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Numbers of Establishments in Operation and Total Employment by Province in Western Visayas, 2021-2023

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Explanatory Notes

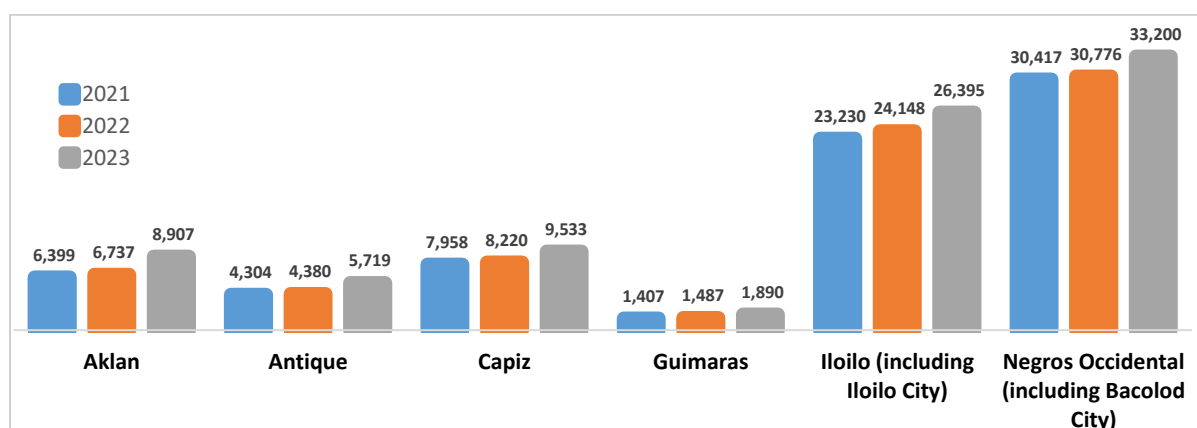
This special release presents the Numbers of Establishments and Employment in Region VI (Western Visayas) by provinces. The List of Establishments (LE) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is a register containing records of establishments operating in the Philippines that are captured through door-to-door canvassing, lists from secondary sources, and information from the submitted survey reports. This information presented in this special release was taken from www.psa.gov.ph.

Number of establishments expands from 2021 to 2023

All provinces contributed to the increase in the number of establishments in the region from 73,715 in 2021 to 85,644 in 2023. By province, the number of establishments in operation in Negros Occidental (including Bacolod City) grew by 9.1%, increasing from 30,417 in 2021 to 33,200 in 2023. Similarly, Iloilo (including Iloilo City) had significant growth, rising by 13.6% from 23,230 establishments in 2021 to 26,395 in 2023.

Among provinces, Aklan recorded the highest growth rate of 39.2 percent, from 6,399 in 2021 to 8,907 in 2023. Establishments in Antique steadily rose from 4,304 in 2021 to 5,719 in 2023, that recorded a 32.9% increase. Capiz recorded 19.4% increase, with establishments in operation rising from 7,958 in 2021 to 9,533 in 2023. Meanwhile, Guimaras, though the smallest province in terms of business establishments, showed an increase of 34.3% from 1,407 in 2021 to 1,890 in 2023. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Number of Establishments in Operation by Province in Western Visayas, 2021-2023



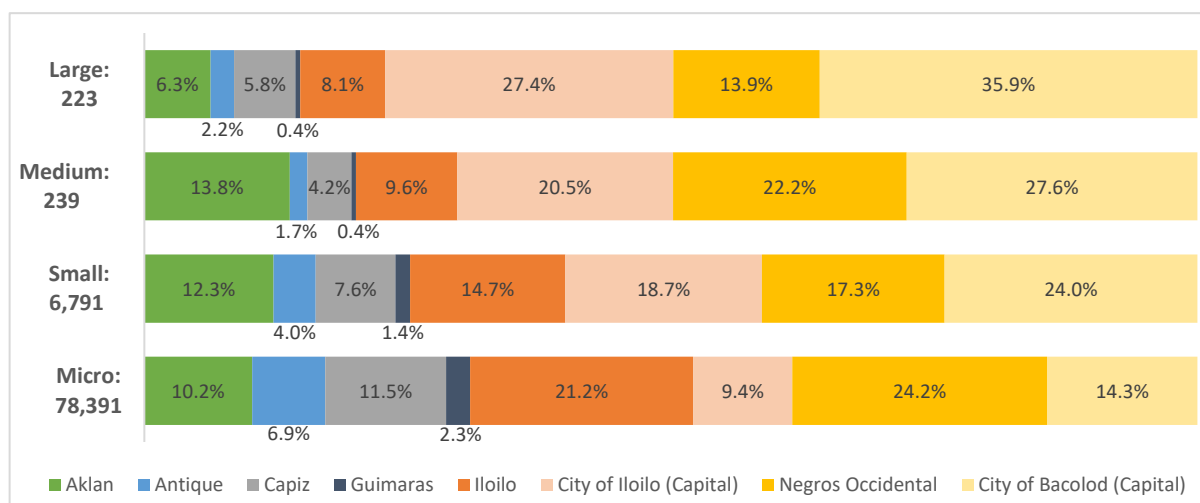
Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Bacolod City dominates the number of Small to Large Establishments in 2023

Bacolod city has the biggest share to the number of small, medium and large establishments in the Region in 2023 with 24.0%, 27.6% and 35.9% shares, respectively. However, it shared only 14.3% of the total number of micro establishments in the region. Negros Occidental on the other hand, contributed the highest share to micro establishments with 24.2%, followed by Iloilo with 21.2%.

Iloilo City contributed 18.7%, 20.5% and 27.4% in small, medium and large establishments, respectively. Capiz, Aklan, Antique, and Guimaras made up the remaining shares, with Guimaras having the smallest portion. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Number of Micro, Small, Medium and Large Establishments by Province in Western Visayas, 2023



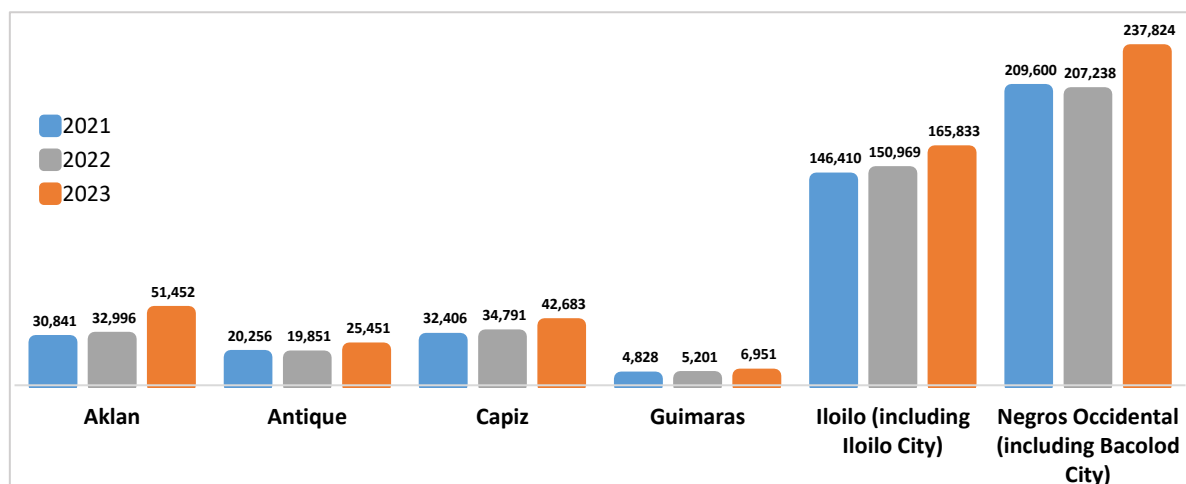
Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Negros Occidental has the largest employment in 2023

Negros occidental (including Bacolod City) remained to have the largest workforce in Western Visayas in terms of establishments in operation employing 237,824 in 2023. This marks an increase of 14.8% from 2022.

Iloilo also showed steady growth throughout the period, with employment rising from 146,410 in 2021 to 165,833 in 2023, marking a 13.3 increase. Moreover, Aklan also increased by 55.9% from 32,996 in 2022 to 51,452 in 2023. Overall, all provinces in the region showed increments in the total employment of establishments in operation from 2021 to 2023. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Total Employment of Establishments in Operation by Province in Western Visayas, 2021-2023



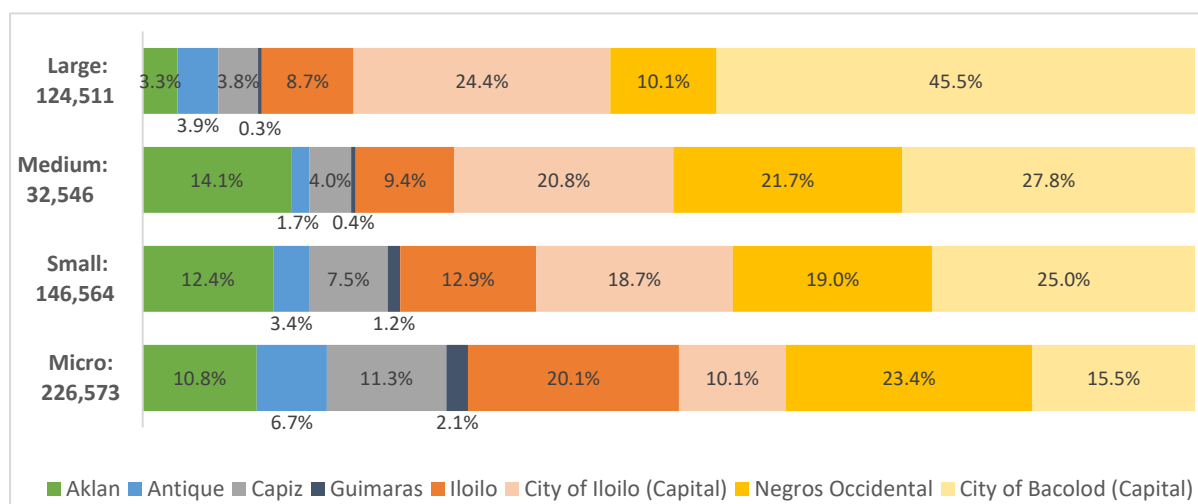
Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Bacolod City contributed the highest employment among employment grouping

Bacolod City shared the largest in terms of total employment of establishments by employment grouping. In the region, it has a share of 25.0% in small, 27.8% in medium, and 45.5% in large establishments. Of the micro groupings, Negros Occidental topped with 23.4%, followed by Iloilo with 20.1%. Notably the increase in employment is paralleled with the increment in the number of establishments for Bacolod City.

Aklan shared 14.1% of employment among medium groupings, making them the fourth contributor in terms of employment. Moreover, all remaining provinces have notable small shares, ranging from 0.3% to 3.9%

Figure 4. Total Employment by Province in Western Visayas, 2023



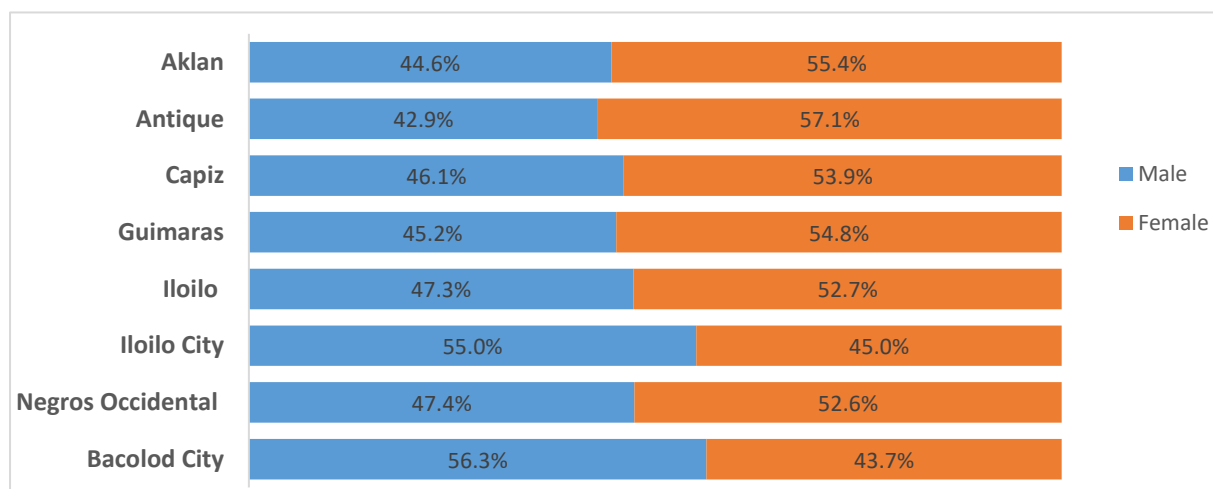
Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Females dominate highest positions in business establishments in Region VI

Female executives dominated males in terms of holding the highest position in almost all provinces in the region except in Iloilo City and Bacolod City with more male executives with 55.0% and 56.3%, respectively.

The highest female leadership percentages are in Antique, with 57.1% holding highest positions, and in Aklan, where 55.4% are female dominated. Female holding the highest positions in Capiz and Guimaras also outnumber their male counterparts. (Figure 5)

Figure 5. Number of Establishments in Operation by Sex of Person Holding the Highest Position by Province in Western Visayas, 2023

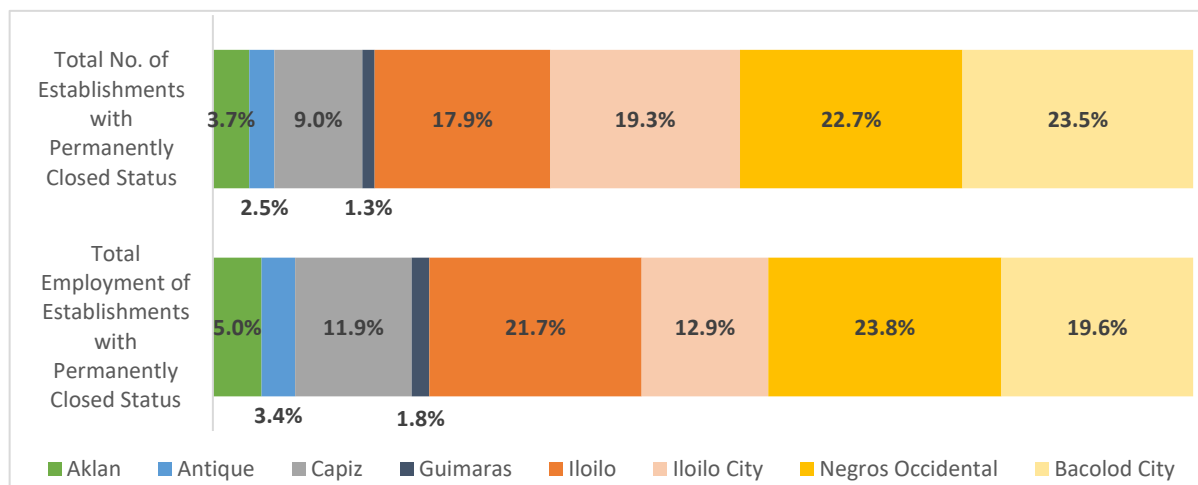


Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Negros Occidental and Bacolod City records the highest establishment closures and employment losses in Region VI, 2023

In 2023, the highest closure of establishments in the region was Bacolod City with a total of 10,216 or 23.5% of establishments that had permanently closed status. It recorded a 2,528 or 19.6% total employment loss. Further, Negros Occidental had 9,857 or 22.7% establishments that permanently closed with a total loss employment of 3,072 or 23.8%. Similarly, provinces such as Aklan, Antique, and Guimaras have experienced closures but at a much lower rate. Aklan, for instance, reported only 5.0% of employment and 3.7% of establishments that shut down, while Antique and Guimaras showed even smaller percentages. (Figure 6)

Figure 6. Number and Total Employment of Establishments with Permanently Closed Status in Western Visayas, 2023



Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2023 ULE was undertaken to collect information on the status of operation and updated characteristics of establishments. Data were gathered using face-to-face interview of respondents or through self-accomplishment and submission to the PSA. The face-to-face interview was done through the computer-aided personal interview (CAPI) where the Android Tablet-Based ULE Application was used. In cases where CAPI cannot be used, the printed paper questionnaire was utilized. For respondents who preferred to accomplish the Inquiry Form by themselves, two options were made available – web-based/online questionnaire and fillable pdf form.

The 2023 List of Establishments (LE) is generated based on the nationwide updating activity conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in 2023, which covers all the 42,047 barangays nationwide from which 29,797 barangays have listed establishments in the preliminary 2022 List of establishments.

Establishment is defined as an economic unit under a single ownership or control, i.e. under a single legal entity; engages in one or predominantly one kind of economic activity; and at a single fixed physical location.

Total Employment (TE) refers to the total number of persons who work in or for the establishment. This includes paid employees, working owners, unpaid workers and all employees who work full-time or part-time including seasonal workers. Persons working in the establishment but under a sub-contract agreement or manpower agencies/contractors are excluded.

Employment Grouping refers to the classification of establishments according to total employment

Micro - Establishments with Total Employment of 1 to 9

Small - Establishments with Total Employment of 10 to 99

Medium - Establishments with Total Employment of 100 to 199

Large - Establishments with Total Employment of 200 and Over

Highest Position refers to the top-managerial role, such as CEO's, Presidents, or Managing Directors.

Permanently Closed refers to businesses that have ceased operations indefinitely with no plans of opening.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2021-2023 List of Establishments (LE)



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