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## Proportion of Economically Active Population Highest in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in January 2019

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Results of the January 2019 Round of the Quarterly Labor Force Survey (LFS) revealed that SOCCSKSARGEN, among the 17 regions in the country, had the highest proportion of economically active population in the ages 15 years old and over otherwise known as the labor force participation rate (LFPR). Of the estimated 3.2 million population 15 years old and over in the region during the period under review, about 63.3 percent comprised the employed and unemployed or the proportion classified as in the labor force. This was about 0.9 percentage points higher than the 62.4 percent recorded in January 2018. See *Table 1 and Table 2*.

Table 1. Total Population 15 Years Old and Over, Labor Force Participation Rate, Employment Rate, Unemployment Rate and Underemployment Rate, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: January 2018 and January 2019

	January 2019	January 2018
<b>Population 15 Years Old and Over (000)</b>	3,199	3,131
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate (%)</b>	63.3	62.4
<b>Employment Rate (%)</b>	95.4	96.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.6	3.8
<b>Underemployment Rate (%)</b>	22.9	17.9

Among the workforce in the region, 95.4 percent were employed in January 2019, lower by about 0.8 percentage points compared to 96.2 percent in January 2019.

In January 2019, more employed persons expressed their desire to have additional hours of work in their present job, or to have additional job, or to have a new job with longer working hours otherwise known as the underemployed. Underemployment rate in January 2019 was pegged at 22.9 percent, higher than the 17.9 percent recorded in January 2018.

Table 2. Total Population 15 Years Old and Over, Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment Rate, Unemployment Rate and underemployment Rate, by Region: January 2019

Region	Total Pop'n 15 Years Old and Over (000)	Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)	Employment Rate (ER)	Unemployment Rate	Underemployment Rate
Philippines	72,524	60.2	94.8	5.2	15.6



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Region	Total Pop'n 15 Years Old and Over (000)	Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)	Employment Rate (ER)	Unemployment Rate	Underemployment Rate
NCR	9,354	60.5	93.6	6.4	7.0
CAR	1,286	61.6	95.1	4.9	16.3
Region I	3,534	61.3	94.8	5.2	15.2
Region II	2,421	62.0	96.9	3.1	15.5
Region III	8,051	59.6	94.8	5.2	14.2
Region IV-A	10,269	63.1	93.9	6.1	12.9
MIMAROPA	2,135	59.8	95.3	4.7	21.1
Region V	4,203	55.9	94.5	5.5	23.9
Region VI	5,519	59.6	96.1	3.9	16.8
Region VII	5,387	63.1	94.8	5.2	18.4
Region VIII	3,206	58.9	94.8	5.2	24.5
Region IX	2,659	55.8	95.4	4.6	18.9
Region X	3,369	62.4	95.8	4.2	18.0
Region XI	3,558	60.2	95.5	4.5	14.6
Region XII	3,199	63.3	95.4	4.6	22.9
Region XIII	1,928	59.2	94.1	5.9	20.4
ARMM	2,447	47.7	93.7	6.3	4.0

In January 2019, Regions IV-A and VII were the next to have high LFPR at 63.1 percent each. Low LFPRs were posted in ARMM (47.7%), Region IX (55.8%), and in Region V (55.9%).

Among regions, employment rate was highest in Region II (96.9%), Region VI (96.1%), and Region X (95.8%). Lowest employment rates were recorded in NCR (93.6%), ARMM (93.7%), and Region IV-A (93.9%).

Underemployment rate was highest in Region VIII (24.5%), Region V (23.9%), and Region XII (22.9%). Lowest underemployment rate was recorded in ARMM (4.0%), NCR (7.0%), and Region IV-A (12.9%).

In the Philippines, among the three broad sectors, namely agriculture, industry and services; workers in the services shared the biggest proportion of the employed persons. Services had about three (3), with only one each from agriculture and industry; for every five (5) employed persons in the country.

Among the occupation groups, workers in elementary occupations had the largest proportion at 26.8 percent of the employed persons 15 years old and over. The same group dominated in January 2018 at 27.6 percent.

Employed persons fall into any of these class of workers: (1) wage and salary workers, (2) self-employed without any paid employee, (3) employers in own family-operated farm or business, and (4) unpaid family workers. Of the employed persons in January 2019, wage and salary workers had the largest proportion at 65.8 percent, with those





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who worked in the private establishments estimated to have the largest share; followed by self-employed without any paid employee at 26.2 percent; unpaid family workers at 4.7 percent; and employer in own family-operated farm or business at 3.3 percent.

Employed persons are also classified as either full-time or part-time workers. Full-time workers are those who worked for 40 hours or more during the reference week, while part-time workers are those who worked for less than 40 hours. In January 2019, 71.7 percent were considered full-time workers, an increase from 63.6 percent from a year ago. This resulted to a decrease in part-time workers from 35.2 percent in January 2018 to 27.7 percent in January 2019.

Average mean hours worked in one week also increased from only 40.6 hours in January 2018 to 43.2 hours in January 2019. See *Table 3*.

Table 3. Employed Persons 15 Years Old and Over by Sector, Occupation, Class of Worker, and Hours Worked, Philippines: January 2018 and January 2019

Sector / Occupation / Class of Worker / Hours Worked	January 2019	January 2018
<b>Employed Persons (Number in thousands)</b>	41,368	41,755
<b>Sector</b>	100.0	100.0
<b>Agriculture</b>	22.1	26.0
<b>Industry</b>	19.7	18.1
<b>Services</b>	58.1	55.9
<b>Occupation</b>	100.0	100.0
<b>Managers</b>	12.4	16.2
<b>Professionals</b>	5.6	5.3
<b>Technicians and associate professionals</b>	4.3	3.7
<b>Clerical support workers</b>	6.1	5.6
<b>Service and sales workers</b>	17.4	14.7
<b>Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishery workers</b>	11.2	13.1
<b>Craft and related trades workers</b>	8.3	7.1
<b>Plant and machine operators and assemblers</b>	7.6	6.4
<b>Elementary occupations</b>	26.8	27.6
<b>Armed forces occupations</b>	0.2	0.2
<b>Class of Worker</b>	100.0	100.0
<b>Wage and salary workers</b>	65.8	61.7
<b>Worked for private household</b>	4.8	4.6
<b>Worked for private establishment</b>	51.5	48.7
<b>Worked for government or government corporation</b>	9.1	8.1
<b>Worked with pay in own-family operated farm or business</b>	0.4	0.3
<b>Self-employed without any paid employee</b>	26.2	27.7
<b>Employer in own family-operated farm or business</b>	3.3	3.6
<b>Worked without pay in own family-operated farm or business (Unpaid family worker)</b>	4.7	6.9
<b>Hours Worked</b>	100.0	100.0
<b>Less than 40 hours</b>	27.7	35.2
<b>Worked 40 hours and over</b>	71.7	63.6
<b>With a job, not at work</b>	0.6	1.2
<b>Mean hours worked in one week</b>	43.2	40.6



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**Definition of Terms:**

**Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** - Percentage of the total number of persons in the labor force to the total population 15 years old and over.

**Employment Rate** – percentage of the total number of employed persons to the total number of persons in the labor force.

**Unemployment Rate**- Percentage of the total number of unemployed persons to the total number of persons in the labor force.

**Underemployment Rate** - Percentage of the total number of underemployed persons to the total number of employed persons.

**Employed Persons** – Persons in the labor force who were reported either as at work (according to the definition of work), or with a job or business although not at work. Persons at work are those who did some work, even for an hour, during the reference period.

Persons are also considered employed if they are with a job/business even though not at work during the reference period because of reasons such as temporary illness/injury, vacation or other leave of absence, bad weather, or strike/labor dispute.

**Occupation** – The specific kind of work a person does. If a person has a job but not at work such as one who is on leave or vacation, it is the kind of work he or she will be doing when he or she reports for work.

A person who is waiting for a new job to begin within two weeks from the date of interviewer's interview is also considered as a person who has a job but not at work and his or her occupation is the kind of job that he or she will be doing.

**Total Hours Worked** – The actual number of hours worked by a person in the primary job, or in the other job(s) or business that he or she held during the past week.

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