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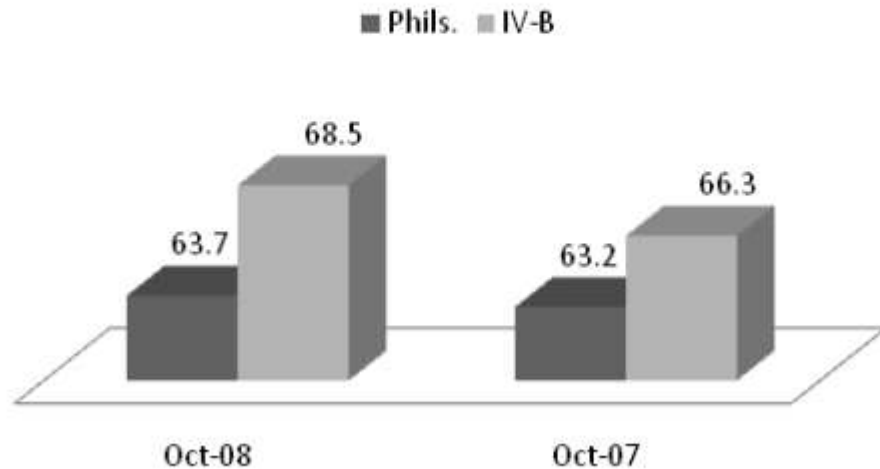
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## Employment Situation in October 2008 (Final Results)

Starting April 2005, the new unemployment definition has been adopted per NSCB Resolution Number 15 dated October 20, 2004. The new definition is presented in the Technical Notes of this report.

For comparative purposes, the October 2008 results are presented in textual tables alongside the final estimates for the October 2007 survey round.

**Figure 1**  
**Labor Force Participation Rate, Philippines and Region IV-B: October 2008 and October 2007**



### **Seven in ten of the population 15 years old and over are in the labor force**

There were 1.2 million persons in the labor force in October 2008 out of estimated 1.7 million population 15 years old and over in Region IV-B. This translated to a labor force participation rate (LFPR) of 68.5 percent, higher than last year's figure (October 2007) of 66.3 percent.

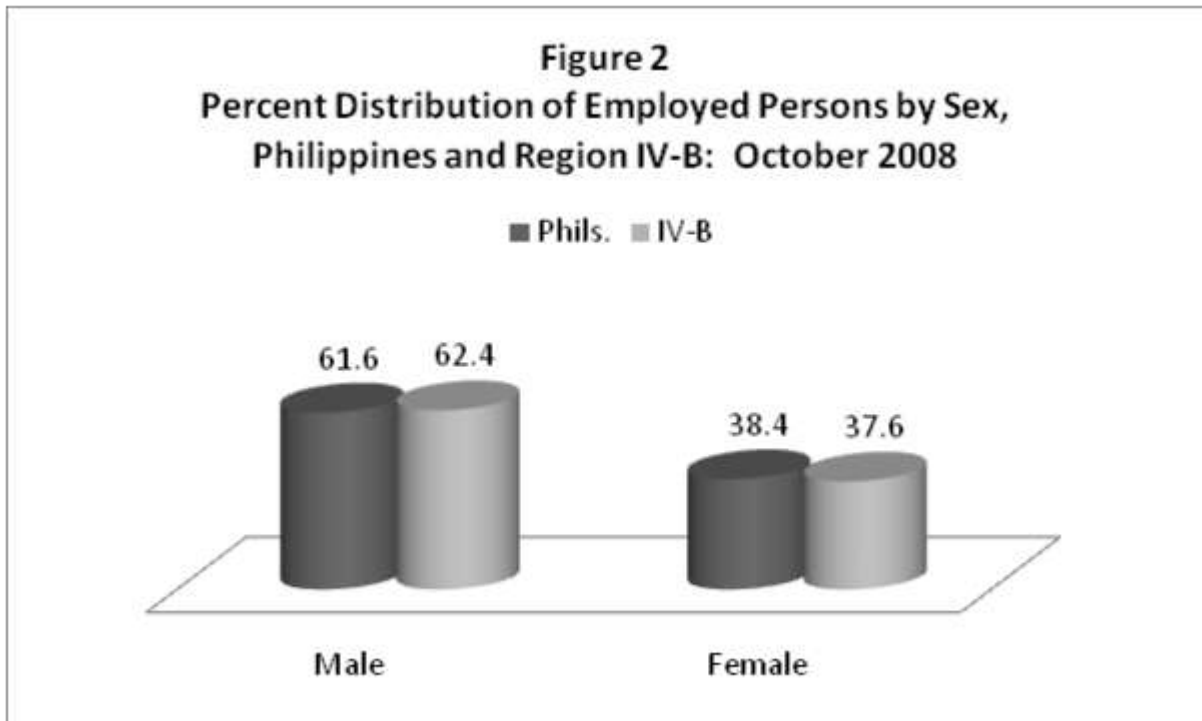
The region's LFPR was higher by 4.8 percentage points to the country's LFPR of 63.7 percent in October 2008.

*It isn't the job  
we intended  
to do, or  
the labor  
we've just begun,  
That puts us right  
on the ledger  
sheet. It's the  
work we have  
really done.*

**-Richard Lard**

***Employment rate is recorded at 96.6 percent***

The employment rate in October 2008 was registered at 96.6 percent, higher than last year's rate of 96.2 percent. Employment rate in Region IV-B was higher by 3.4 percentage points compared to the country's employment rate of 93.2 percent.



***Employed males outnumber employed females***

The proportion of males to total employed (62.4% or 717 thousand) in October 2008 was greater than that of females (37.6% or 432 thousand) of the total employed. The October 2008 LFS results showed that proportion of males to total employed was lower than October 2007 of 63.2 percent (674 thousand). Contrariwise, the October 2008 proportion of females to total employed was higher than the last year's figure of 36.8 percent (393 thousand).

The country's proportion of males (61.6% or 21.3 million) to total employed also outnumbered the female (38.4% or 13.3 million) in October 2008 LFS round.

***There are more employed females than males who are college graduate***

In terms of educational attainment of employed persons in Region IV-B, there were three out of five females graduated in college while two out of five for the males. Most of the employed persons (23.2% or 266 thousand) were elementary graduate only. About one-fifth (20.5% or 236 thousand) of the region's workforce graduated in high school.

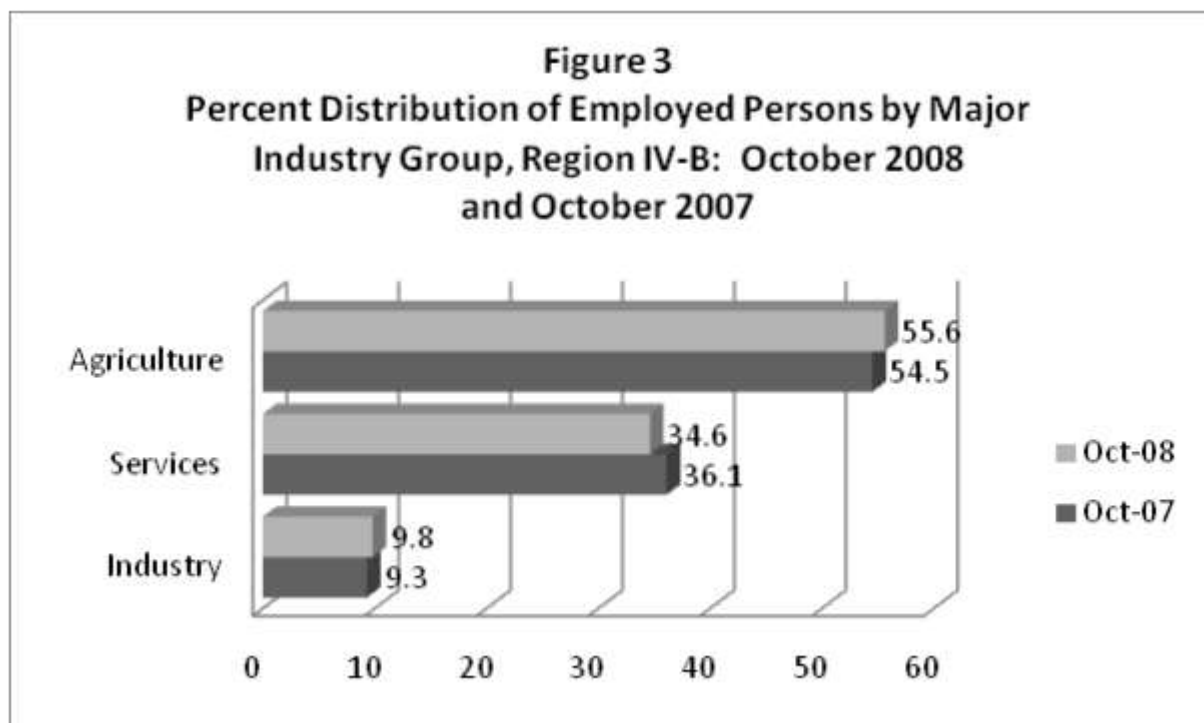
***More than half of the employed persons were in the agriculture sector***

More than half (55.6 percent or 639 thousand) of the total employed population in Region IV-B were agriculture sector, an increase of about 1.1 percentage points as the percentage recorded in October 2007 was 54.5 percent (582 thousand).

Majority (84.8% or 542 thousand) of the total employed in the agriculture sector came from agriculture, hunting and forestry while the fishing sector comprised of 15.2 percent (97 thousands) of total employed in agriculture sector.

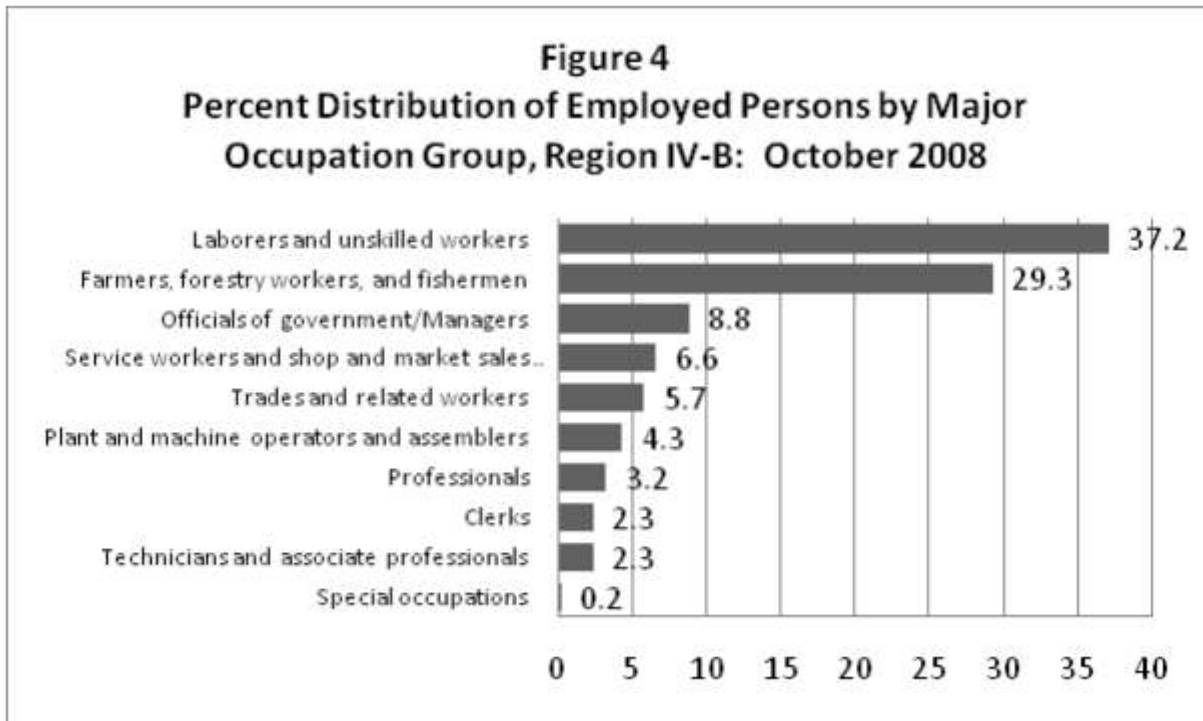
The services sector came next to the agriculture sector in terms of share to total employed (34.6% or 398 thousand). Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods sub-sector posted the biggest share (38.9 percent or 155 thousand) to total employed in the services sector.

The industry sector had the least share in employment (9.8% or 112 thousand) with workers in the construction sub-sector contributing the biggest share (48.3% or 54 thousand) to total employed in the industry sector.



***Two in five employed persons are laborers and unskilled workers***

Of the various occupation groups in October 2008, the laborers and unskilled workers constituted the largest group with 37.2 percent (159 thousand) of the total employed. This translated to a ratio of two in five employed persons were laborers and unskilled workers. Farmers, forestry workers, and fishermen registered the next largest group of workers, comprising 29.3 percent (337 thousand) of the total employed persons. Officials of government and special interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors and supervisors recorded the third largest group of workers with a share of 8.8 percent (101 thousand) of total employed.



#### ***Number of unpaid family workers increases***

Employed persons fall into any of these three categories: wage and salary workers, own account workers, and unpaid family workers. Wage and salary workers are those who work for private households, private establishments, government or government corporations and those who work with pay in own-family operated farms or businesses. About 38.1 percent (438 thousand) of the total employed persons in Region IV-B in October 2008 were wage and salary workers. Most of these workers were working for private household, establishment or family operated activity (29.9% or 344 thousand). Those working for government or government corporations accounted for 8.2 percent (94 thousand) of the total employed.

About 43.3 percent (497 thousand) of the total employed persons in October 2008 were own-account workers with self-employed workers registering the largest share at 40.3 percent (463 thousand) of the total employed.

Unpaid family workers had a proportion of 18.5 percent (213 thousand) of total employed. This recorded an increase of 2.6 percentage points from 15.9 percent (170 thousand) in October 2007).

#### ***More workers work full-time***

Employed persons are classified as either full-time workers or part-time workers. Full-time workers are those who work for 40 hours or more while part-time workers work for less than 40 hours. In October 2008, almost half (48.9 percent or 562 thousand) of the total employed were full-time workers while part-time workers comprised of about 48.7 percent (560 thousand) of the total employed. The mean hours worked of employed persons was only 35.6 during the past week in October 2008.

**Figure 5**  
**Percent Distribution of Employed Persons by Class of Worker, Region IV-B: October 2008**



***Underemployment rate declines to 23.6 percent from 25.1 percent in October 2008***

Employed persons who expressed the desire to have additional hours of work in their present job or to have additional job, or to have a new job with longer working hours are considered underemployed. Around 271 thousand employed persons were underemployed in October 2008. This placed the underemployment rate at 23.6 percent, lower than last year's estimate of 25.1 percent (268 thousand). More than two-thirds (67.9% or 184 thousand) of the underemployed were reported as visibly underemployed, or had been working for less than 40 hours a week. Less than one-third (32.1% or 87 thousand) were underemployed working full-time.

***Unemployment rate is down to 3.4 percent from 3.7 percent***

The unemployment rate of 3.4 percent (40 thousand) in October 2008 was lower than last year's estimate of 3.7 percent (41 thousand). The region's unemployment rate was also lower by 3.4 percentage points than the national figure of 6.8 percent (2.5 million) during the October 2008 LFS.

***Three in every five unemployed persons are females***

There were three females in every five unemployed persons. The proportion of females to total unemployed (55% or 22 thousand) in October 2008 was greater than that of males (45% or 18 thousand). The distribution at the country level was reversed when three in every two unemployed persons were males.

***More than half of the population who are not in the labor force are men***

More than half (51.2% or 280 thousand) of the population 15 years old and over in October 2008 who were not in the labor force, such as students, persons with disability, and retirees were men. It is contrary to the data at national level where 71.0 percent (15 million) of the population 15 years old and over who were not in the labor force were women while only 29.0 percent (6.1 million) were men.

**SUMMARY**

Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)	October 2008	October 2007
Total 15 Years Old and Over (in '000)	1,735	1,672
Labor Force (in '000)	1,189	1,109
Labor Force Participation Rate	68.5	66.3
Employment (in '000)	1,149	1,067
Employment Rate	96.6	96.2
Unemployment (in '000)	40	41
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.7
Underemployment (in '000)	271	268
Underemployment Rate	23.6	25.1

- There were 1.2 million persons in the labor force out of the estimated 1.7 million population 15 years old and over.
- The employment rate in October 2008 was registered at 96.6 percent, higher than last year's rate of 96.2 percent.
- More than half or 55.6 percent of the employed population were in the agriculture sector, 34.6 percent in the services sector and the rest (9.8%) in the industry sector.
- Laborers and unskilled workers continued to make up the largest proportion of the employed as they comprised more than one-third (37.2%) of the employed population. Farmers, forestry workers, and fishermen came second with 29.3 percent.
- About 38.1 percent of the total employed persons were wage and salary workers, 43.3 percent were own-account workers and 18.5 percent were unpaid family workers.
- Underemployment rate was estimated at 23.6 percent in October 2008 from 25.1 percent in October 2007.
- Unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in October 2008 was lower than last year's estimate of 3.7 percent.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

The Labor Force Survey (LFS) is a nationwide quarterly survey conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO). For this release, the data being presented are based on the final results of the October 2008 round of the LFS.

The reference period used in the survey is the past seven (7) days preceding the date of visit of the enumerator.

The concepts and definitions used in the survey can be found in the regular NSO-ISH Bulletins. Some are given below:

- a. Labor Force – refers to the population 15 years old and over who contribute to the production of goods and services in the country. It comprises the employed and unemployed.
- b. Employed – consists of persons in the labor force who are reported either as at work or with a job or business although not at work. Persons at work are those who did some work, even for an hour during the reference period.
- c. Underemployed- refers to employed persons who express the desire to have additional hours of work in their present job or an additional job, or have a new job with longer working hours.
- d. Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)- proportion of total labor force to the total household population 15 years old and over.
- e. Employment Rate-proportion of employed persons to the total labor force.  
Unemployment Rate- proportion of underemployed persons to total employed persons.

Starting April 2005, the new unemployment definition has been 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 or believed no work available
2. Awaiting results of previous job application
3. Temporary illness or disability
4. Bad weather
5. Waiting for rehire or job recall

Starting with the July 2003 round, the quarterly Labor Force Survey has been using the 2003 Master Sample Design. With this new master sample design, the number of samples increased from 41,000 to around 51,000 households.

The province of Basilan is now under the ARMM while Isabela City (Basilan is under Region IX, in accordance with Executive Order No. 36.

The 1992 four-digit code for Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) and 1994 Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) were used in classifying the occupation and industry, respectively.

Starting with the January 2007 LFS round, the population projections based on the 2000 Census of Population has been 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.

# TEXTUAL TABLES



TABLE 1 Number and Percentage Distribution of Population 15 Years Old and Over by Employment Status, by Sex, Philippines and Region IV-B: October 2008 and October 2007

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)										
Region and Sex	October 2008					October 2007				
	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	Total Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labor Force	Total Population 15 Years Old and Over	Total Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labor Force
Philippines	58,182	37,058	34,533	2,525	21,123	56,845	35,918	33,672	2,246	20,928
Number (in thousands)										
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	49.8	61.7	61.6	63.2	29.0	49.8	61.7	61.6	63.4	29.4
Female	50.2	38.3	38.4	36.8	71.0	50.2	38.3	38.4	36.6	70.6
IV-B MIMAROPA	1,735	1,189	1,149	40	546	1,672	1,109	1,067	41	564
Number (in thousands)										
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.4	99.8
Male	51.2	61.8	62.4	45.0	51.2	51.0	62.9	63.2	58.5	27.3
Female	48.8	38.2	37.6	55.0	48.8	49.0	37.1	36.8	43.9	72.5

Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey

TABLE 2 Number and Percentage Distribution of Employed Persons by Highest Grade Completed, and by Sex, Philippines and Region IV-B: October 2008 and October 2007

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)

Region and Sex	October 2008								October 2007							
	Total	Highest Grade Completed						Total	Highest Grade Completed							
		No Grade Completed	Elementary		High School		College		No Grade Completed	Elementary		High School		College		
		Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate			Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate	Under-graduate	Graduate	
Philippines	34,533	642	5,491	5,699	4,605	8,775	4,359	4,962	33,672	658	5,411	5,654	4,424	8,445	4,328	4,752
Number (in thousands)																
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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	61.6	62.3	69.7	63.8	66.1	62.8	61.5	43.9	61.6	63.5	69.5	64.0	66.6	62.6	61.6	43.4
Female	38.4	37.7	30.3	36.2	33.9	37.2	38.5	56.1	38.4	36.5	30.5	36.0	33.4	37.4	38.4	56.6
IV-B - MIMAROPA	1,149	38	225	266	163	236	129	91	1067	39	224	246	140	194	125	100
Number (in thousands)																
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0
Male	62.4	55.5	70.2	61.7	66.6	61.9	62.8	41.8	63.2	53.8	67.9	66.7	67.9	61.9	64.8	41.0
Female	37.6	44.5	29.8	38.3	33.4	38.1	37.2	58.2	36.8	46.2	32.1	33.7	32.1	38.1	34.4	59.0

Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey

Region and Major Occupation Group	(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)					
	October 2008			October 2007		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Philippines	34,533	21,276	13,257	33,672	20,754	12,918
Number (in thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Officials of government and special interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors, and supervisors	12.5	9.4	17.3	11.3	7.9	16.9
Professionals	4.6	2.3	8.3	4.5	2.2	8.2
Technicians and associate professionals	2.6	2.1	3.3	2.6	2.1	3.5
Clerks	5.0	2.9	8.5	5.0	2.9	8.4
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	10.0	8.0	13.1	9.3	7.5	12.2
Farmers, forestry workers, and fishermen	17.7	24.8	6.4	18.8	26.2	6.8
Trades and related workers	7.9	10.1	4.3	8.4	10.3	5.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	6.8	9.9	1.9	7.7	11.3	2.0
Laborers and unskilled workers	32.5	29.9	36.9	32.0	29.1	36.6
Special occupations	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2
IV-B MIMAROPA	1,149	717	432	1,067	674	393
Number (in thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Officials of government and special interest organizations, corporate executives, managers, managing proprietors, and supervisors	8.8	4.6	15.6	9.4	5.5	16.0
Professionals	3.2	1.4	6.2	3.8	1.8	7.4
Technicians and associate professionals	2.3	1.6	3.6	2.4	1.8	3.6
Clerks	2.3	1.5	3.8	2.9	1.6	5.1
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	6.6	4.9	9.5	6.2	4.5	9.2
Farmers, forestry workers, and fishermen	29.3	38.2	14.5	31.1	41.8	12.5
Trades and related workers	5.7	7.4	3.1	6.5	7.0	5.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	4.3	6.6	0.3	4.3	6.7	0.3
Laborers and unskilled workers	37.2	33.5	43.3	32.9	28.5	40.5
Special occupations	0.2	0.3	-	0.6	0.9	0.3

Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)						
Region and Major Industry Group	October 2008			October 2007		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Philippines Number (in thousands)	34,533	21,276	13,257	33,672	20,754	12,918
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture						
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	31.4	36.7	23.0	32.0	37.6	22.9
Fishing	4.2	6.3	0.9	4.1	6.2	0.9
Industry						
Mining and quarrying	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.1
Manufacturing	8.4	7.6	9.7	9.1	8.2	10.5
Electricity, gas, and water	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2
Construction	5.5	8.7	0.3	5.2	8.2	0.3
Services						
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods	18.9	12.4	29.3	18.3	12.0	28.5
Hotels and restaurants	2.7	2.0	3.9	2.7	2.0	3.8
Transport, storage, and communication	7.5	11.5	1.1	7.7	11.7	1.3
Financial intermediation	1.1	0.7	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.7
Real estate, renting, and business activities	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.5
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7
Education	3.2	1.2	6.3	3.1	1.2	6.2
Health and social work	1.2	0.6	2.1	1.2	0.5	2.2
Other community, social, and personal service activities	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.3	1.9	3.0
Private households with employed persons	5.0	1.3	11.0	5.0	1.2	11.2
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	*	*	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
IV-B MIMAROPA Number (in thousands)	1,149	717	432	1,067	674	393
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture						
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	47.2	51.4	40.2	45.8	50.4	37.9
Fishing	8.5	12.7	1.4	8.7	13.5	0.5
Industry						
Mining and quarrying	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
Manufacturing	4.2	4.2	4.4	5.1	4.3	6.4
Electricity, gas, and water	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	-
Construction	4.7	7.5	0.1	3.6	5.6	-
Services						
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods	13.5	6.0	25.8	12.7	6.1	24.2
Hotels and restaurants	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.5	0.9	2.5
Transport, storage, and communication	5.1	8.0	0.3	5.6	8.6	0.5
Financial intermediation	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.0
Real estate, renting, and business activities	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	4.8	4.0	6.1	5.5	5.2	6.4
Education	3.0	1.3	5.7	3.2	1.3	6.4
Health and social work	0.8	0.2	1.9	0.8	0.1	2.0
Other community, social, and personal service activities	1.4	1.1	1.8	1.3	0.9	2.0
Private households with employed persons	3.9	0.4	9.8	3.7	0.6	9.2
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Less than 500						
Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey						

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)						
Region and Class of Worker	October 2008			October 2007		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Philippines Number (in thousands)	34,533	21,276	13,257	33,672	20,754	12,918
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wage and salary workers	51.9	52.4	51.2	51.1	51.1	51.0
Worked for private household, establishment, or family-operated activity	43.9	46.1	40.5	43.2	44.8	40.7
Worked for government or government-controlled corporation	8.0	6.4	10.6	7.8	6.3	10.3
Own-account workers	35.5	38.6	30.6	36.5	39.9	31.0
Self-employed	31.4	33.3	28.3	32.3	34.6	28.6
Employer	4.1	5.3	2.3	4.2	5.3	2.4
Unpaid family worker	12.5	9.0	18.2	12.4	9.0	18.0
IV-B MIMAROPA Number (in thousands)	1,149	717	432	1,067	674	393
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wage and salary workers	38.1	40.0	35.0	39.4	39.2	39.7
Worked for private household, establishment, or family-operated activity	29.9	34.4	22.5	29.5	32.0	25.2
Worked for government or government-controlled corporation	8.2	5.6	12.5	9.8	7.3	14.2
Own-account workers	43.3	45.7	39.1	44.7	49.0	37.4
Self-employed	40.3	42.0	37.5	42.7	46.9	35.9
Employer	3.0	3.8	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.5
Unpaid family worker	18.5	14.1	25.9	15.9	11.9	23.2

Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey

TABLE 6 Number and Percentage Distribution of Employed Persons by Total Hours Worked, and Sex, Philippines and Region IV-B: October 2008 and October 2007

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)

Region and Sex	October 2008							October 2007						
	Total	Did Not Work	Total Hours Worked				Mean Hours Worked	Total	Did Not Work	Total Hours Worked				Mean Hours Worked
			Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 and over				Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 and over	
Philippines	34,533	400	4,292	3,801	4,118	21,922	41.6	33,672	280	4,018	3,754	4,049	21,571	42
Number (in thousands)														
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	61.6	65.0	52.5	61.1	69.5	61.9	41.3	61.6	60.7	51.2	61.1	70.0	62.1	41.4
Female	38.4	35.0	47.5	38.9	30.5	38.1	42.2	38.4	39.3	48.8	39.0	30.0	37.9	42.1
IV-B - MIMAROPA	1,149	27	249	162	149	562	35.2	1067	10	185	163	167	542	35.6
Number (in thousands)														
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	90.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Male	62.4	62.3	52.0	60.1	72.6	64.9	36.1	63.2	60.0	50.3	61.3	73.7	64.9	36.4
Female	37.6	37.7	48.0	39.9	27.4	35.1	33.6	36.8	30.0	50.3	38.7	26.3	35.1	34.4

Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey

TABLE 7 Number and Percentage Distribution of Employed Persons Wanting More Hours of Work by Total Hours Worked and Sex,  
Philippines and Region IV-B: October 2008 and October 2007

(Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.)

Region and Sex	October 2008			October 2007		
	Total	Worked less than 40 hours *	Worked 40 hours and over	Total	Worked less than 40 hours *	Worked 40 hours and over
Philippines	6,029	3,841	2,187	6,109	3,660	2,449
Number (in thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	71.9	70.2	74.8	70.1	67.8	73.6
Female	28.1	29.8	25.2	29.9	32.2	26.4
IV-B MIMAROPA	271	184	87	268	194	75
Number (in thousands)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	71.6	68.6	78.0	68.7	64.9	77.3
Female	28.4	31.4	22.0	31.3	35.1	22.7
* Includes persons with job but not at work.						
Source: National Statistics Office, October 2008 Labor Force Survey						

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