



## **OCTOBER 2019 EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN SOCCSKSARGEN REGION (Final Results)**

# **SPECIAL RELEASE**

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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.

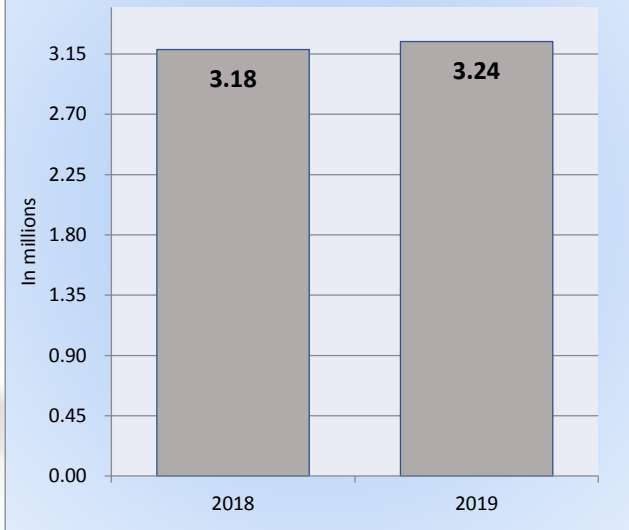
Specifically, the survey is designed to provide statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the country, as a whole, and for each of the administrative regions.

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

The population 15 years and over in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in October 2019 reached 3.24 million, about 60.1 thousand higher compared to previous year's 3.18 million. These constituted about 4.4 percent to the 73.53 million population 15 years old and over nationwide. The Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) rose from 1.98 million in October 2018 to about 2.04 million on the same month in 2019, an increase of 2.7 percent or about 52.73 thousand individuals added to the labor force recorded last year. LFPR in October 2019 was pegged at 62.7 percent, a little higher than the 62.3 percent recorded a year ago.

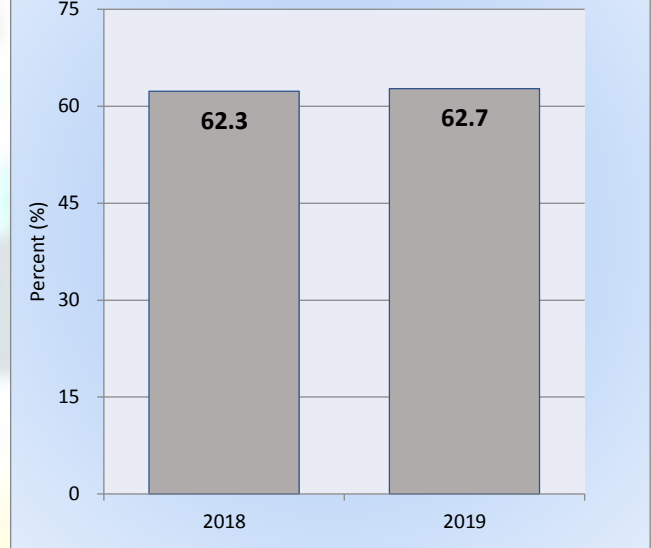


**Figure 1. Total Population 15 Years old and Over in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Figure 2. Labor Force Participation Rate in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**

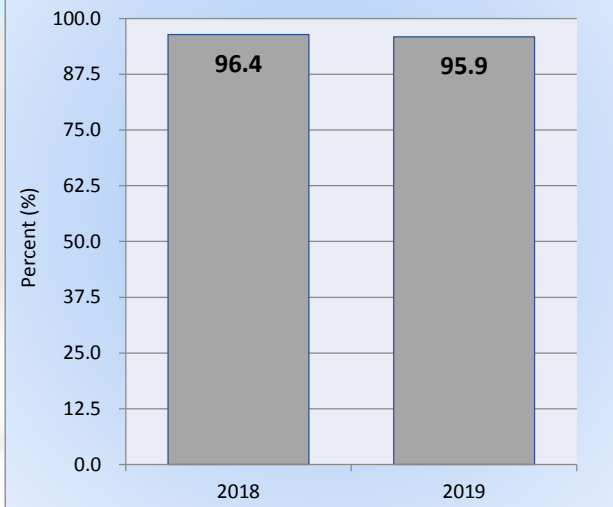


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## Employed Persons

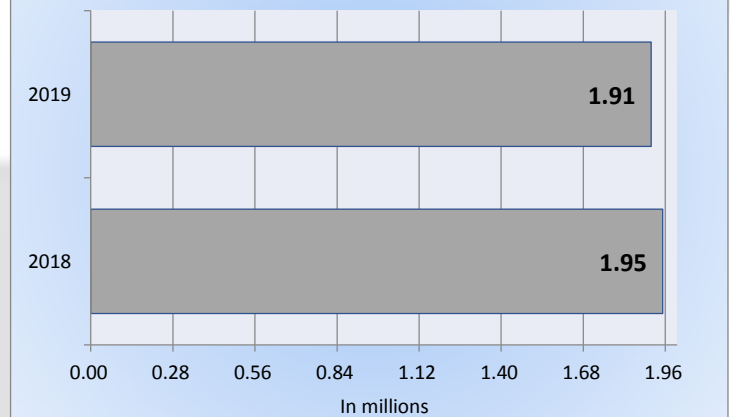
Of the total 2.04 million work force of SOCCSKSARGEN Region in October 2019, around 95.9 percent or roughly 1.95 million individuals were employed or at work. It has increased by about 39.89 thousand or 2.1 percent higher compared to the October 2018 estimates. In October 2019, employment rate was slightly lower compared to the 96.4 percent estimated in 2018.

**Figure 3. Employment Rate in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Figure 4. Total Employed Persons in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**

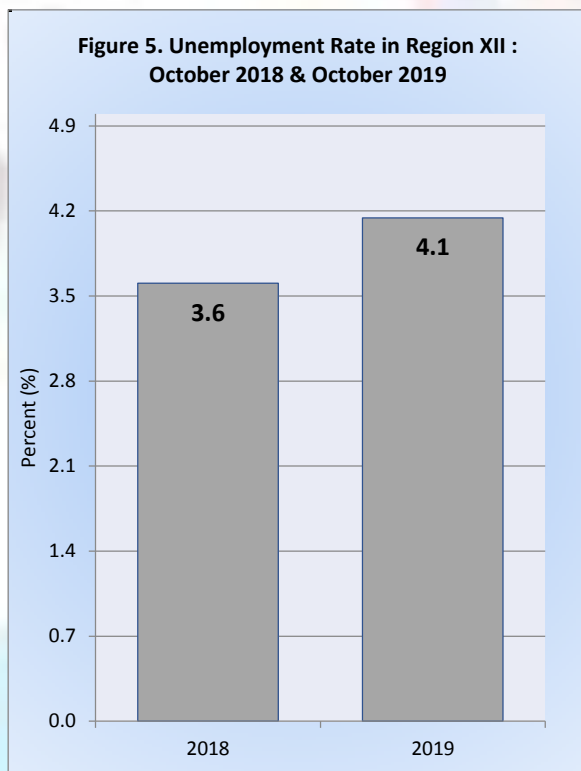


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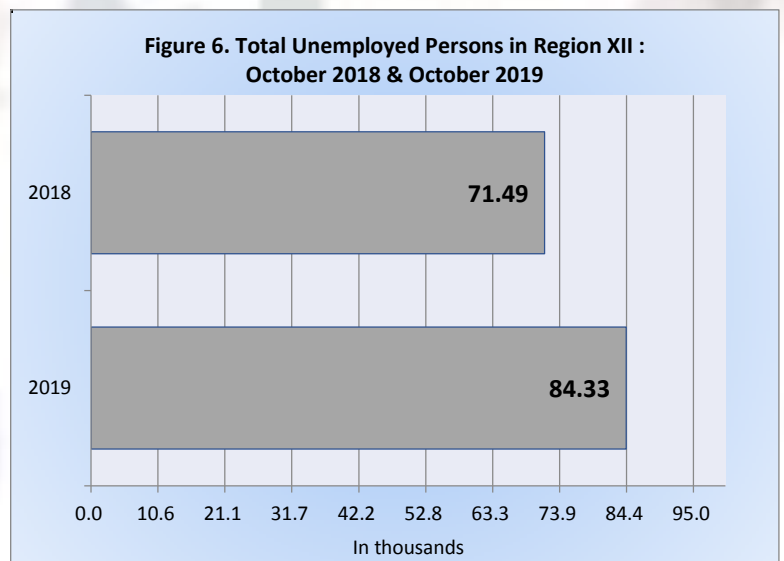


## Unemployed Persons

With over 2 million total work force on October 2019 in the region, the unemployed went up to 4.1 percent from 3.6 percent the previous year. This translated to about 84.33 thousand persons who were without work, seeking for work and/or currently available for work during the review period. Unemployed persons in October 2019 was 12.84 thousand persons higher than the previous estimates of roughly 71.49 thousand.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



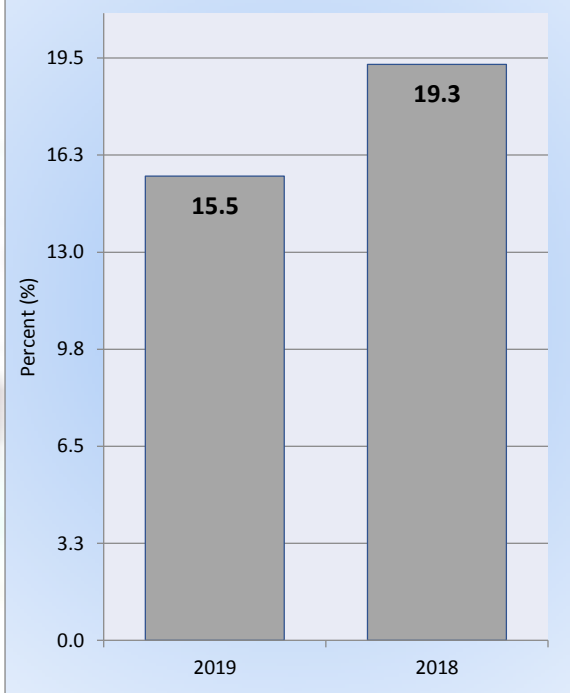
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## Underemployed Persons

Underemployment rate in October 2019 was estimated at 19.3 percent, higher than the 15.5 percent recorded the previous year. This represents an increase of 79.25 thousand persons from the 296.96 thousand recorded in October 2018. Underemployed persons are those 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.

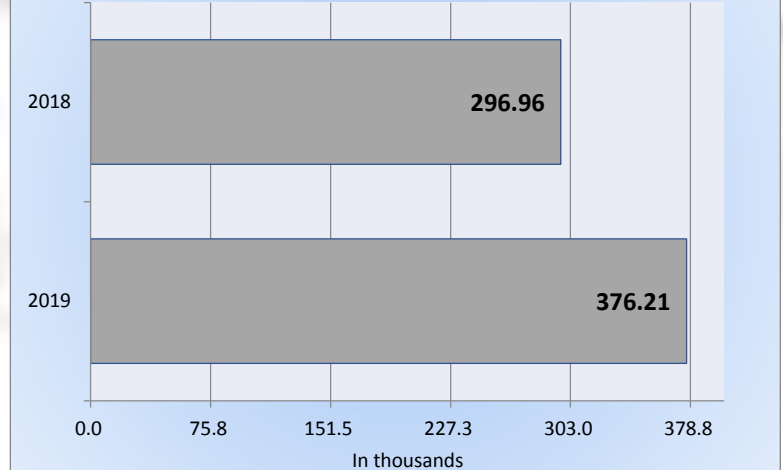


**Figure 7. Underemployment Rate in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Figure 8. Total Underemployed Persons in Region XII : October 2018 & October 2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Notes:**

- Details may not add up due to rounding.
- Based on the final results of the 2018 and 2019 October 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.



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