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Employment Rate in September 2022 is Estimated at 95.0 Percent

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Table A-1. Results from the September 2022 Labor Force Survey (LFS)

Philippines	Sept. 2021 ^f	Jan. 2022 ^P	Feb. 2022 ^P	Mar. 2022 ^P	Apr. 2022 ^P	May 2022 ^P	Jun. 2022 ^P	Jul. 2022 ^P	Aug. 2022 ^P	Sept. 2022 ^P
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.3	60.5	63.8	65.4	63.4	64.0	64.8	65.2	66.1	65.2
Employment Rate (%)	91.1	93.6	93.6	94.2	94.3	94.0	94.0	94.8	94.7	95.0
Underemployment Rate (%)	14.2	14.9	14.0	15.8	14.0	14.5	12.6	13.8	14.7	15.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.2	5.3	5.0

Notes:

^f Estimates are final

^P Estimates are preliminary and may change

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Labor Force Survey

Highlights of the September 2022 Labor Force Survey

- Employment rate in the country was estimated at 95.0 percent in September 2022 from 94.7 percent in the previous month. The employment rate in September 2022 was the highest recorded rate since January 2020. In September 2021, employment rate was reported at 91.1 percent. (Table A)
- In terms of magnitude, 47.58 million Filipinos were employed in September 2022. This was lower than the number of employed persons in August 2022 at 47.87 million but higher than the 43.59 million employed persons in September 2021. (Table A)
- Unemployment rate in September 2022 slid to 5.0 percent from 5.3 percent in the previous month. This translates to 2.50 million unemployed Filipinos out of 50.08 million Filipinos who were in the labor force in September 2022. The unemployment rate in September 2021 was higher at 8.9 percent. (Table A)



- d. The labor force participation rate (LFPR) in September 2022 was registered at 65.2 percent or about 50.08 million individuals who were either employed or unemployed out of the 76.83 million Filipinos aged 15 years and over. The September 2022 LFPR of 65.2 percent was lower than the August 2022 LFPR of 66.1 percent but higher than the LFPR reported in September 2021 at 63.3 percent. (Table A)
- e. The average weekly hours worked by an employed person in September 2022 was estimated at 39.6 hours per week. This was lower than the average weekly hours worked in August 2022 of 40.5 hours and in the same period last year of 40.2 hours. (Tables A and 2)
- f. Underemployed persons or those employed who expressed the desire to have additional hours of work in their current job or to have an additional job or to have a new job with longer hours of work was recorded at 7.33 million out of the 47.58 million employed Filipinos in September 2022. This translates to an underemployment rate of 15.4 percent, which was higher than the reported underemployment rate in August 2022 (14.7%) and in September last year (14.2%). (Table A)
- g. Among men and women, the LFPR in September 2022 was higher among men (75.5%) than women (54.8%). Employment rate for men was also higher at 95.5 percent compared with that of women at 94.4 percent. Furthermore, men had lower unemployment rate at 4.5 percent than their women counterpart at 5.6 percent. On the other hand, men had higher underemployment rate at 16.6 percent than women at 13.7 percent. (Table D)
- h. Across sectors, services consistently dominated the labor market. In September 2022, it registered the largest share of 58.9 percent to the total employed population of 47.58 million. The agriculture and the industry sectors accounted for 22.5 percent and 18.6 percent of the employed persons, respectively. (Tables B and 1)

The top five sub-sectors with the highest year-on-year change in the number of employed persons in September 2022 were the following:

- a. Manufacturing (1.09 million);
- b. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (852 thousand);
- c. Agriculture and forestry (599 thousand);
- d. Accommodation and food service activities (482 thousand); and
- e. Transportation and storage (470 thousand).

In contrast, the top five subsectors with the largest drop in terms of employed persons from September 2021 to September 2022 were the following:

- a. Construction (-394 thousand);
- b. Fishing and aquaculture (-138 thousand);
- c. Arts, entertainment, and recreation (-80 thousand);
- d. Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply (-46 thousand); and
- e. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (-33 thousand).

(Table B)

- i. Youth LFPR in September 2022 decreased to 36.7 percent, from 38.0 percent in August 2022. Similarly, youth employment rate decreased to 88.5 percent in September 2022, from 89.2 percent in the previous month. Of the total 6.54 million employed youth, 807 thousand were underemployed, translating to youth underemployment rate of 12.4 percent. Meanwhile, youth unemployment rate increased to 11.5 percent, from 10.8 percent in August 2022. (Table A)

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Attachments:

1. *Table A - Key Employment Indicators with Measures of Precision, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Thousands Except Rates)*
2. *Table B - Employment by Major Industry Group and Total Hours Worked, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Thousands Except Rates)*
3. *Table C - Reasons for Working Less Than 40 Hours, Working More than 48 Hours, and with Job but not at Work, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In percent)*
4. *Table D - Key Employment Indicators by Sex with Measures of Precision, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Thousands Except Rates)*
5. *Table 1 - Employed Persons by Sector, Occupation and Class of Worker with Measures of Precision, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Percent)*
6. *Table 2 - Employed Persons by Sector, Subsector, and Hours Worked with Measures of Precision, Philippines: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Percent)*
7. *Table 3 - Underemployed Persons by Hours Worked and Sector, and Unemployed Persons by Age Group, Sex and Highest Grade Completed with Measures of Precision: September 2021^f, January 2022^p, February 2022^p, March 2022^p, April 2022^p, May 2022^p, June 2022^p, July 2022^p, August 2022^p, and September 2022^p (In Percent)*
8. *Technical Notes*