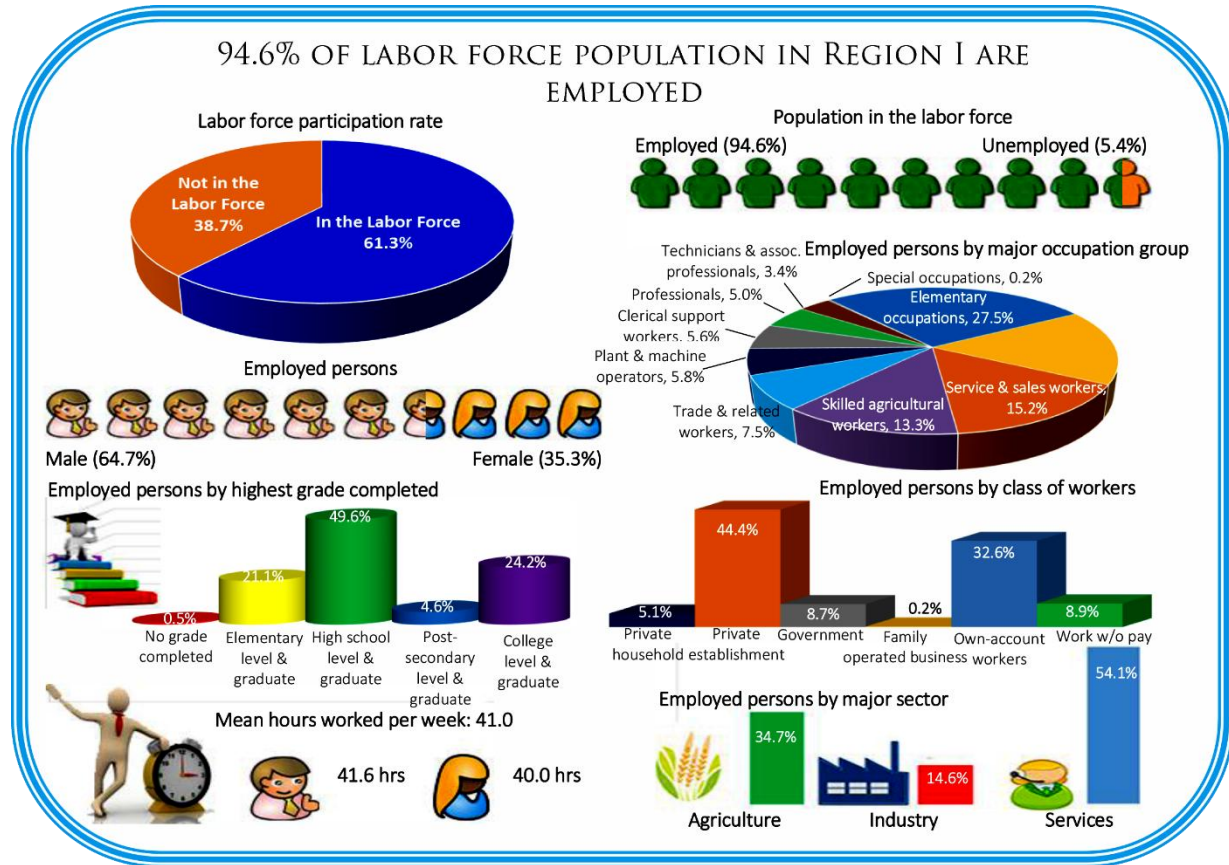




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The results of the October 2016 Labor Force Survey (LFS) revealed an employment rate of 94.6 percent for Ilocos Region. This was 3.1 percentage points higher than the 91.5 percent employment rate recorded in October 2015. The employment rate of the region was fourth among the lowest across the 18 regions with Central Luzon, NCR, and CALABARZON with 94.3, 94.0 and 93.9 employment rates, respectively. When compared with that of the national figure, Ilocos region employment rate was lower by 0.7 percentage point. In terms of the labor force participation rate (LFPR), Ilocos Region posted a decrease of 0.9 percentage point from 62.2 percent in October 2015 to 61.3 percent in October 2016. This was lower than the country's LFPR of 63.6 percent in October 2016.

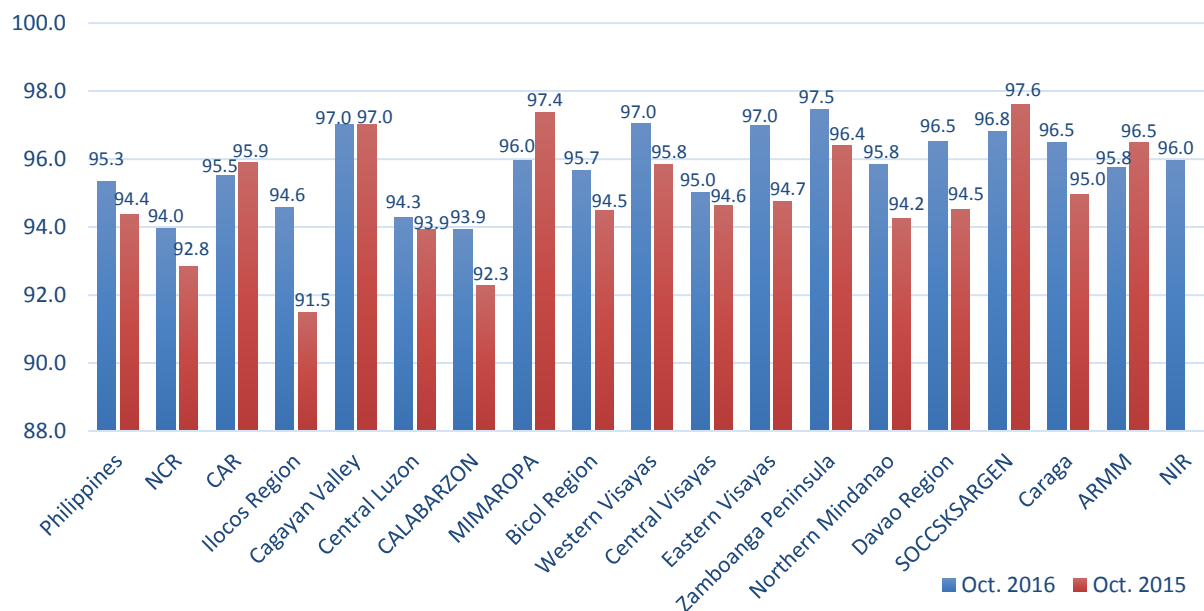
Table 1. Employment Indicators, Philippines and Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015

INDICATORS	Philippines		Region 1	
	October 2016	October 2015	October 2016	October 2015
Population 15 years and over (in 000)	68,743	66,622	3,427	3,584
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.6	63.3	61.3	62.2
Employment Rate (%)	95.3	94.4	94.6	91.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.6	5.4	8.5

Source: PSA, October 2016 and October 2015 Labor Force Survey

Among the 18 regions CALABARZON (Region IV-A) recorded the lowest employment rate at 93.9 percent in October 2016. On the other hand, Zamboanga Peninsula (Region IX) had the highest employment rate at 97.5 percent. Meanwhile, the employment rate of National Capital Region (NCR) was the next lowest employment rate among the 18 regions for the period October 2016 at 94.0 percent. Meanwhile, Ilocos Region had the lowest employment rate at 91.5 percent in October 2015.

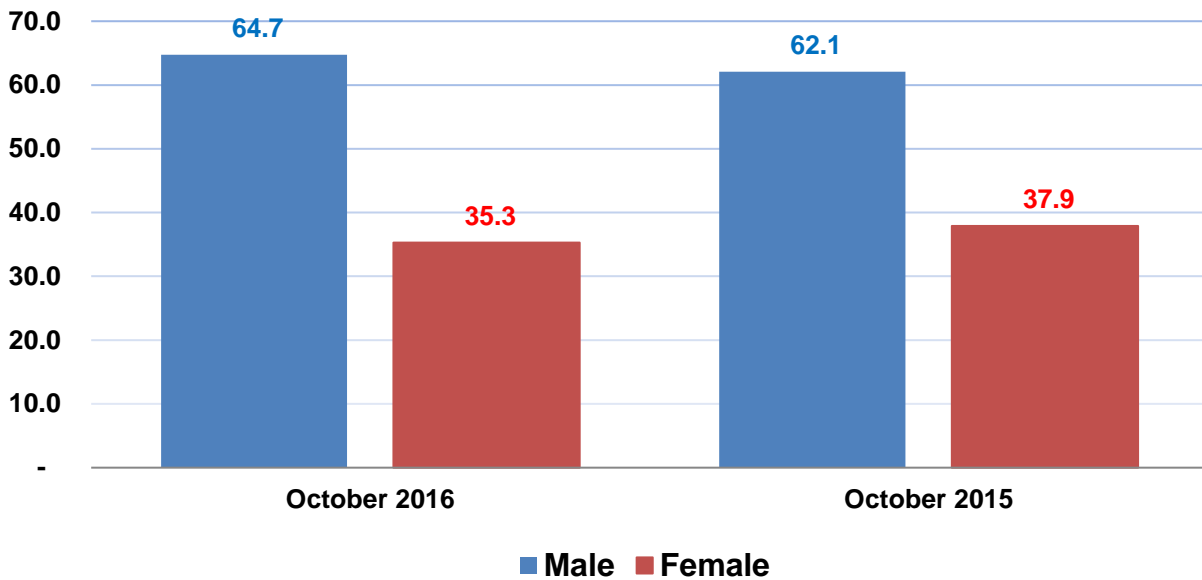
Figure 1. Employment Rate by Region, Philippines: October 2016 and October 2015



Source: PSA, October 2016 and October 2015 Labor Force Survey

There was an increase of 2.6 percentage points in the percentage of employed males in Ilocos Region from 62.1 percent in October 2015 to 64.7 percent in October 2016. On the other hand, a decrease of 2.6 percentage points was recorded among the employed females, from 37.9 percent in October 2015 to 35.3 percent in October 2016.

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex, Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015



Source: PSA, October 2016 & October 2015 Labor Force Survey

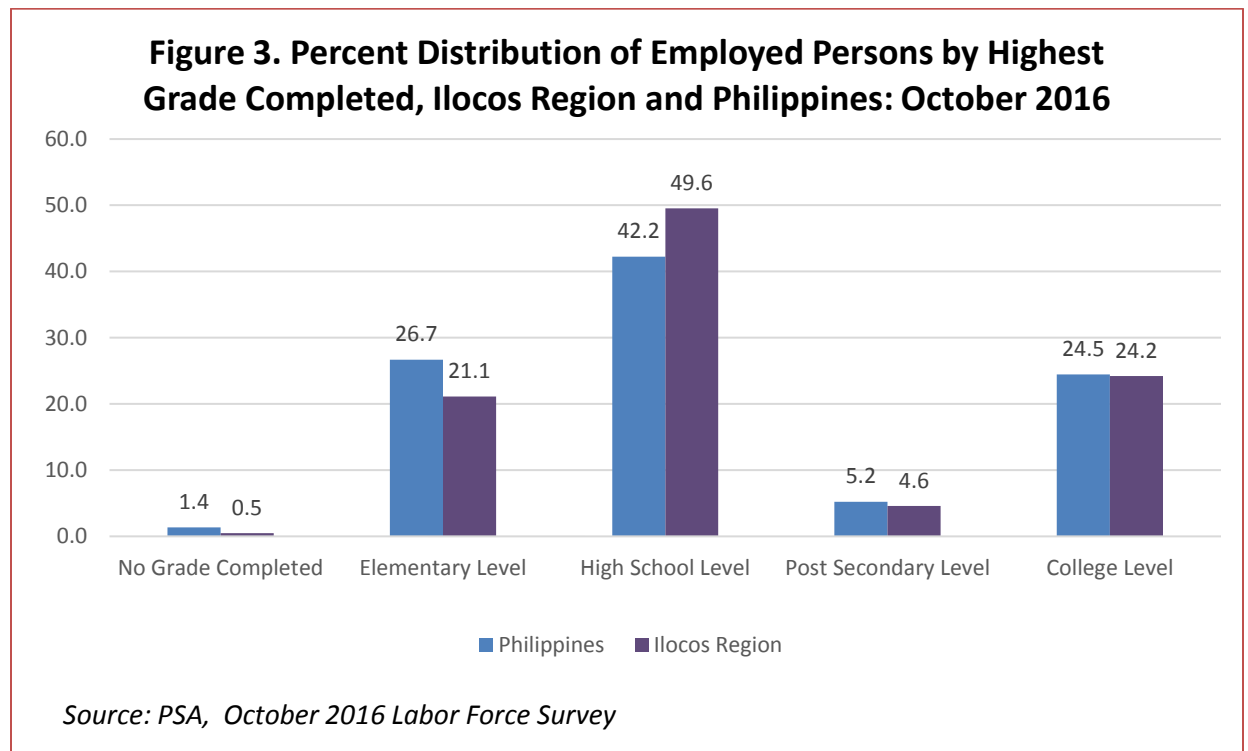
By education, 49.6 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region attained high school, which was higher by 7.4 percentage points than the 42.2 percent recorded for the whole country.

About 24.2 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region reached college level, which was lower by 0.3 percentage point from the national figure of 24.5 percent in October 2016.

On the other hand, about 4.6 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region attained post-secondary level, which was 0.6 percentage point lower than the 5.2 percent recorded for the whole country during the said period

About 21.1 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region attained elementary level, lower by 5.6 percentage points with that of the Philippines, which was posted at 26.7 percent.

The percentage of employed persons in Ilocos Region with no grade completed was only 0.5 percent, lower by 0.9 percentage point as compared to the 1.4 percent recorded for the Philippines.

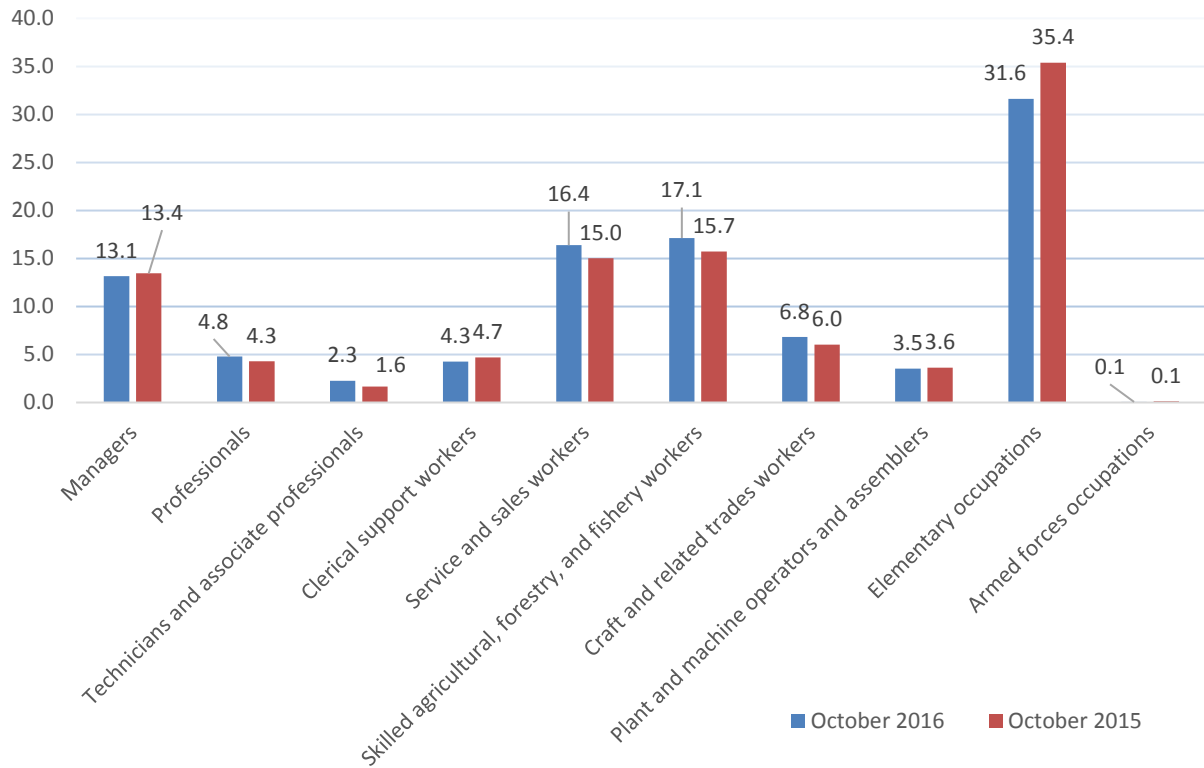


Among the various occupation groups, the workers under elementary occupations comprised the biggest group making up 31.6 percent in October 2016 and 35.4 percent in October 2015, respectively.

Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers made up the second largest occupation group in Ilocos Region accounting for 17.1 percent in October 2016 and 15.7 percent in October 2015.

The service and sales workers category was the now the third biggest occupation group with 16.4 percent in October 2016 and likewise in October 2015 with 15.0 percent. Meanwhile, officials of the government and special interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors and supervisors was the fourth largest group in October 2016 and in October 2015 with 13.1 and 13.4 percent, respectively.

Figure 4. Percent Distribution of Employed Person by Occupation Group, Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015

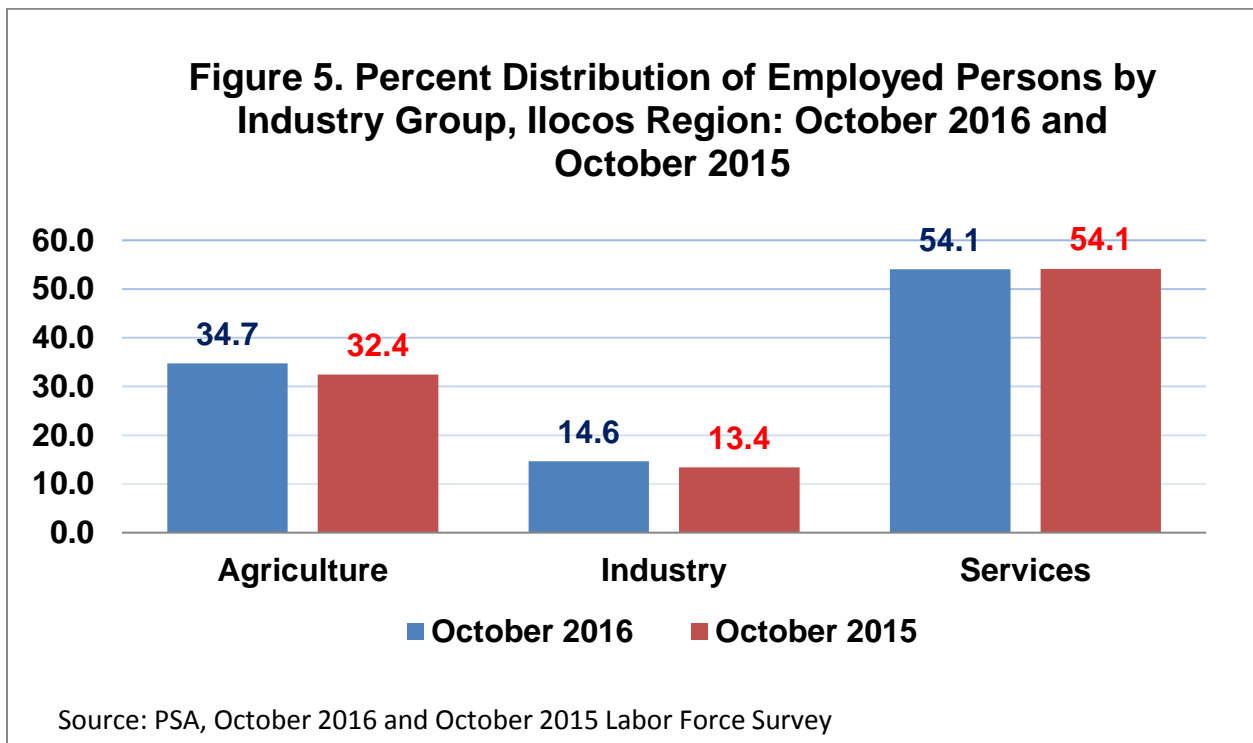


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In terms of percent distribution of employed persons by major industry, workers in the services sector accounted the largest group, making up 54.1 percent percent of the total employed in Ilocos Region both in October 2016 and October 2015.

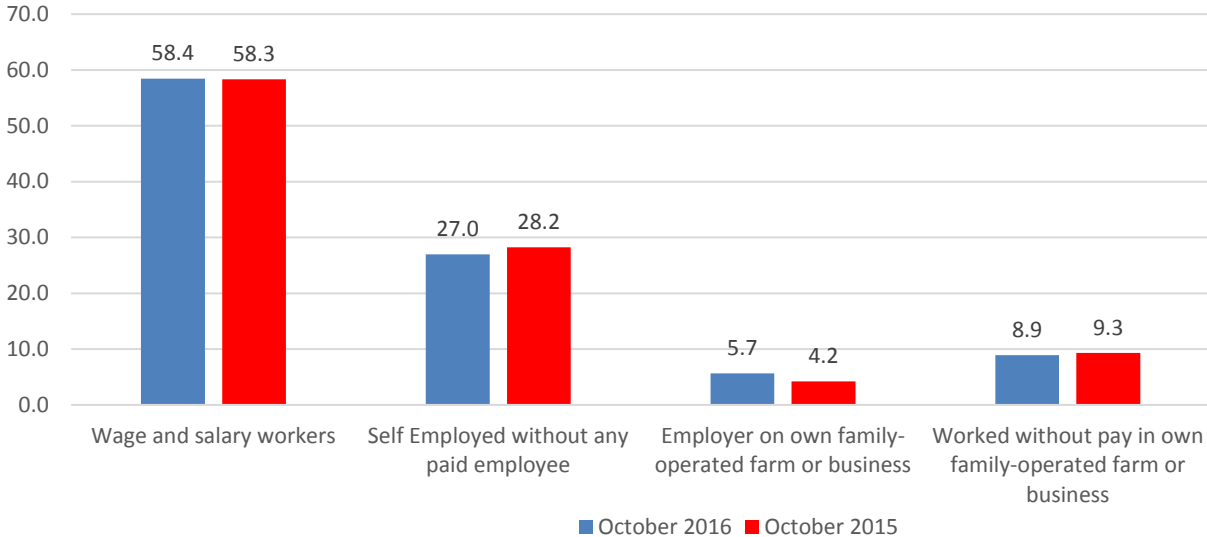
Workers in the agriculture sector, on the other hand, comprised the second largest group in Ilocos Region, accounting for 34.7 percent and 32.4 percent in October 2016 and October 2015, respectively.

Meanwhile, workers in the industry sector made up 14.6 percent of the total number of employed persons in Ilocos Region in October 2016, and 13.4 percent in October 2015.



More than half or 58.4 percent of the employed persons in Ilocos Region worked as wage and salary workers in October 2016. The figure was almost the same with only 0.1 percentage point increase as compared to the estimate obtained in October 2015. Own account workers ranked second in October 2016 with 27.0 percent of the total employed persons in Ilocos Region. This was lower by 1.2 percentage points as compared to October 2015 with 28.2 percent. Unpaid family workers accounted 8.9 percent in October 2016 which was lower by 0.4 percentage point as compared in October 2015 with 9.3 percent.

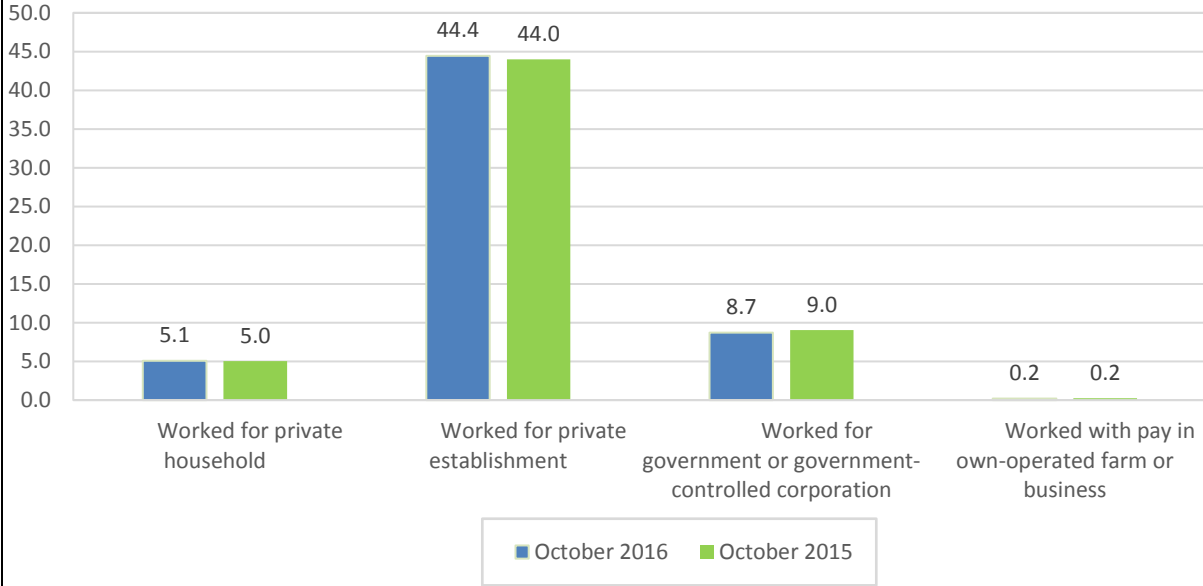
Figure 6. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Class of Workers, Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015



Source: PSA, October 2016 and October 2015 Labor Force Survey

For wage and salary workers, the biggest percentage of employed persons were those working in private establishment with 44.4 percent in October 2016 and higher by 0.4 percentage point as compared to October 2015. Employed persons who worked for government or government controlled corporation shared 8.7 percent in October 2016 but lower by 0.3 percentage point in October 2015 with 9.0 percent. On the other hand, the proportion of individuals who worked for private household was 5.1 percent in October 2016, higher by 0.1 percentage point as compared to 5.0 percent in October 2015. A small portion of 0.2 percent in both October 2016 and October 2015, accounted for persons who worked with pay in own-operated farm or business.

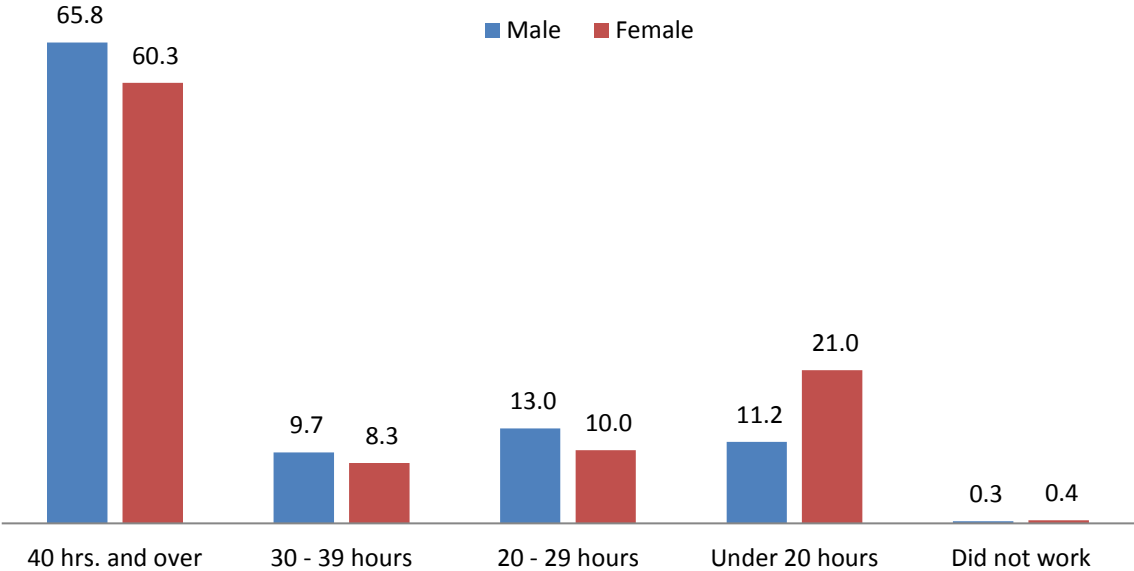
Figure 6a. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons under Wage and Salary Workers, Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015



Source: PSA, October 2016 and October 2015 Labor Force Survey

The average number of hours worked per week of employed persons in Ilocos Region was 41.0 hours. Male workers tend to have longer average number of working hours per week (41.6 hours) than their female counterparts (40.0 hours). It can also be noted that larger proportion of employed males worked 20 hours or more per week. On the other hand, 21.0 percent of females worked under 20 hours per week against 11.2 percent for males. Likewise, bigger percentage of employed females (0.4 percent) who did not work during the reference period was noted as compared to males (0.3 percent).

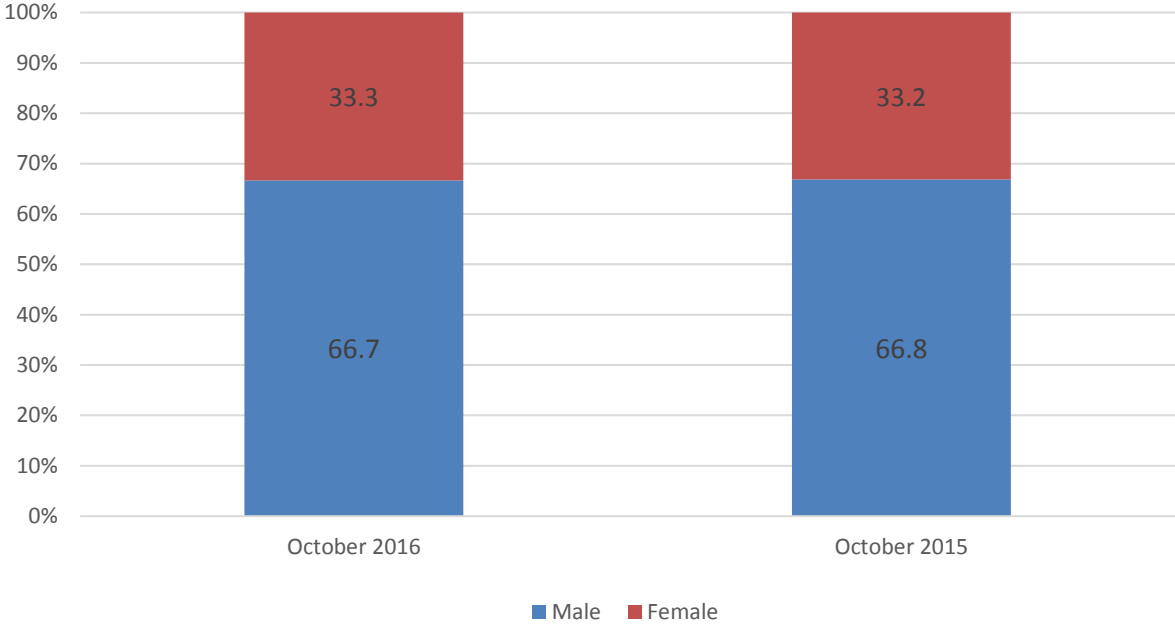
Figure 7. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Number of Hours Worked by Sex in Ilocos Region: October 2016



Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

In October 2016, 66.7 percent of the unemployed persons in Ilocos Region were males and 33.3 percent were females. Compared to the figure in October 2015, the percentage of unemployed males decreased by 0.1 percentage from 66.8 percent in October 2015 to 66.7 percent in October 2016, while for females, the percentage of unemployed increased by 0.1 percentage point during the same period.

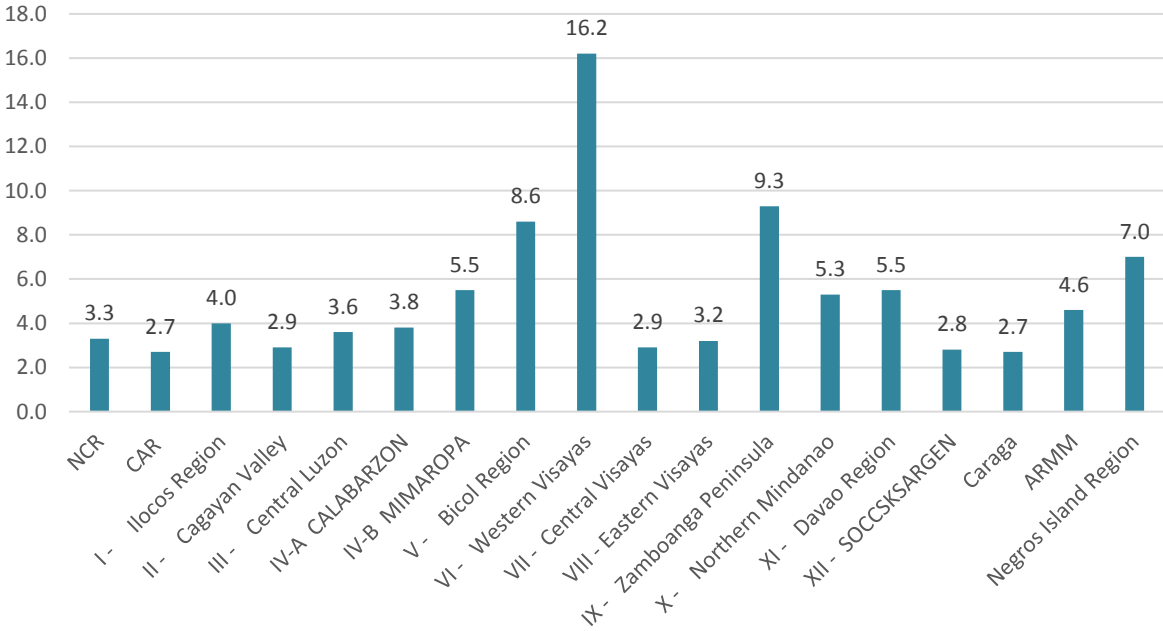
Figure 8. Percent Distribution of Unemployed Persons by Sex, Ilocos Region: October 2016 and October 2015



Source: PSA, October 2016 and October 2015 Labor Force Survey

In terms of job hunting, unemployed persons in Ilocos Region looked for work for a month (4.0 weeks) on the average before landing in a job or stopped looking for a job. The shortest duration for job hunting was recorded in Cordillera Administrative Region and Caraga with an average of 2.7 weeks, while the longest duration was reported in Western Visayas with 16.2 weeks, on the average.

Figure 9. Mean Number of Weeks Looking For Work by Region, Philippines: October 2016



Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Statistical Tables

Table 2. Population 15 Years Old and Over, Labor Force Participation, Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment Rates by Region and Philippines: October 2016

Philippines, Region	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	Labor Force Participation Rate	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Under Employment Rate
Philippines	68,743	63.61	95.3	4.7	18.0
NCR	8,961	63.02	94.0	6.0	7.5
CAR	1,221	65.76	95.5	4.5	19.0
Ilocos Region	3,427	61.30	94.6	5.4	17.0
Cagayan Valley	2,352	66.39	97.0	3.0	14.8
Central Luzon	7,647	61.95	94.3	5.7	19.5
CALABARZON	9,618	64.35	93.9	6.1	15.5
MIMAROPA	2,009	66.07	96.0	4.0	17.0
Bicol Region	3,912	62.16	95.7	4.3	30.0
Western Visayas	3,131	62.97	97.0	3.0	23.2
Central Visayas	4,134	68.07	95.0	5.0	16.6
Eastern Visayas	3,020	60.48	97.0	3.0	31.2
Zamboanga Peninsula	2,504	65.70	97.5	2.5	28.0
Northern Mindanao	3,196	67.28	95.8	4.2	26.7
Davao Region	3,387	61.90	96.5	3.5	14.6
SOCCSKSARGEN	3,031	64.76	96.8	3.2	20.0
Caraga	1,803	63.08	96.5	3.5	23.1
ARMM	2,284	54.40	95.8	4.2	14.2
Negros Island Region	3,106	66.94	96.0	4.0	9.0

Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table 4. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Highest Grade Completed and Sex, Philippines and Region I: October 2016

Region and Sex	Total	Highest Grade Completed								
		No Grade Completed	Elementary		High School		Post-Secondary		College	
			Under Grad	Grad	Under Grad	Grad	Under Grad	Grad	Under Grad	Grad
Philippines (Number in thousands)	41,685	574	5,972	5,154	5,514	12,091	232	1,946	4,101	6,100
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Male	61.4	65.0	72.8	63.5	68.0	62.4	57.6	53.1	58.8	43.7
Female	38.6	35.0	27.2	36.5	32.0	37.6	42.4	46.9	41.2	56.3
Ilocos Region (Number in thousands)	1,987	9	143	277	253	731	5	86	171	310
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Male	64.7	45.4	78.5	60.0	76.9	68.3	63.4	51.8	66.4	47.5
Female	35.3	54.6	21.5	40.0	23.1	31.7	36.6	48.2	33.6	52.5

Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table 5. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Major Occupation Group, Philippines and Ilocos Region: October 2016

Region and Major Occupation Group	Total	Male	Female
Philippines (Numbers in thousands)	41,685	25,538	16,147
Total	100	100	100
Managers	16.6	14.2	20.6
Professionals	5.0	2.8	8.5
Technicians and associate professionals	3.4	2.8	4.4
Clerical support workers	5.6	3.7	8.6
Service and sales workers	15.1	11.9	20.3
Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishery workers	13.3	17.9	5.9
Craft and related trades workers	7.5	10.4	2.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	5.7	8.2	1.9
Elementary occupations	27.5	27.9	26.9
Armed forces occupations	0.2	0.3	0.0
Ilocos Region (Numbers in thousands)	1,987	1,286	701
Total	100	100	100
Managers	13.1	11.9	15.5
Professionals	4.8	1.9	10.1
Technicians and associate professionals	2.3	2.0	2.7
Clerical support workers	4.3	3.1	6.5
Service and sales workers	16.4	12.1	24.3
Skilled agricultural, forestry, and fishery workers	17.1	23.2	6.1
Craft and related trades workers	6.8	8.7	3.4
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	3.5	5.3	0.2
Elementary occupations	31.6	31.8	31.3
Armed forces occupations	0.1	0.1	0.0

Note: The 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) was adopted starting April 2016.

Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table 6. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Major Industry Group, Philippines and Ilocos Region: October 2016.

Region and Major Industry Group	Total	Male	Female
Philippines (Numbers in thousands)	41,685	25,538	16,147
Total	100	100	100
Agriculture	28.3	34.3	18.8
Agriculture and Forestry	25.4	30.0	18.3
Fishing and Aquaculture	2.9	4.3	0.6
Industry	17.1	21.7	9.9
Mining and Quarrying	0.5	0.8	0.2
Manufacturing	8.1	7.5	9.1
Electricity Gas Steam and Airconditioning Supply	0.2	0.2	0.1
Water Supply; Sewerage Waste Management and Remediation Activities	0.2	0.2	0.1
Construction	8.1	12.9	0.5
Services	54.6	44.0	71.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	19.3	12.8	29.5
Transportation and Storage	7.3	11.4	0.8
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	4.3	3.2	6.1
Information and Communication	0.8	0.8	0.7
Financial and Insurance Activities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Real Estate Activities	0.4	0.3	0.6
Professional Scientific and Technical Activities	0.5	0.4	0.6
Administrative and Support Service Activities	3.6	3.8	3.4
Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	5.2	4.7	6.0
Education	3.1	1.4	5.9
Human Health and Social Work Activities	1.2	0.6	2.1
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	0.8	0.8	0.8
Other Service Activities	6.7	2.8	12.8
Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods- and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use	0.0	0.0	0.0
Activities of Extraterritorial Organizations and Bodies	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ilocos Region (Numbers in thousands)	1,987	1,286	701
Total	100	100	100
Agriculture	33.6	39.9	22.0
Agriculture and Forestry	31.0	36.1	21.5
Fishing and Aquaculture	2.6	3.7	0.5
Industry	14.1	18.2	6.8
Mining and Quarrying	0.2	0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	5.3	4.7	6.4
Electricity Gas Steam and Air-conditioning Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply; Sewerage Waste Management and Remediation Activities	0.1	0.2	0.0
Construction	8.5	13.0	0.4
Services	52.3	42.0	71.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	17.9	12.6	27.7
Transportation and Storage	7.3	11.2	0.1
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	3.2	1.7	6.0
Information and Communication	0.9	0.9	0.8
Financial and Insurance Activities	0.0	0.0	0.0

Real Estate Activities	0.0	0.0	0.1
Professional Scientific and Technical Activities	0.2	0.2	0.2
Administrative and Support Service Activities	2.0	2.2	1.6
Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	5.5	5.4	5.8
Education	3.6	1.2	8.1
Human Health and Social Work Activities	1.2	0.7	2.1
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	0.6	0.7	0.3
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Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table7. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Sex and Class of Worker, Philippines and Ilocos Region : October 2016

Region and Class of Worker	Total	Male	Female
Philippines			
Numbers (in thousand)	41,685	25,538	16,147
Wage and salary workers	60.6	62.6	57.3
Worked for private household	4.8	1.4	10.2
Worked for private establishment	47.6	55.0	36.0
Worked for government or government-controlled corporation	7.9	6.0	10.9
Worked with pay in own-operated farm or business	0.3	0.3	0.2
Self Employed without any paid employee	27.6	27.9	27.3
Employer on own family-operated farm or business	3.2	4.0	1.8
Worked without pay in own family-operated farm or business	8.6	5.5	13.5
Ilocos Region			
Numbers (in thousand)	1987	1286	701
Wage and salary workers	58.4	59.3	56.8
Worked for private household	5.1	1.4	11.8
Worked for private establishment	44.4	51.1	32.2
Worked for government or government-controlled corporation	8.7	6.6	12.7
Worked with pay in own-operated farm or business	0.2	0.3	0.2
Self Employed without any paid employee	27.0	27.7	25.7
Employer on own family-operated farm or business	5.7	7.4	2.5
Worked without pay in own family-operated farm or business	8.9	5.6	15.0

Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table 8. Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Total Hours Worked by Sex, Philippines and Ilocos Region: October 2016

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 thousand)	41,685	332	5,675	4,195	4,096	27,386	41.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Male	61.3	62.3	51.4	62.6	67.2	62.2	42
Female	38.7	37.7	48.6	37.4	32.8	37.8	42.6
Ilocos Region Numbers (in thousand)	1,987	7	291	237	183	1,269	41
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Male	64.7	56.9	49.5	70.4	68.3	66.7	41.6
Female	35.3	43.1	50.5	29.6	31.7	33.3	40

Source: PSA, October 2016 Labor Force Survey

Table 9. percent Distribution of Unemployed Persons Looking for Work by Number of Weeks Looking for Work, Philippines and Ilocos Region: October 2016

Sex and Region	Total	Number of Weeks Looking for Work				Mean Number of Weeks Looking for Worked
		Less than 4	4 - 9	10-19	20 and over	
Philippines Numbers (in thousand)	996	662	252	52	30	4.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	
Male	60.3	60.5	59.4	61.5	61.3	4.6
Female	39.7	39.5	40.6	38.5	38.7	4.4
Ilocos Region (Percent Share to National)	3.8	3.5	4.9	2.7	1.7	4.0

Source: PSA, October 2016 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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