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Ilocos Region's Employment Rate is 93.3 % in January 2018

The results of the January 2018 Labor Force Survey (LFS) showed an employment rate of 93.3 percent for Ilocos Region. This was 2 percent higher than the employment rate recorded in January 2017. When compared with that of the national figure, Ilocos Region's employment rate was lower by 1.4 percentage points. In terms of the labor force participation rate (LFPR), Ilocos Region posted an increase of 2.6 percentage points from 60.7 percent in January 2017 to 63.3 percent in January 2018. This was higher by 1.1 percentage points than the country's LFPR of 62.2 percent in January 2018.

Table 1. Employment Indicators, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018 and January 2017

INDICATORS	Philippines		Ilocos Region	
	January 2018	January 2017	January 2018	January 2017
Total Population 15 years Old and Over (in thousands)	70,897	69,414	3,502	3,453
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.2	60.7	63.3	60.7
Employment Rate	94.7	93.4	93.3	91.3
Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.6	6.7	8.7
Under-employment Rate	18.0	16.3	27.9	20.4

Source: PSA, January 2018 and January 2017 Labor Force Survey

The employment rate of the region together with CALABARZON was tagged as the second lowest employment rate among all the regions in January 2018, NCR posted the lowest employment rate at 92.2 percent. On the other hand, ARMM recorded the highest employment rate at 97.4 percent.

Meanwhile, Caraga posted an increase of 4.5 percentage points in their employment rate from 91.5 percent in January 2017 to 96.0 percent in January 2018. Among the regions, Central Visayas was the only region which posted a decrease in employment rate from 95.4 percent in January 2017 to 94.2 percent in January 2018.

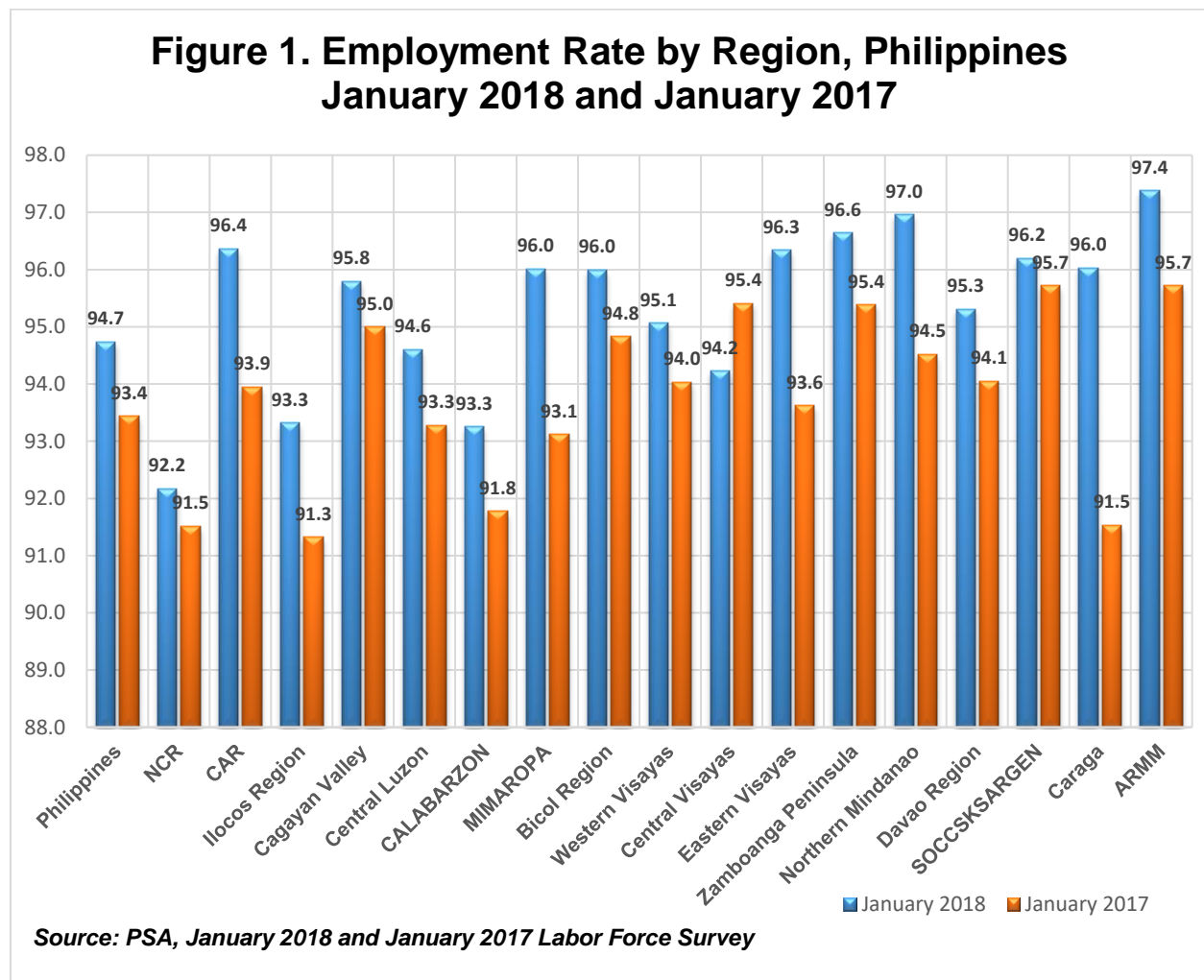
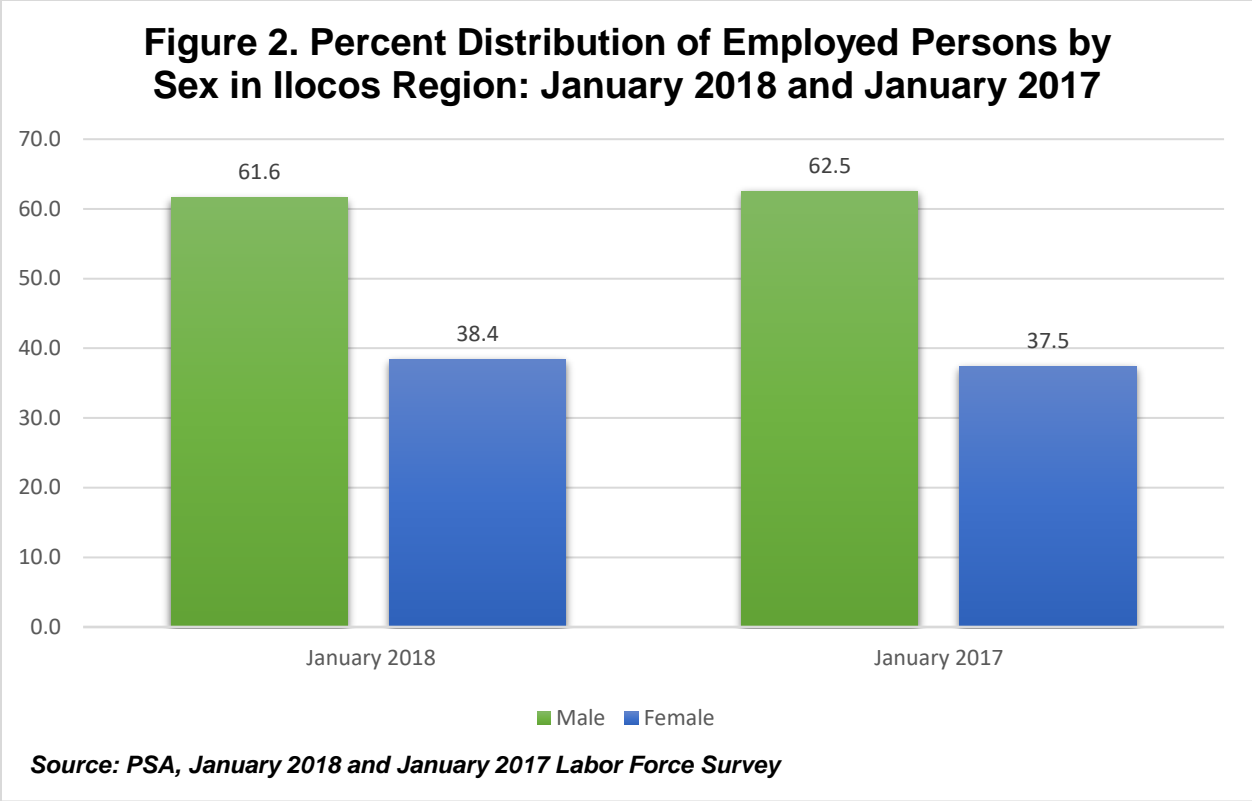


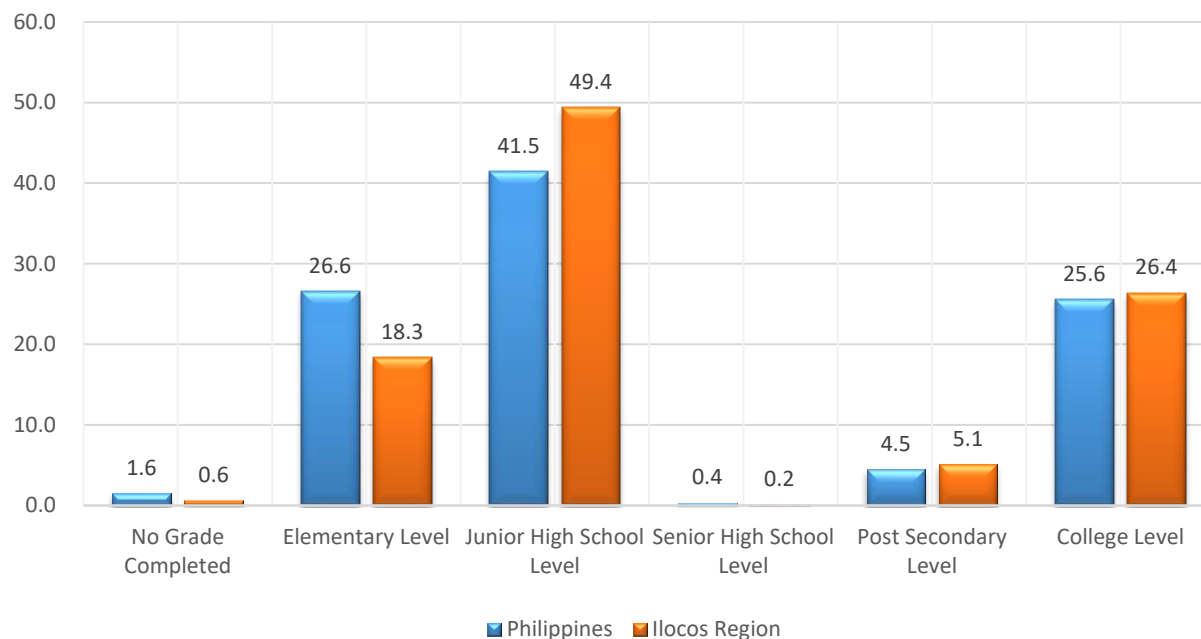
Figure 2 shows an increase of 0.9 percentage point in the number of employed females in Ilocos Region from 37.5 percent in January 2017 to 38.4 percent in January 2018. Around two for every three employed persons in Ilocos Region were males in January 2018.



It is manifested in Figure 3 that most of the employed persons in Ilocos Region were either in Junior High School level or graduate of Junior High School corresponding to 49.4 percent, similarly to country's figure at 41.5 percent. On the other hand, a small portion of employed persons were Senior High School level/graduate at 0.2 percent for Ilocos Region and 0.4 percent for the Philippines.

Meanwhile, 26.4 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region were College level/graduate which was higher by 0.8 percentage point than the 25.6 percent recorded for the whole country. For Post-Secondary level/graduate, 5.1 percent of the employed persons in the region were in this category which was higher by 0.6 percent compared to the country's figure posted at 4.5 percent. For Elementary level/graduate, 18.3 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region belong to this category which was lower by 8.3 percentage points compared to the country's figure at 26.6 percent. Lastly, 0.6 percent of the employed persons in the region did not have any formal education. This was lower by 1.0 percentage point than the 1.6 percent recorded for the country.

Figure 3. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Highest Grade Completed, Ilocos Region and Philippines: January 2018



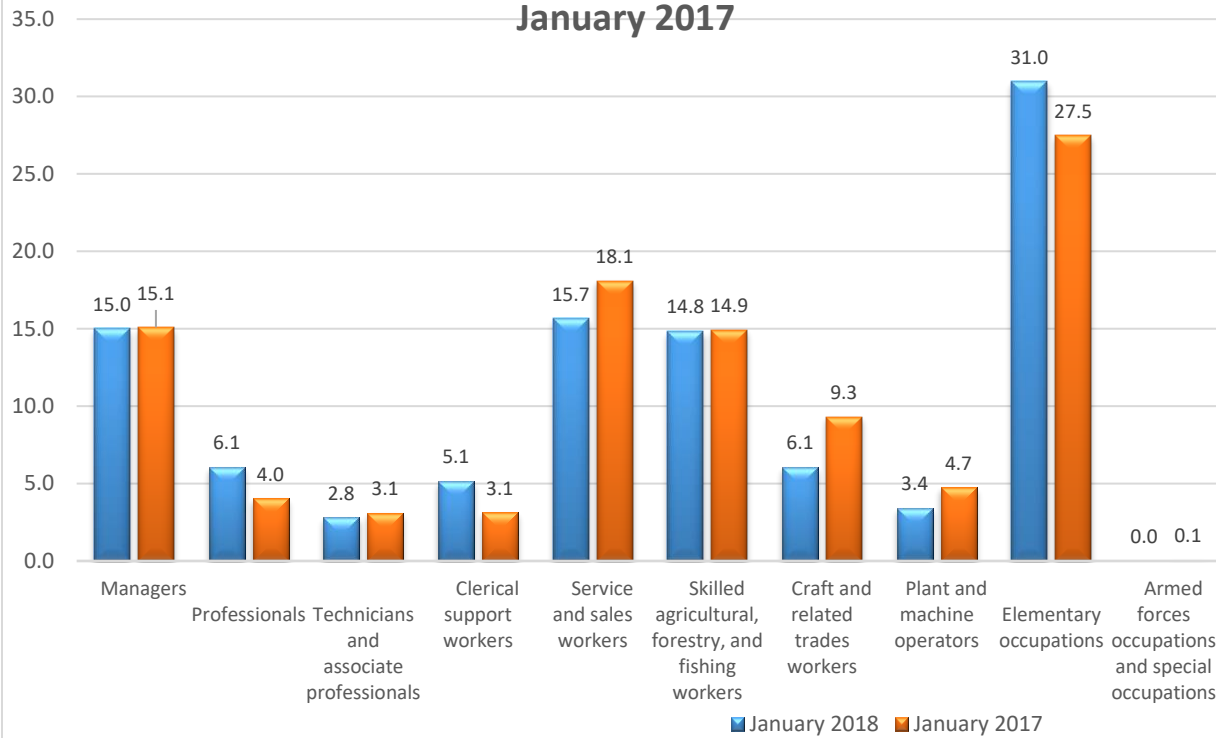
Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Among the various occupation groups, workers under elementary occupations comprised the biggest category making up 31.0 percent in January 2018 and 27.5 percent in January 2017. Followed by service and sales workers accounting to 15.7 percent in January 2018 and 18.1 percent in January 2017, respectively.

Managers was the third biggest occupation group with 15.0 percent in January 2018 and 15.1 percent in January 2017.

The smallest occupation group was the armed forces and special occupations at less than 0.1 percent for both January 2018 and January 2017.

Figure 4. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Major Occupation Group, Ilocos Region: January 2018 and January 2017



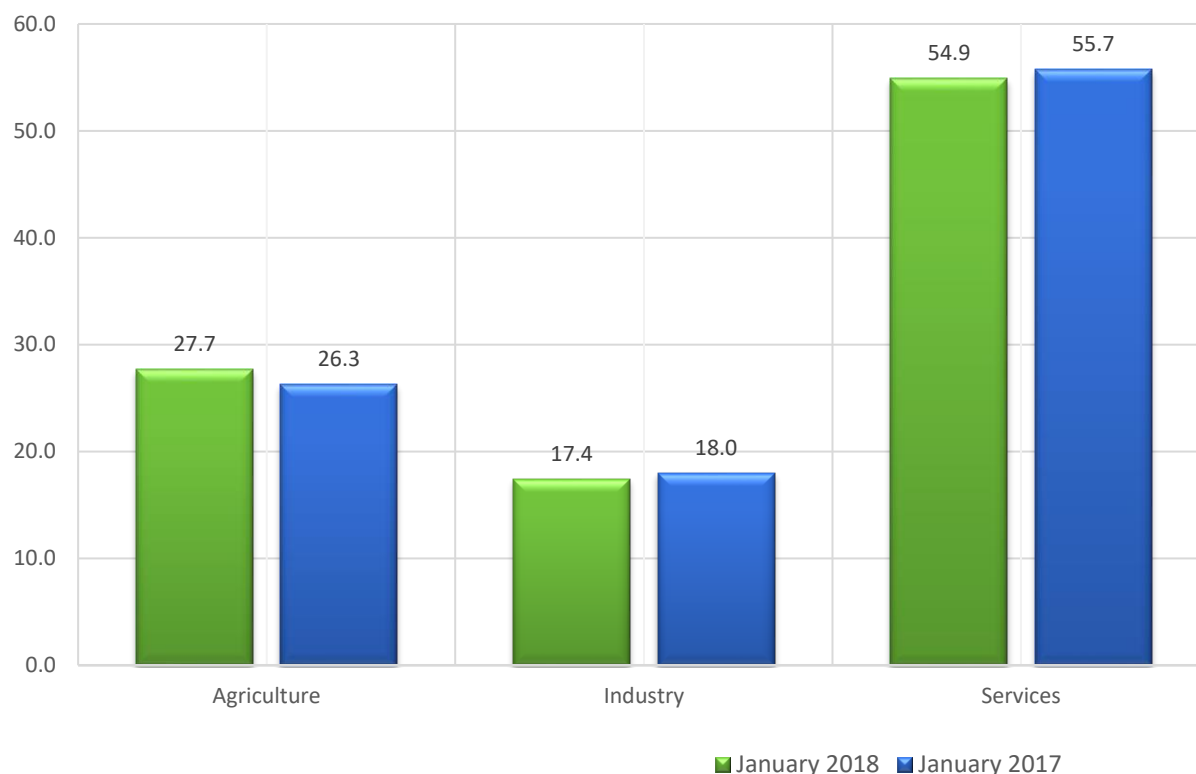
Source: PSA, January 2018 and January 2018 Labor Force Survey

In terms of percent distribution of employed persons by major industry, workers in the service sectors comprised the largest group, making up 54.9 percent and 55.7 percent of the total employed in Ilocos Region in January 2018 and January 2017, respectively.

This was followed by workers in agriculture sector with 27.7 percent and 26.3 percent in January 2018 and January 2017, respectively.

Meanwhile, workers in the industry sector made up 17.4 percent of the total employed persons in Ilocos Region in January 2018, and 18.0 percent in January 2017.

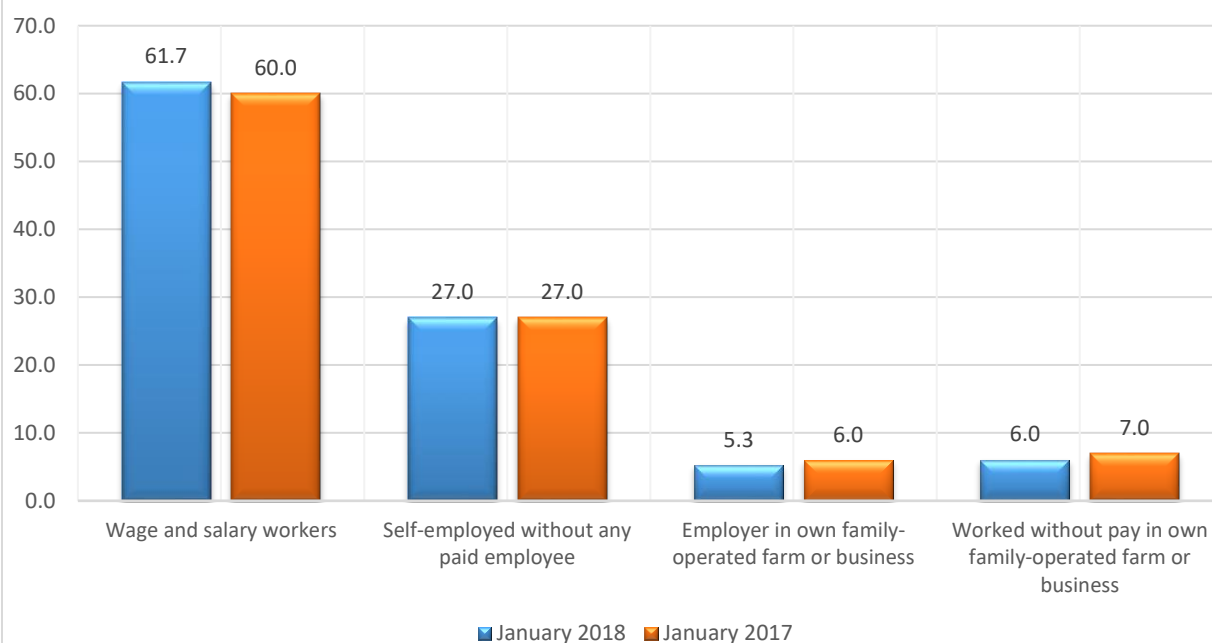
Figure 5. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Industry Group: Ilocos Region, January 2018 and January 2017



Source: PSA, January 2018 and January 2017 Labor Force Survey

About 61.7 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region were wage and salary workers in January 2018. This figure was higher by 1.7 percentage points compared to the estimate in January 2017 with 60.0 percent. Self-employed without any paid employee ranked second with 27.0 percent both in January 2018 and January 2017. Employer in own family-operated farm or business recorded 5.3 percent in January 2018 which was lower by 0.7 percentage point as comprised to January 2017 at 6.0 percent. Unpaid workers recorded 6.0 percent in January 2018 which was lower by 1.0 percentage point compared to that in January 2017 at 7.0 percent.

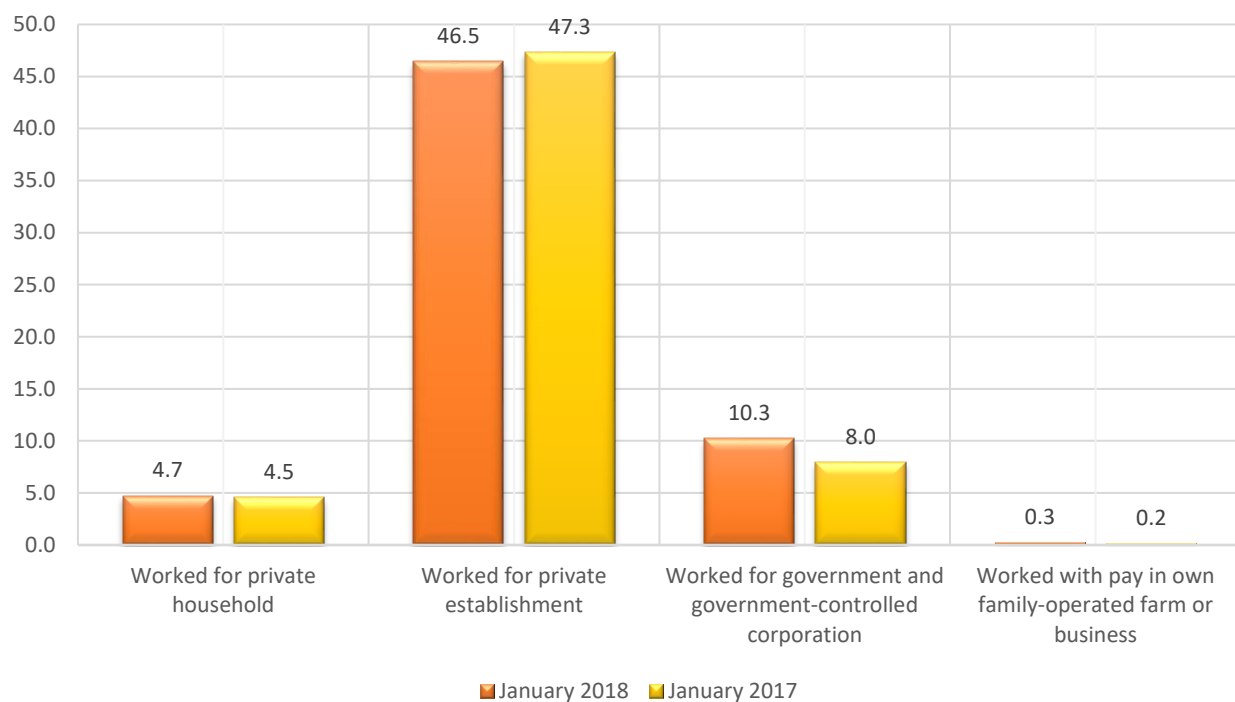
Figure 6. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Class of Workers, Ilocos Region: January 2018 and January 2017



Source: PSA, January 2018 and January 2017 Labor Force Survey

For wage and salary workers, those who worked in private establishments comprised the biggest group with 46.5 percent in January 2018, which was lower by 0.8 percentage point compared to January 2017 at 47.3 percent. Employed persons in government and government-controlled corporation shared 10.3 percent in January 2018, higher by 2.3 percentage points compared to 8.0 percent in January 2017. On the other hand, the proportion of individuals who worked for private households was 4.7 percent in January 2018, higher by 0.2 percentage point in January 2017 at 4.5 percent. The smallest group with 0.3 and 0.2 percent in January 2018 and January 2017, respectively was those who worked with pay in own family-operated farm or business.

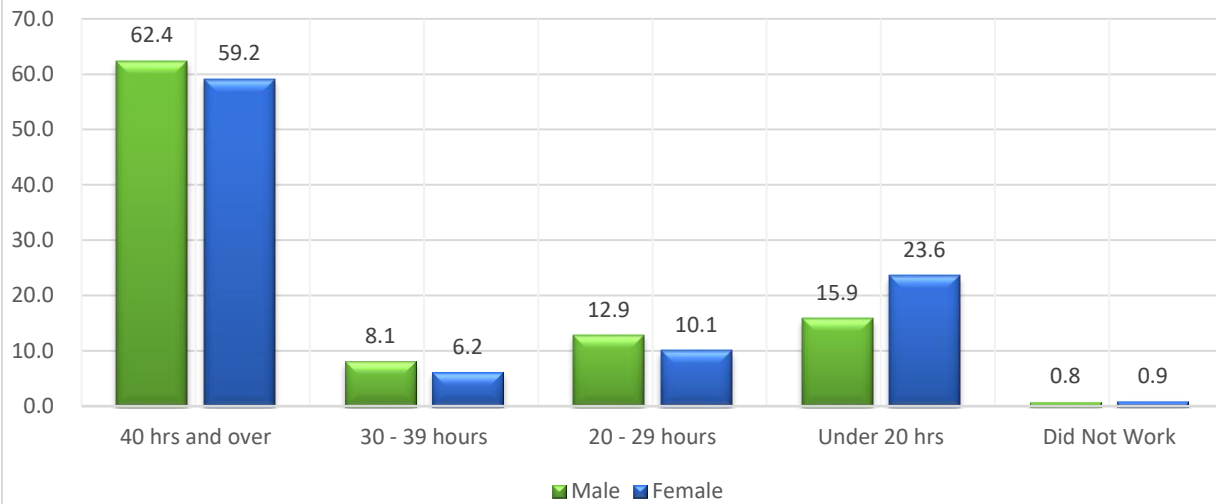
Figure 6a. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons under Wage and Salary Workers, Ilocos Region: January 2018 and January 2017



Source: PSA, January 2018 and January 2017 Labor Force Survey

Figure 7 shows that most of the employed persons in Ilocos Region for both sexes worked at least 40 hours a week with 62.4 percent for males and 59.2 percent for females. This was followed by those who worked under 20 hours for both sexes with 15.9 percent for males and 23.6 for females. For employed persons who worked 20 to 29 hours, 12.9 percent were males and 10.1 were females. For employed persons who worked 30 to 39 hours, 8.1 percent were males and 6.2 were females. And the least of the group, 0.8 percent of males and 0.9 of females were not engaged in any work during the reference period.

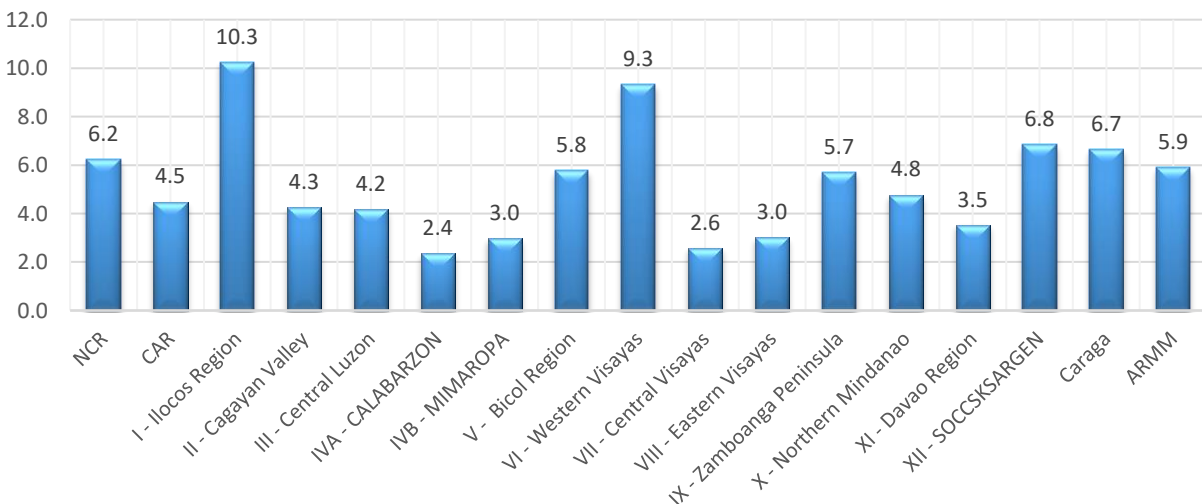
Figure 7. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Total Hours Worked by Sex in Ilocos Region: January 2018



Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

In terms of job hunting, Ilocos Region recorded the highest duration of unemployed persons looking for work with an average of 10.3 weeks before landing in a job or stopped looking for a job. On the other hand, the shortest duration that unemployed persons looked for work was in CALABARZON with an average of 2.4 weeks.

Figure 8. Mean Number of Weeks Looking for Work by Region, Philippines: January 2018



Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 2. Population 15 Years Old and Over, Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment Rates by Region and Philippines: January 2018

Philippines, Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Under Employment Rate
Philippines	70,897	62.17	94.7	5.3	18.0
NCR	9,142	60.62	92.2	7.8	7.2
CAR	1,264	62.19	96.4	3.6	14.8
Ilocos Region	3,502	63.29	93.3	6.7	27.9
Cagayan Valley	2,389	65.30	95.8	4.2	24.8
Central Luzon	7,853	60.73	94.6	5.4	11.5
CALABARZON	9,973	62.92	93.3	6.7	13.1
MIMAROPA	2,077	65.94	96.0	4.0	22.4
Bicol Region	4,079	61.98	96.0	4.0	33.8
Western Visayas	5,439	61.97	95.1	4.9	22.9
Central Visayas	5,280	63.15	94.2	5.8	24.4
Eastern Visayas	3,137	61.60	96.3	3.7	19.4
Zamboanga Peninsula	2,609	59.34	96.6	3.4	16.1
Northern Mindanao	3,301	72.03	97.0	3.0	21.0
Davao Region	3,479	62.17	95.3	4.7	17.8
SOCCSKSARGEN	3,131	62.41	96.2	3.8	17.9
Caraga	1,875	67.06	96.0	4.0	24.7
ARMM	2,369	46.11	97.4	2.6	8.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 3. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Highest Grade Completed and Sex, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018

Region and Sex	Total	Highest Grade Completed										
		No Grade Completed	Elementary*		Junior High School		Senior High School		Post Secondary		College	
			Under-grad	Grad	Under-grad	Grad	Under-grad	Grad	Under-grad	Grad	Under-grad	Grad**
Philippines (Number in thousands)	41,755	650	5,934	5,167	5,283	12,027	136	10	195	1,680	4,262	6,411
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	61.7	64.4	73.6	67.1	67.9	62.7	57.9	86.1	63.5	51.7	57.6	44.2
Female	38.3	35.6	26.4	32.9	32.1	37.3	42.1	13.9	36.5	48.3	42.4	55.8
Ilocos Region (Number in thousands)	2,068	12	136	243	233	788	3	-	3	103	198	348
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	61.6	62.0	63.5	63.3	73.2	65.3	79.6	-	37.4	45.2	55.6	51.7
Female	38.4	38.0	36.5	36.7	26.8	34.7	20.4	-	62.6	54.8	44.4	48.3

Notes: * Includes SPED.

** Includes post baccalaureate undergraduates and graduates.

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 4. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Major Occupation Group, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018

Region and Major Occupation Group	Total	Male	Female
Philippines (Number in thousands)	41,755	25,760	15,995
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Managers	16.2	12.6	22.1
Professionals	5.3	3.1	8.7
Technicians and associate professionals	3.7	3.1	4.5
Clerical support workers	5.6	3.6	8.9
Service and sales workers	14.7	11.2	20.4
Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishing workers	13.1	17.5	6.1
Craft and related trades workers	7.1	9.9	2.6
Plant and machine operators	6.4	9.2	1.7
Elementary occupations	27.6	29.4	24.8
Armed forces occupations and special occupations	0.2	0.3	0.0
Ilocos Region (Number in thousands)	2,068	1,274	795
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Managers	15.0	10.8	21.8
Professionals	6.1	3.8	9.6
Technicians and associate professionals	2.8	2.6	3.2
Clerical support workers	5.1	4.0	7.1
Service and sales workers	15.7	11.0	23.1
Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishing workers	14.8	19.1	8.0
Craft and related trades workers	6.1	8.9	1.4
Plant and machine operators	3.4	5.6	-
Elementary occupations	31.0	34.2	25.8
Armed forces occupations and special occupations	0.0	0.0	-

Notes: 0.0 - Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 5. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Major Industry Group, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018.

Region and Major Industry Group	Total	Male	Female
Philippines (Number in thousands)	41,755	25,760	15,995
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	23.6	28.5	15.7
Fishing and aquaculture	2.5	3.7	0.4
Mining and quarrying	0.5	0.8	0.1
Manufacturing	8.5	8.3	8.7
Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply	0.2	0.3	0.1
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.1	0.1	0.1
Construction	8.7	13.9	0.4
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	19.8	12.4	31.8
Transportation and storage	7.9	12.5	0.6
Accommodation and food service activities	4.1	3.0	5.9
Information and communication	0.9	0.9	0.8
Financial and insurance activities	1.2	0.8	1.8
Real estate activities	0.5	0.4	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.5	0.4	0.7
Administrative and support service activities	3.8	3.9	3.7
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	5.8	4.9	7.2
Education	2.8	1.2	5.5
Human health and social work activities	1.2	0.7	1.9
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	0.9	0.8	1.0
Other service activities	6.5	2.5	12.9
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods -and services–producing activities of households for own use	0.0	0.0	-
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ilocos Region (Number in thousands)	2,068	1,274	795
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	25.9	31.1	17.5
Fishing and aquaculture	1.8	2.8	0.3
Mining and quarrying	0.2	0.4	-
Manufacturing	5.7	6.5	4.4
Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply	0.1	0.0	0.1
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	11.2	18.2	-
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	19.1	10.3	33.1
Transportation and storage	6.2	10.1	-
Accommodation and food service activities	3.9	2.9	5.6

Table 5. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Major Industry Group, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018.

Region and Major Industry Group	Total	Male	Female
Information and communication	0.5	0.7	0.2
Financial and insurance activities	1.5	1.2	2.0
Real estate activities	0.2	0.2	0.2
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.5	0.5	0.4
Administrative and support service activities	2.0	1.9	2.3
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	6.5	5.6	7.9
Education	4.0	2.1	7.1
Human health and social work activities	1.3	1.1	1.7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1.6	1.7	1.5
Other service activities	7.6	2.6	15.7
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods -and services–producing activities of households for own use	-	-	-
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-

Notes: 0.0 - Less than 0.05 percent

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 6. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Class of Worker, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018

Region and Class of Worker	Total	Male	Female
Philippines (Numbers in thousands)	41,755	25,760	15,995
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wage and salary workers	61.7	63.8	58.4
Worked for private household	4.6	1.1	10.2
Worked for private establishment	48.7	56.4	36.2
Worked for government and government-controlled corporation	8.1	5.9	11.7
Worked with pay in own family-operated farm or business	0.3	0.3	0.3
Self-employed without any paid employee	27.7	27.3	28.5
Employer in own family-operated farm or business	3.6	4.3	2.5
Worked without pay in own family-operated farm or business	6.9	4.7	10.6
Ilocos Region (Number in thousands)	2,068	1,274	795
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wage and salary workers	61.7	65.2	56.2
Worked for private household	4.7	1.0	10.7
Worked for private establishment	46.5	56.4	30.5
Worked for government and government-controlled corporation	10.3	7.3	15.0
Worked with pay in own family-operated farm or business	0.3	0.4	-
Self-employed without any paid employee	27.0	24.0	31.7
Employer in own family-operated farm or business	5.3	6.4	3.4
Worked without pay in own family-operated farm or business	6.0	4.4	8.6

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 7. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Total Hours Worked by Sex, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018

Region and Sex	Total	Did Not Work	Total Hours Worked				Mean Hours Worked
			Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 and over	
Philippines (Numbers in thousands)	41,755	512	6,443	4,225	4,023	26,552	40.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Male	61.7	62.5	54.6	64.5	69.8	61.7	40.4
Female	38.3	37.5	45.4	35.5	30.2	38.3	41.0
Ilocos Region (Numbers in thousands)	2,068	17	390	244	152	1,265	39.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Male	61.6	57.9	51.8	67.1	67.7	62.8	39.2
Female	38.4	42.1	48.2	32.9	32.3	37.2	39.8

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

Table 8. Percent Distribution of Unemployed Persons Looking for Work by Number of Weeks Looking for Work, Philippines and Ilocos Region: January 2018

Sex and Region	Total	Number of Weeks Looking for Work				Mean Number of Weeks Looking for Work
		Less than 4	4 - 9	10 - 19	20 and over	
Philippines (Numbers in thousands)	1,027	642	272	67	47	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Male	58.4	59.5	59.8	49.7	47.7	4.4
Female	41.6	40.5	40.2	50.3	52.3	5.9
Ilocos Region (Percent Share to National)	7.2	6.2	8.2	3.4	19.7	10.3

Source: PSA, January 2018 Labor Force Survey

TECHNICAL NOTES

- Starting July 2003, the Labor Force Survey (LFS) adopted the 2003 Master Sample Design, with a sample size of approximately 50,000 households.
- Starting in the January 2012 LFS, the codes for industry adopted the 2009 Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC). Prior to this, codes for industry used the 1994 PSIC.

- Starting in the January 2012 LFS, more detailed categories for highest grade completed used in the 2010 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) were also adopted.
- Starting in the January 2012 LFS, a question on whether a household member is a graduate of a technical vocational course was asked for each person 15 years or older.
- Starting April 2005, the new unemployment definition was adopted per NSCB Resolution Number 15 dated October 20, 2004. As indicated in the said resolution, the unemployed include all persons who are 15 years and over as of their last birthday and are reported as: (1) without work and currently available for work and seeking work; or (2) without work and currently available for work but not seeking work for the following reasons:
 1. Tired/believed no work available
 2. Awaiting results of previous job application
 3. Temporary illness/disability
 4. Bad weather
 5. Waiting for rehire/job recall
- Starting with the January 2007 LFS round, the population projections based on the 2000 Census of Population and Housing was adopted to generate the labor force statistics. This is in compliance with NSCB Resolution No. 1 series of 2005 entitled “*Adoption of the Methodology Used in Generating the 2000 Census of Population and Housing-Based National Population Projections*”.
- The 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was adopted starting April 2016.


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