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## Ilocos Region's employment rate is 77.7 percent in April 2020

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The preliminary results of the April 2020 Labor Force Survey (LFS) posted an employment rate of 77.7 percent in Ilocos Region. The employment rate of the region is lower by 16.3 percentage points compared with the employment rate recorded in April 2019 at 94.0 percent.

### Employment Indicators, Philippines and Ilocos Region April 2019 and April 2020

Indicators	Philippines		Ilocos Region	
	April 2020	April 2019	April 2020	April 2019
Total Population 15 years Old and Over (in thousands)	73,722	71,776	3,554	3,476
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	55.6	61.3	60.8	59.7
Employment Rate (%)	82.3	94.9	77.7	94.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.7	5.1	22.3	6.0
Underemployment Rate (%)	18.9	13.4	20.7	20.0

Source: PSA, Apr 2019 and Apr 2020 LFS

Meanwhile, the employment rate of the country was recorded at 82.3 percent in April 2020. It was 12.6 percentage points lower compared to that of April 2019 at 94.9 percent. The April 2020 figure was higher by 4.6 percentage points compared with the employment rate of the region in the same period.

In terms of Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of Ilocos Region, it increased by 1.1 percentage points from 59.7 percent in April 2019 to 60.8 percent in April 2020. The country's LFPR in April 2020