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## Unemployed Persons in Region X Rises to 236 thousand as of April 2020

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Results of the April 2020 Labor Force Survey shows that unemployment rate in the region registered at 11.1 percent. This is the highest recorded unemployment rate since 2005. Unemployment rate in January 2020 was reported at 3.2 percent while April 2019 unemployment rate posted at 5.0 percent.

In terms of magnitude, the total number of unemployed individuals as of April 2020 reached to 236 thousand, higher than the recorded unemployed persons in April 2019 at 121 thousand. In other words, there are 115 thousand more individuals who are unemployed as of April 2020 as compared to the same period in the previous year which reflects the impact of COVID-19 economic shutdown to the labor market.

### Lowest Unemployment Rate Among the 17 regions

The region's unemployment rate is lower than the national average of unemployment rate at 17.7 percent. The region also posted the lowest unemployment rate among the 17 regions.

### Employment Rate Drops to 88.9 percent

Employment rate in the region fell to 88.9 percent in April 2020 from 96.8 percent in January 2020. In April 2019, employment rate registered at 95.0 percent. This translates to a decrease in the employed persons by around 400 thousand, that is, from 2.3 million employed persons in April 2019 to 1.9 million persons in April 2020.

The region, however, recorded the highest employment rate among the 17 regions of the country.

  
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<b>TABLE 4 Total Population 15 Years Old and Over and Rates of Labor Force Participation, Employment</b>					
<b>Unemployment and Underemployment, by Region: April 2020</b>					
<b>(In Percent)</b>					
<b>Region</b>	<b>Total Population 15 Years Old and Over (in '000)</b>	<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b>	<b>Employment Rate</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>Underemployment Rate</b>
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>73,722</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>18.9</b>
National Capital Region (NCR)	9,944	54.2	87.7	12.3	10.2
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,230	56.0	74.7	25.3	23.1
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,554	60.8	77.7	22.3	20.7
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,443	59.6	84.4	15.6	17.5
Region III (Central Luzon)	8,590	51.9	72.7	27.3	12.4
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	11,042	58.3	83.3	16.7	23.7
MIMAROPA Region	2,049	51.4	84.7	15.3	22.5
Region V (Bicol Region)	3,968	55.2	84.3	15.7	27.4
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,430	56.1	86.3	13.7	10.9
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,420	57.3	83.3	16.7	17.7
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,127	56.2	85.7	14.3	21.8
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,512	52.0	76.1	23.9	23.5
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,372	62.8	88.9	11.1	29.4
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,555	55.3	82.1	17.9	20.9
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,233	57.4	78.8	21.2	20.8
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,806	57.0	87.7	12.3	32.2
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2,448	41.1	70.2	29.8	7.8

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<b>Philippines</b>	<b>71,776</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>
National Capital Region (NCR)	9,680	60.3	93.7	6.3	4.5
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,205	61.9	97.1	2.9	13.4
Region I (Ilocos Region)	3,476	59.7	94.0	6.0	20.0
Region II (Cagayan Valley)	2,369	63.0	96.9	3.1	18.3
Region III (Central Luzon)	8,278	60.0	94.8	5.2	8.5
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	10,670	63.1	94.6	5.4	10.8
MIMAROPA Region	2,012	61.5	95.2	4.8	19.0
Region V (Bicol Region)	3,873	61.4	94.4	5.6	34.6
Region VI (Western Visayas)	5,365	56.7	95.2	4.8	8.7
Region VII (Central Visayas)	5,302	62.3	94.7	5.3	12.6
Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)	3,082	61.4	96.0	4.0	18.6
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	2,465	55.9	95.4	4.6	11.6
Region X (Northern Mindanao)	3,283	73.8	95.0	5.0	21.7
Region XI (Davao Region)	3,476	58.0	96.9	3.1	7.9
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,126	64.6	95.4	4.6	19.9
Region XIII (Caraga)	1,771	65.3	95.9	4.1	19.2
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2,344	56.4	91.7	8.3	10.5

Notes: Estimates for April 2020 are preliminary and may change.

Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, April 2019 and April 2020 Labor Force Survey

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