

Did you know that . . .

Only about half or 49.1% of the women in EV are in the labor force?

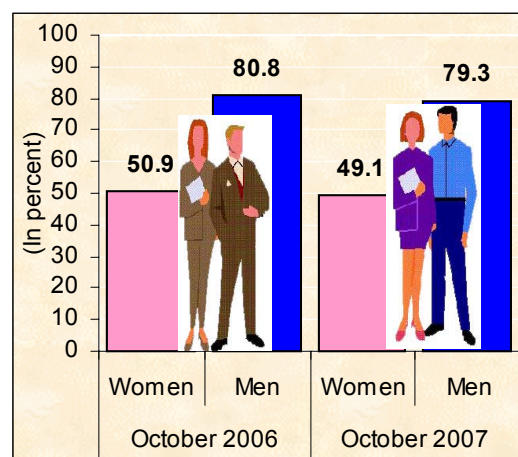
About half or only 49.1 percent of the 1.2 million women in Eastern Visayas are in the labor force. This was based on the final results of the October rounds of the Labor Force Survey (LFS) conducted by the National Statistics Office in 2007.

On the other hand, a bigger proportion or 79.3 percent of the 1.3 million men were in the labor force in 2007.

Persons in the labor force or economically active population include all persons 15 years old and over as of their last birthday who are either employed or unemployed.

The low labor force participation rate of women can be attributed to more than half or 50.9 percent of them not belonging to the labor force. These include housewives,

Figure 1. LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES BY SEX. REGION VIII: 2006-2007



Source: National Statistics Office

Table 1. POPULATION 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX, REGION VIII: OCTOBER 2007
(Number in thousands and rate in percent)

Employment Status	Women		Men	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Population 15 Yrs. Old & Over	1,233		1,301	
Labor Force	606	49.1	1,032	79.3
Employed	587	96.9	999	96.8
Unemployed	19	3.1	33	3.2
Not in the Labor Force	627		270	

Note: Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Source: National Statistics Office

Table 2. EMPLOYED WOMEN AND MEN BY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED, REGION VIII: OCTOBER 2007
(Number in thousands and rate in percent)

Highest Grade Completed	Women		Men	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Total Employed	587	100.0	999	100.0
No Grade Completed	4	0.7	22	2.2
Elementary	246	41.9	527	52.8
High School	186	31.7	297	29.7
College	150	25.6	152	15.2

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Source: National Statistics Office

students, disabled and retired women, and seasonal workers.

Employment rate for women (96.9%) was slightly higher than men (96.8%). The survey also showed that there were about 3 women for every 5 men of the estimated 1.6 million employed persons in the region.

The most common occupation for women and men differed. Most of the women were laborers and unskilled workers (36.4%) while men were mostly farmers, forestry workers and fishermen (38.9%).

Wholesale and Retail Trade was the most dominated industry for women (32.4%) while Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry was for men (48.5%).

Employed women and men in the region have low educational attainment with 41.9 percent and 52.8 percent, respectively, reaching/completing elementary level. Only 25.6 percent of women and 15.2 percent of men have reached/completed college.

Women's Month Theme: "CEDAW ng Bayan: Yaman ng Kababaihan"

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