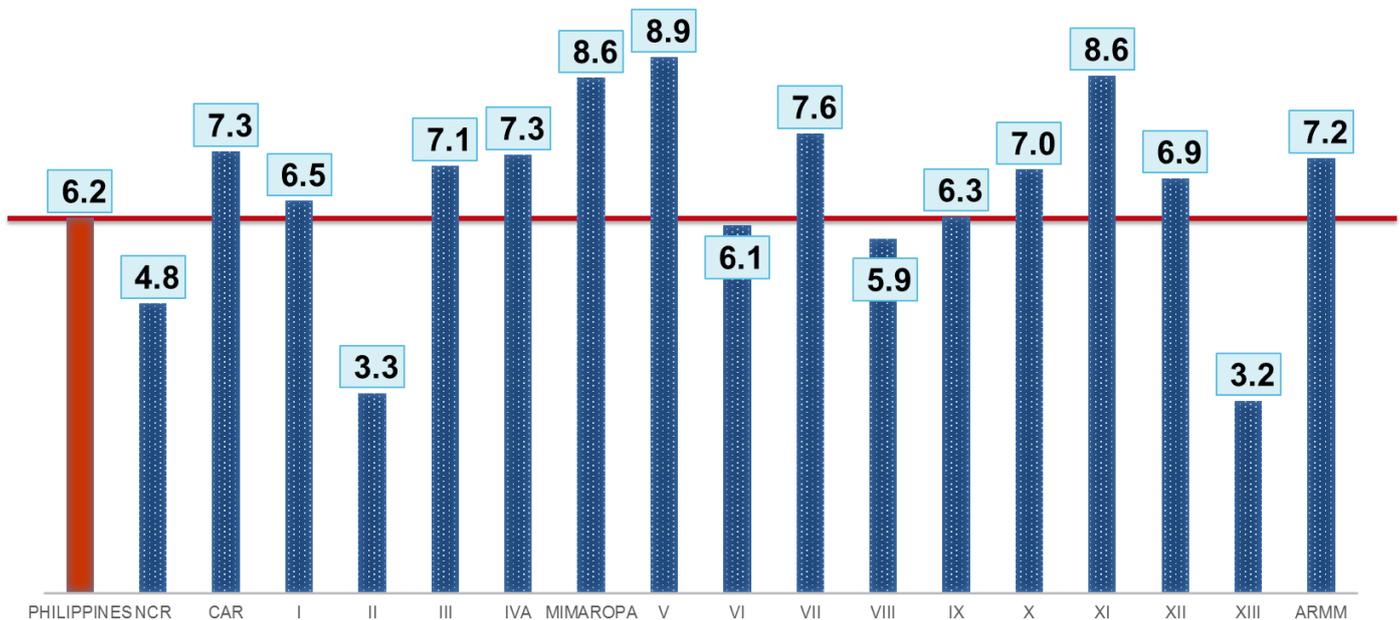
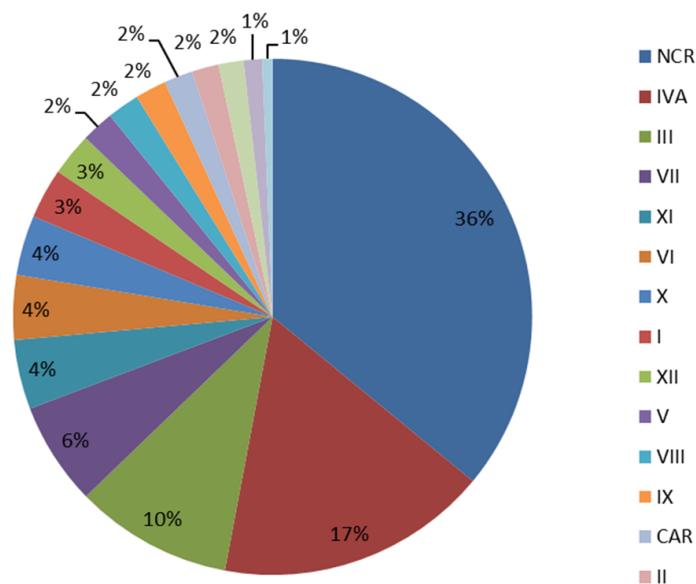


Figure 3. Regional Growth Rates: 2017-2018 at Constant 2000 Prices

Comparing the region’s economy with that of the Philippines, Western Visayas growth of 6.1 percent is slightly lower than national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 6.2%. The region is with four other regions that exhibited lower growth rates than the national growth rate. Across regions, GRDP of Western Visayas ranked 13th among the 17 regions . In 2018, Bicol Region exhibited the fastest growth while Cagayan Valley posted the slowest growth.

**2018 GRDP Percent Distribution
by Region, Philippines
(at constant 2000 prices)**



Western Visayas ranked 5th largest economy outside the National Capital Region (NCR). NCR remained as the largest economy in the Philippines, contributing 36% to the national Gross Domestic Product, followed by regions IV-A and III, contributing 17% and 10% respectively.