



Did you know that ...

...unemployment rate in Zamboanga Peninsula rises to 2.9% in October?

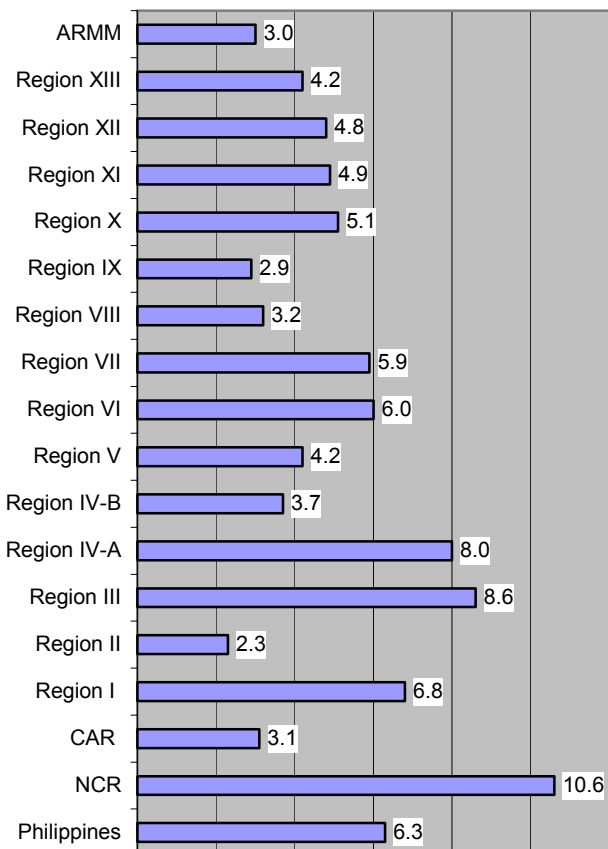
Data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) revealed that for the year 2007, the unemployment rate of Zamboanga Peninsula was pegged at 2.9%, a slight increase from 2.8% in 2006.

Across regions, Cagayan Valley, Zamboanga Peninsula and Cordilleras had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.3, 2.9 and 3.1 percent, respectively. However, the National Capital Region had the highest unemployment rate of 10.6 percent, this was a significant improvement from the last year's 14.7 percent.

Underemployment rate also went down to 18.1 percent relatively low compared to 20.4 percent in 2006. This means that there is a 2.3 percent decrease in underemployment rate in 2007.

Region	Unemployment Rate	Under-employment Rate
Philippines	6.3	18.1
NCR –National Capital Region	10.6	11.5
CAR–Cordillera Capital Region	3.1	17.9
I – Ilocos Region	6.8	13.8
II – Cagayan Valley	2.3	14.1
III – Central Luzon	8.6	7.4
IV-A - CALABARZON	8.0	15.8
IV-B – MIMAROPA	3.7	25.0
V – Bicol Region	4.2	34.8
VI – Western Visayas	6.0	22.0
VII – Central Visayas	5.9	11.3
VIII – Eastern Visayas	3.2	27.3
IX – Zamboanga Peninsula	2.9	19.8
X – Northern Mindanao	5.1	34.0
XI – Davao Region	4.9	15.5
XII – SOCCKSARGEN	4.8	19.5
XIII – Caraga	4.2	21.5
ARMM – Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	3.0	25.7

Unemployment Rate, October 2007



Unemployed – The unemployed include all persons who are 15 years old and over as of their last birthday and are reported as:

- without work, i.e., had no job or business during the basic survey reference period; AND
- currently available for work, i.e., were available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self employment during the basic survey reference period, and/or would be available and willing to take up work in paid employment or self employment within two weeks after the interview date; AND
- seeking work, i.e., had taken specific steps to look for a job or establish a business during the basic survey reference period; OR not seeking work due to the following reasons: (a) tired/believe no work available, i.e., the discouraged workers who looked for work within the last six months prior to the interview date; (b) awaiting results of previous job application; (c) temporary illness/disability; (d) bad weather; and (e) waiting for rehire/job recall.

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