



SPECIAL RELEASE

Employment Situation in Western Visayas JANUARY 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide survey of households conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. The LFS aims to provide a quantitative framework for the preparation of plans and formulation of policies affecting the labor market. Specifically, the survey is designed to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the country, as a whole, and for each of the administrative regions.

**Table 1. Unemployment Rate in the Philippines and Western Visayas:
January 2021, October 2021, and January 2022**

	JANUARY 2022 ^P	OCTOBER 2021 ^P	JANUARY 2021 ^F
Philippines	6.4	7.4	8.8
Western Visayas	4.7	5.8	9.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

Notes: ^P - Estimates are preliminary and may change.

^F - Final.

All estimates used the 2015 POPCEN-based Population Projection.

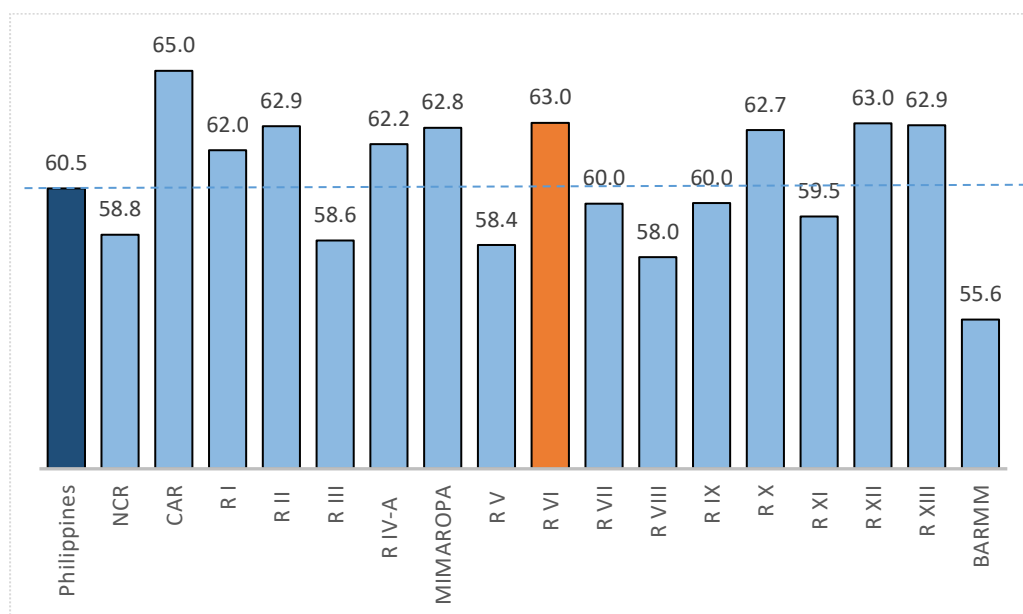
Unemployment rate in January 2022 decreased to 4.7 percent from 5.8 percent in October 2021

The unemployment rate in Western Visayas in January 2022 was estimated at 4.7 percent. This is lower than the unemployment rate of the same month a year ago reported at 9.1 percent. Moreover, January 2022 unemployment rate is lower than the previous quarter's (October 2021) unemployment rate estimate of 5.8 percent.

Compared to the national level unemployment rate, Western Visayas' unemployment rate in January 2022 is 1.7 percentage points lower than the national value of 6.4 percent while 4.4 percentage points lower than in January of 2021.



Figure 1. Labor Force Participation Rate by Region, Philippines: January 2022



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

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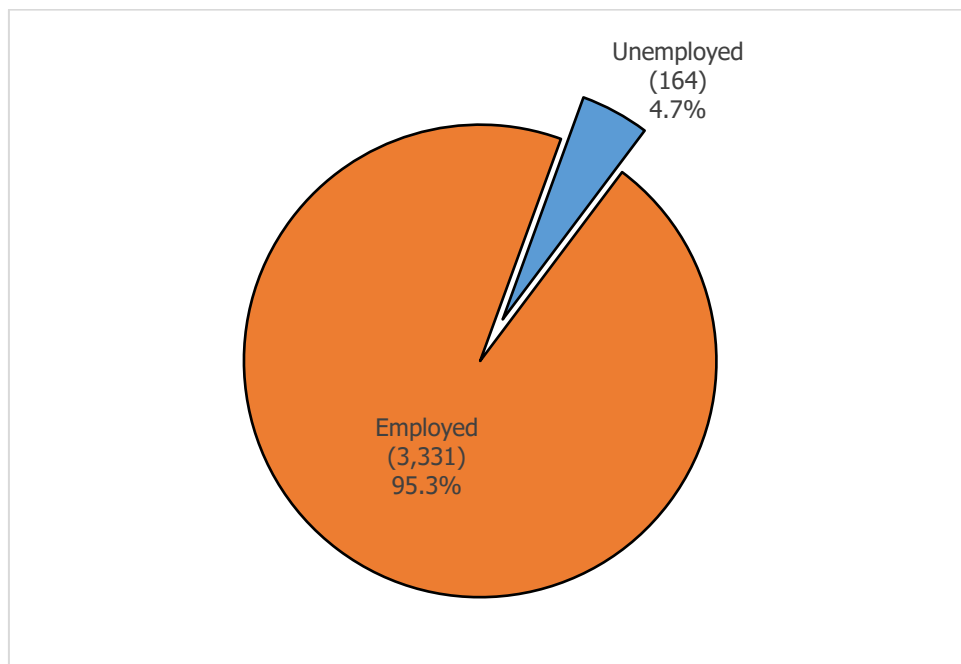
Labor force participation rate registered at 63.0 percent

Of the estimated 5.5 million population 15 years old and over in Western Visayas for January 2022, 3.5 million or about 63.0 percent are in the labor force. Western Visayas’ labor force participation rate (LFPR) is 2.5 percentage points higher than the national LFPR of 60.5 percent. The LFPR of Western Visayas ranked second (2nd) highest following CAR with 65.0 percent among other regions in the country.

About 3.31 million individuals in the labor force are employed in January 2022

In the region, in terms of numbers, about 3.47 million individuals 15 years old and over are in the labor force. Of this, about 3.33 million individuals are employed and 164 thousand were unemployed. The number of individuals in the labor force increased by 1.4 percent from the previous quarter’s estimate. On the other hand, the number of unemployed individuals decreased from previous quarter’s estimate of 196 thousand.

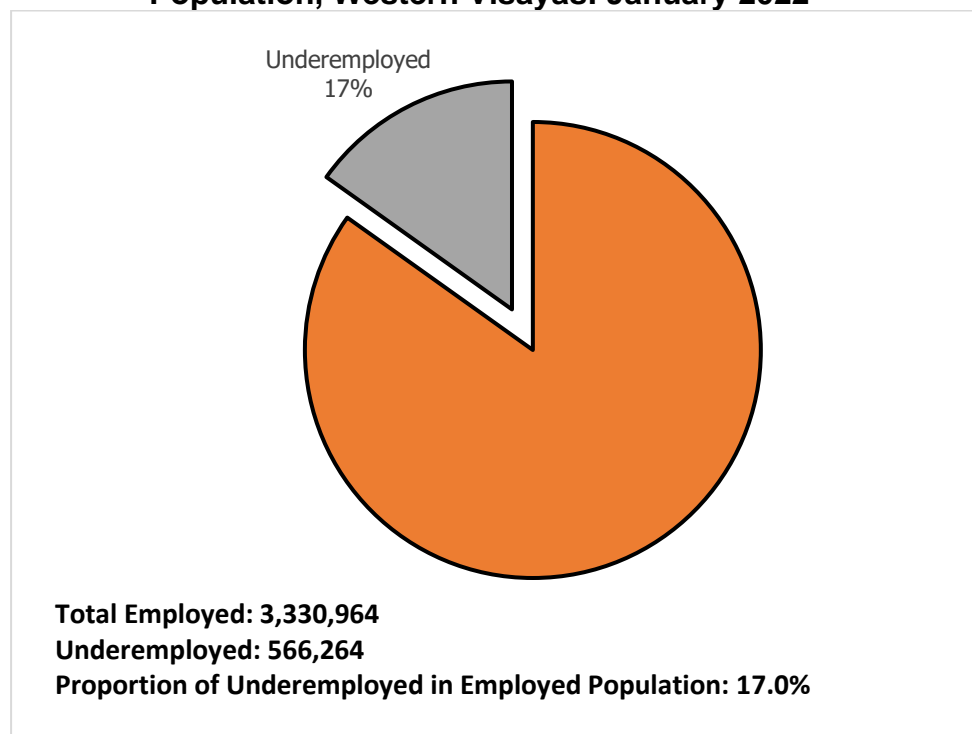
Figure 2. Number (in Thousands) and Proportion (in Percent) of Employed and Unemployed in the Labor Force, Western Visayas: January 2022



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

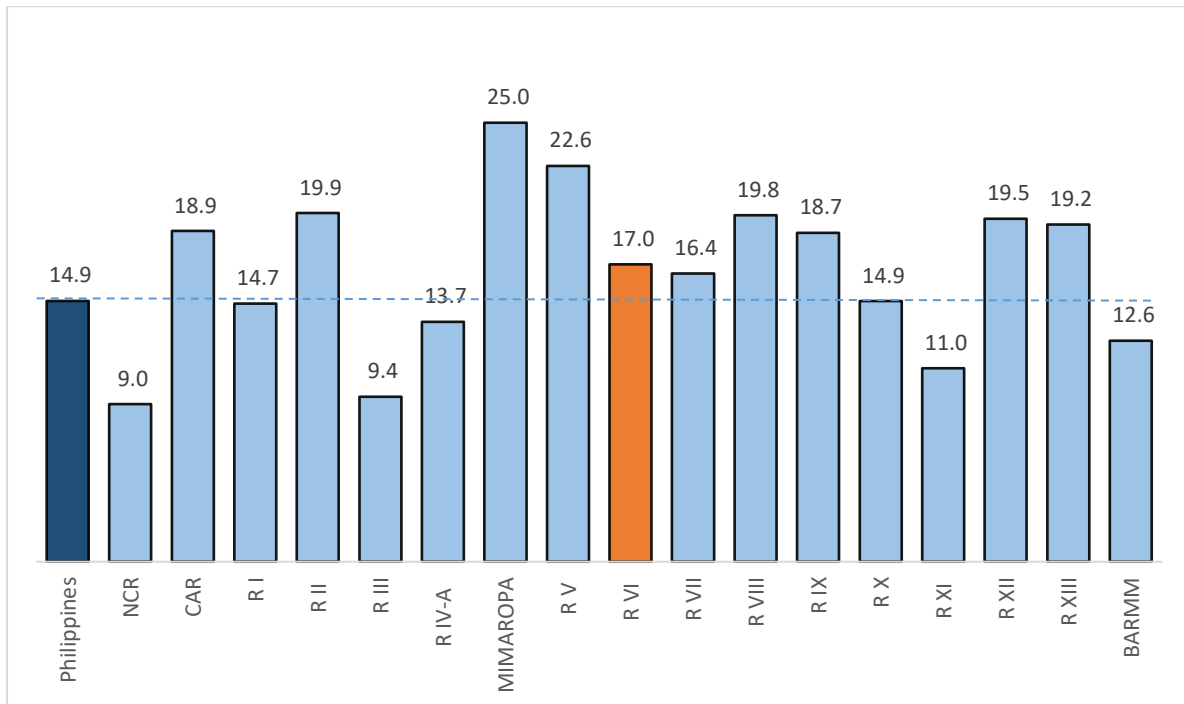
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Figure 3. Proportion of Underemployed in the Employed Population, Western Visayas: January 2022



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Figure 4. Underemployment Rate by Region, Philippines: January 2022



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Underemployment rate went down to 17.0 percent

The underemployment rate in the region decreased from 17.5 percent in October 2021 to 17.0 percent in January 2022. The underemployment rate decreased by 4.1 percentage points from the same quarter of previous year (January 2021). In January 2022, there are about 566,264 underemployed individuals.

Compared to other regions, Western Visayas ranked the ninth (9th) highest in underemployment rate. Underemployment rate in the region is 2.1 percentage points higher than the national value underemployment rate.

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