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Employment Situation of Ilocos Region in January 2019

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The Labor Force Survey (LFS) provides statistics on levels and trends of employment, unemployment and underemployment of the country and regions. It is used for the projection of future human resource and helps in the assessment of the potential human resource available for economic development.

In Ilocos Region, there were about 3,534 thousand population 15 years old and over in January 2019, an increase of 0.9 percent from 3,502 thousand persons 15 years old and over in the region in January 2018.

Employment Indicators

**Table 1. Employment Indicators, Philippines and Ilocos Region
January 2018 and January 2019**

Indicators	Philippines		Ilocos Region	
	January 2019	January 2018	January 2019	January 2018
Total Population 15 Years Old and Over (in Thousands)	72,524	70,897	3,534	3,502
Labor Force Participation Rate (in %)	60.2	62.2	61.3	63.3
Employment Rate (in %)	94.8	94.7	94.8	93.3
Unemployment Rate (in %)	5.2	5.3	5.2	6.7
Underemployment Rate (in %)	15.6	18.0	15.2	27.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), January 2018 and January 2019 LFS

Labor Force Participation Rate of Ilocos Region is 61.3 percent

- The result of the January 2019 LFS showed that the Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of Ilocos Region was estimated at 61.3 percent. The LFPR of the region in January 2019 was lower by 2.0 percentage points compared with the LFPR recorded in January 2018 at 63.3 percent.
- Similarly, the LFPR of the country decreased by 2.0 percentage points from 62.2 percent in January 2018 to 60.2 percent in January 2019.

Employment Rate of Ilocos Region increases by 1.5 percentage points

- The employment rate of the region in January 2019 was estimated at 94.8 percent. This is 1.5 percentage points higher compared with the employment rate recorded in January 2018 at 93.3 percent.
- The employment rate of the country in January 2019 at 94.8 percent was the same with the employment rate of Ilocos Region in the same period.
- Across regions, Ilocos Region ranked tenth highest in employment rate as shown in Figure 1. Cagayan Valley registered the highest employment rate at 96.9 percent followed by Western Visayas at 96.1 percent.

