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## Ilocos Region's employment rate is 88.9 percent in July 2020

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The preliminary results of the July 2020 Labor Force Survey (LFS) posted an employment rate of 88.9 percent in Ilocos Region. This was lower by 6.2 percentage points compared to the employment rate of the same quarter a year ago at 95.1 percent. The July 2020 employment rate went up by 11.2 percentage points compared to the record low of 77.7 percent in April 2020.

Table 1. Employment Indicators, Philippines and Ilocos Region  
July 2020, July 2019, and April 2020

Indicators	Philippines			Ilocos Region		
	Jul 2020 <sup>P</sup>	Jul 2019 <sup>R</sup>	Apr 2020 <sup>P</sup>	Jul 2020 <sup>P</sup>	Jul 2019 <sup>R</sup>	Apr 2020 <sup>P</sup>
Total Population 15 years Old and Over (in thousands)	74,061	72,446	73,722	3,540	3,512	3,554
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	61.9	62.1	55.6	64.7	62.3	60.8
Employment Rate (%)	90.0	94.6	82.3	88.9	95.1	77.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	5.4	17.7	11.1	4.9	22.3
Underemployment Rate (%)	17.3	13.6	18.9	15.8	15.1	20.7

Notes:

*P* Estimates are preliminary and may change.

*R* Revised estimates based on 2015 POPCEN-Based Population Projection

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

Meanwhile, the employment rate of the country was recorded at 90.0 percent in July 2020, an upturn of 7.7 percentage points from the employment rate recorded in April 2020 at 82.3 percent.

The July 2020 figure of the country was higher by 1.1 percentage points compared to the employment rate of the region in the same period.

In terms of Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of the region, it increased

