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## JULY 2022 EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN SOCCSKSARGEN REGION (Preliminary Results)

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### Labor Force Survey (LFS)

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a quarterly survey of households conducted nationwide by the PSA to gather data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It adopted the 2013 Master Sample Design, with a sample size of approximately 44,000 households. The PSA makes use of the Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) in the field enumeration through tablets which started last January 2017 round of LFS.

It 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.

### Population 15 Years Old and Over & Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)

The population 15 years and over in SOCCSKSARGEN Region reached 3.36 million in July 2022, more than 52.11 thousand higher compared to previous year's 3.30 million. These constituted about 4.4 percent to the 76.64 million population 15 years old and over nationwide. In addition, the Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) rose to 2.46 million in July 2022 from about 2.10 million in 2021, an increase of 17.4 percent or about 365.05 thousand individuals were added to the labor force in July 2022. LFPR in July 2022 was estimated at 73.4 percent, highest among the 17 regions in the country. It was also higher than the 63.5 percent recorded a year ago and to the National Average of 65.2 percent.



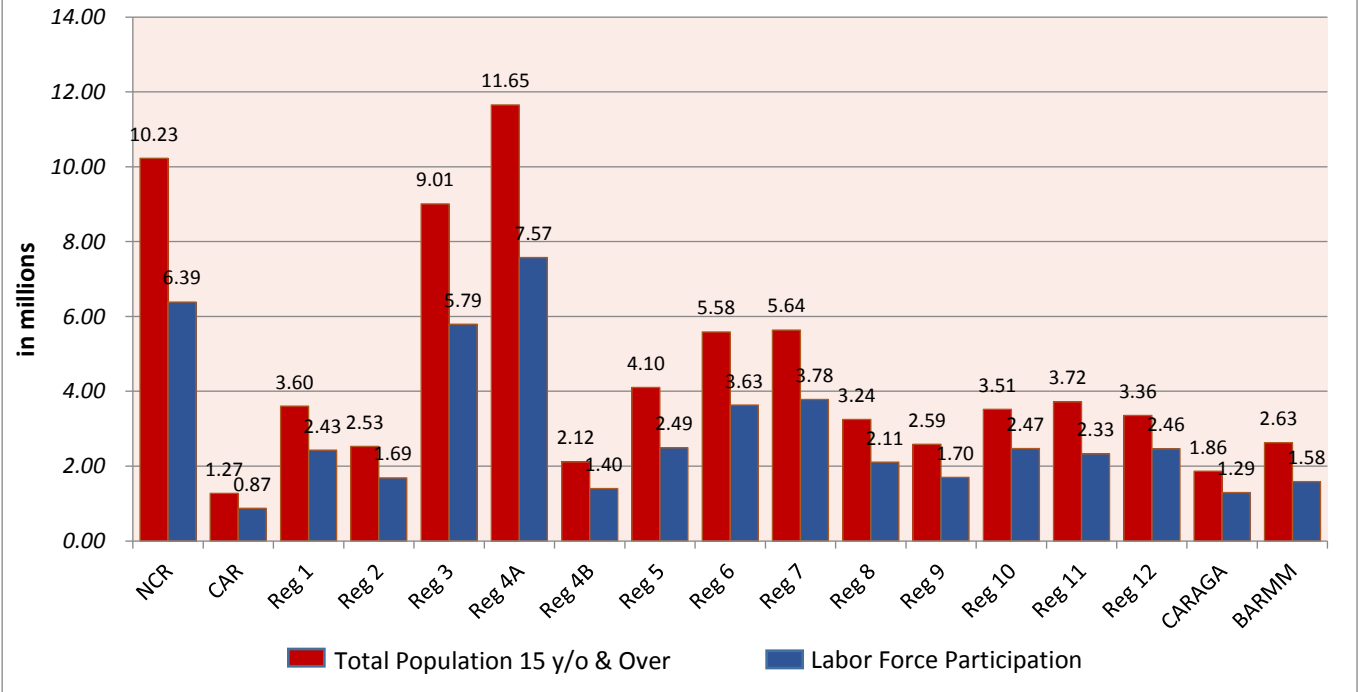
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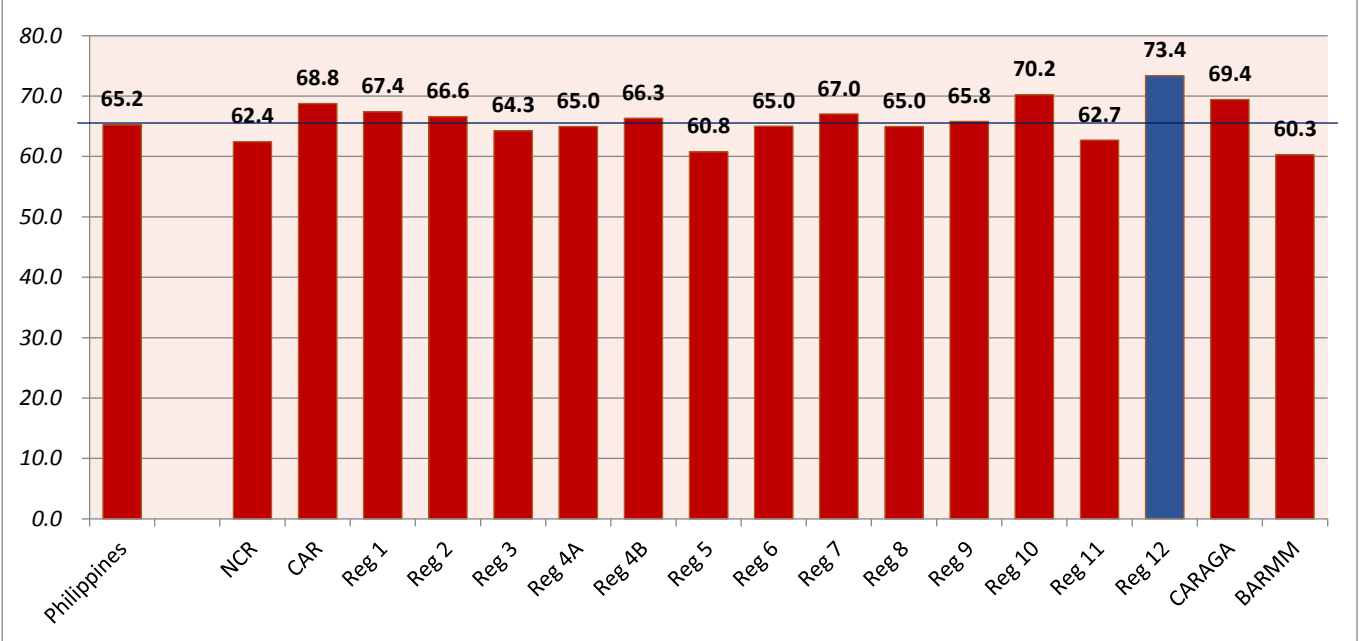
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**Fig 1. Total Population 15 Years Old & Over and Labor Force Participation Rate by Region, Philippines: July 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Fig 2. Labor Force Participation Rate by Region, Philippines: July 2022**



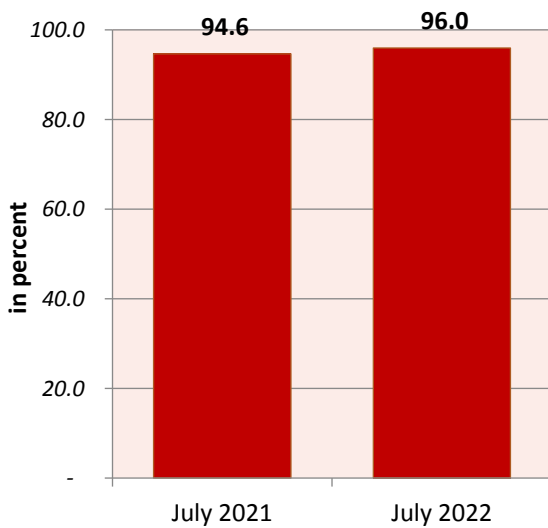
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## Employment

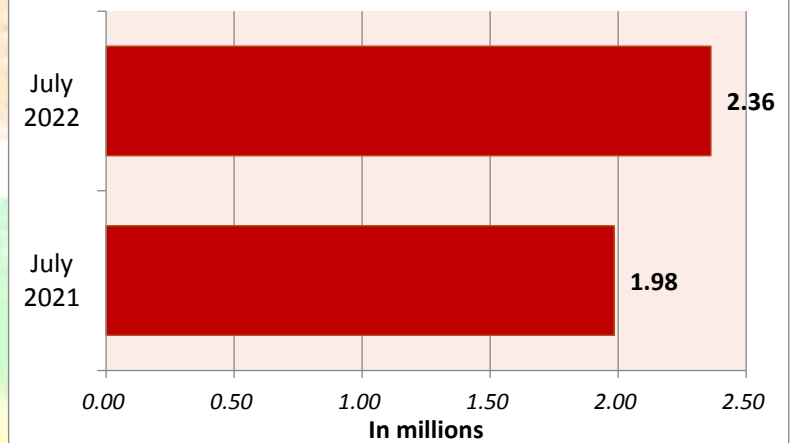
Of the 2.46 million in the labor force in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in July 2022, 96.0 percent or roughly 2.36 million individuals were at work. It increased by about 378.55 thousand or 19.1 percent, Employment rate was likewise higher compared to last year's estimate of 94.6 percent or about 1.98 million. Of the 17 regions in the country, SOCCSKSARGEN was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in terms of employment rate, with Region 2 (Cagayan valley) on the top spot at 97.2 percent and the National Capital Region (NCR) at the bottom at 93.1 percent.

**Fig 2. Employment Rate in SOCCSKSARGEN July 2021 & July 2022**



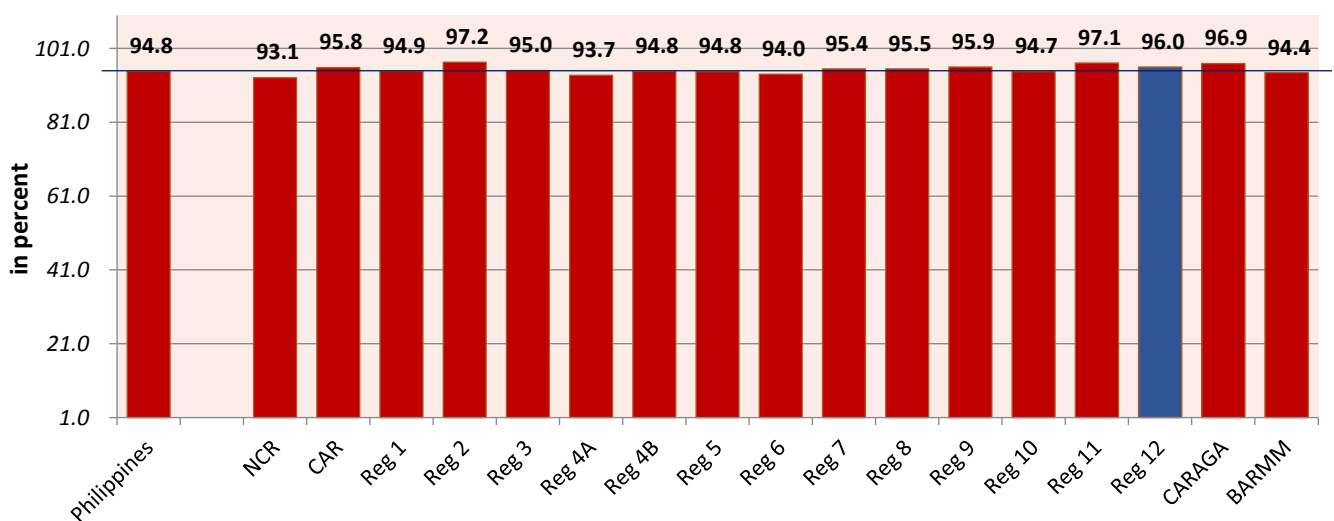
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**Fig 3. Total Employed Persons in SOCCSKSARGEN July 2021 and July 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Fig 4. Employment Rate by Region, Philippines: July 2022**

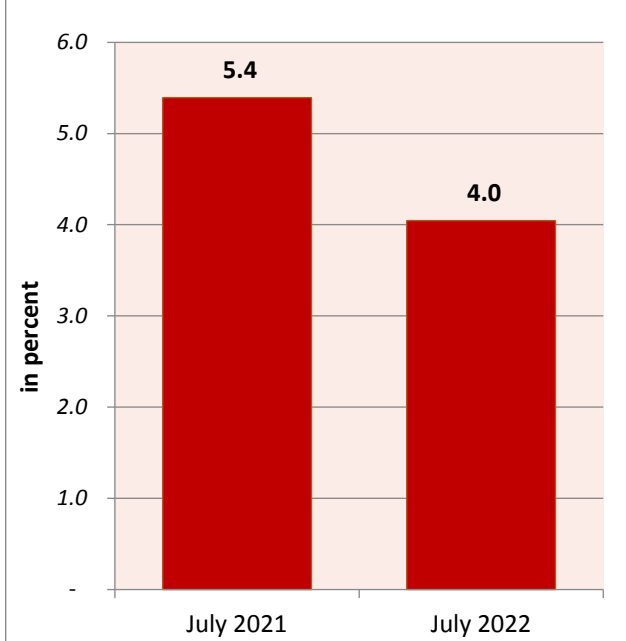


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## Unemployed Persons

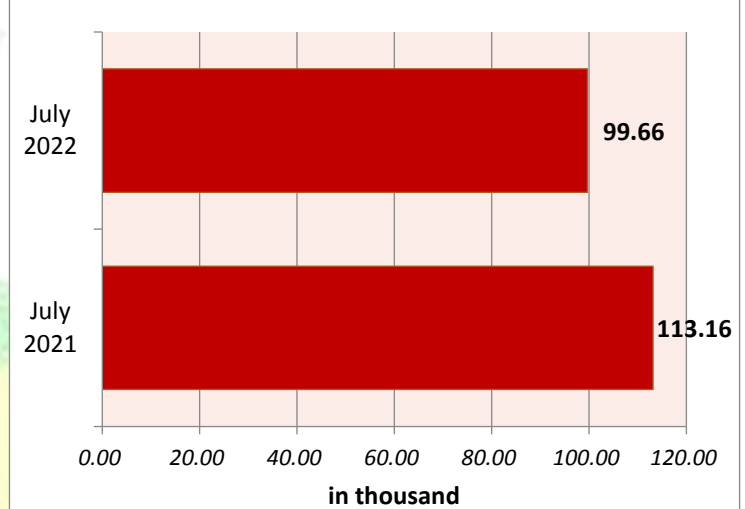
Of the 2.46 million population in the labor force in July 2022 in the region, about 4.0 percent were unemployed. These are persons who were without work, seeking for work and/or currently available for work during this period. Compared to last year's 113.16 thousand unemployed persons, jobless individuals decreased to 99.66 thousand. SOCCSKSARGEN Region's unemployment rate was the 14<sup>th</sup> highest among the 17 regions in the country and was 1.2 percentage points lower than the 5.2 percent national average.

**Fig 5. Unemployment Rate in SOCCSKSARGEN: July 2021 and July 2022**



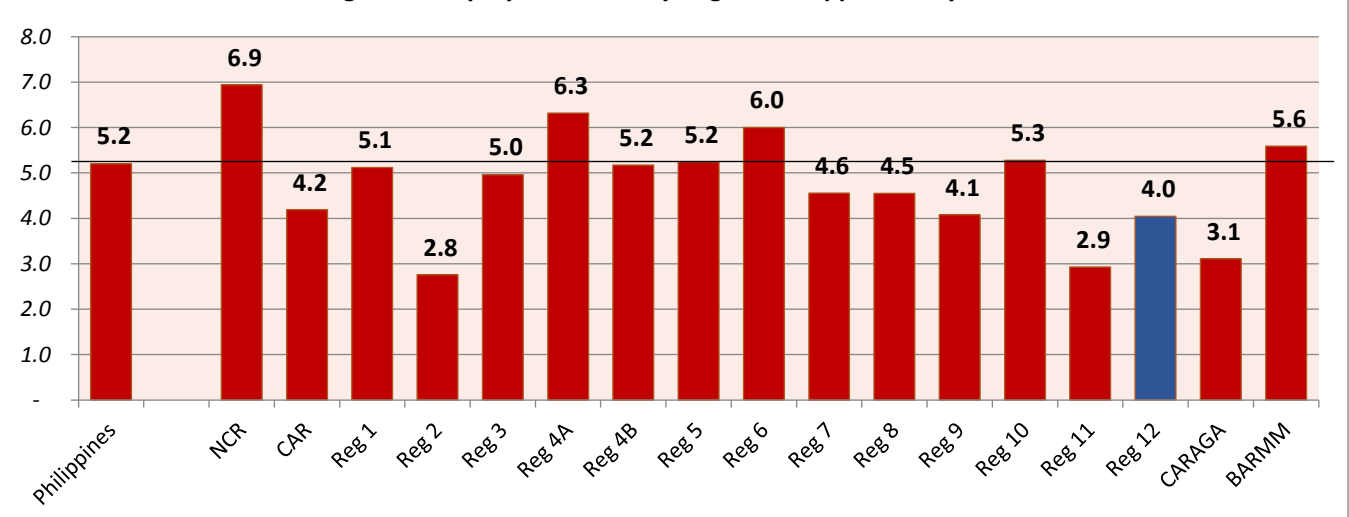
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**Fig 6. Total Unemployed Persons in SOCCSKSARGEN July 2021 and July 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Fig 7. Unemployment Rate by Region, Philippines: July 2022**

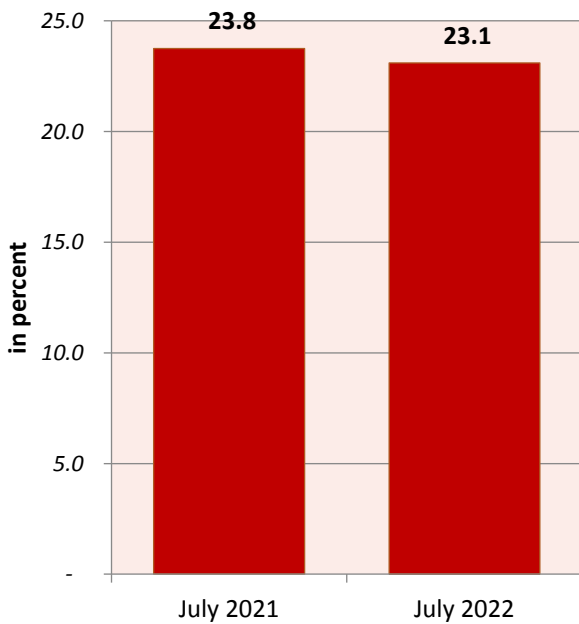


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## Underemployed Persons

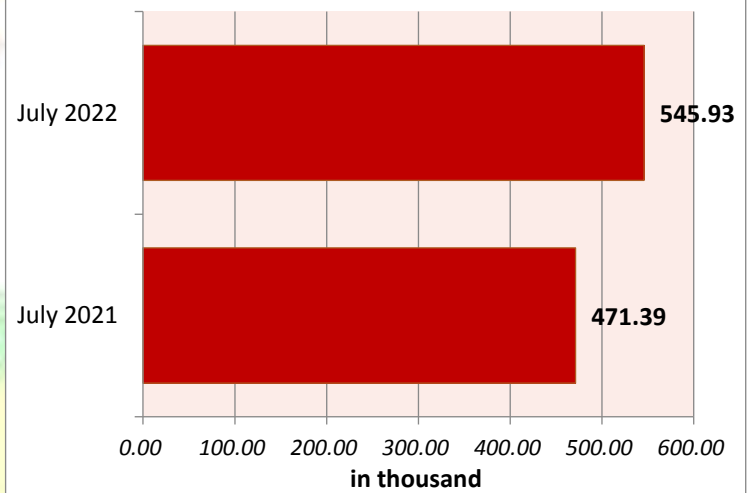
Underemployment rate was estimated at 23.1 percent, slightly lower compared to the 23.8 percent recorded in July of the previous year. This translated to an increase of 74.54 thousand persons from the 471.39 thousand recorded in July 2021. Underemployed persons are employed persons who express desire to have additional hours of work in their present job, or an additional job, or to have a new job with longer working hours.

**Fig 8. Underemployment Rate in SOCCSKSARGEN  
July 2021 and July 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Fig 9. Total Underemployed Persons in SOCCSKSARGEN  
July 2021 and July 2022**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority







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**Notes:**

- Details may not add up due to rounding.
- Based on the final results of the 2019 and 2020 April Round Labor Force Survey (LFS).

**Definition of Terms**

**Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** - refers to persons 15 years old and over who are either employed or unemployed.

**Population 15 Years Old and Over** - refers to number of population 15 years old and over excluding overseas workers.

**Employed** - Employed persons include all those who, during the reference period are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported either at work or with a job but not at work.

**Underemployed** – Underemployed persons include all 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.

**Unemployed** - Unemployed persons include all those who, during the reference period, are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and reported as: a) Without work, b) Currently available for work, and c) Seeking work.

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