

**Table 1a. Comparative Labor Force Participation Rates (LFPR), and Unemployment Rates by Region, Using ILO Concept:
October 2004
(In Percent)**

Unem-Region	Total 15 Years Old and Over ('000)	Total Labor Force	LFPR	Employed	Employment Rate	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Philippines	53,562	34,176	63.8	31,733	92.9	2,443	7.1
National Capital Region	7,600	4,527	59.6	3,973	87.8	554	12.2
Cordillera Administrative Region	988	638	64.6	614	96.2	24	3.8
I - Ilocos	2,886	1,802	62.4	1,672	92.8	130	7.2
II - Cagayan Valley	2,199	1,469	66.8	1,429	97.3	40	2.7
III - Central Luzon	5,593	3,476	62.1	3,148	90.6	328	9.4
IV-A - Calabarzon	6,493	4,073	62.7	3,700	90.8	373	9.2
IV-B - Mimaropa	1,469	1,000	68.1	963	96.3	37	3.7
V - Bicol	3,043	2,005	65.9	1,919	95.7	86	4.3
VI - Western Visayas	4,412	2,832	64.2	2,670	94.3	162	5.7
VII - Central Visayas	3,851	2,418	62.8	2,224	92.0	194	8.0
VIII - Eastern Visayas	2,463	1,718	69.8	1,611	93.8	107	6.2
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula 1/	1,970	1,263	64.1	1,221	96.7	42	3.3
X - Northern Mindanao	2,521	1,804	71.6	1,722	95.5	82	4.5
XI - Davao	2,602	1,738	66.8	1,629	93.7	109	6.3
XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	2,308	1,524	66.0	1,435	94.2	89	5.8
XIII - Caraga	1,504	982	65.3	934	95.1	48	4.9
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao 2/	1,660	908	54.7	870	95.8	38	4.2

Source: National Statistics Office

1/ - Starting July 2003, Isabela City (Basilan) is part of Region IX.

2/ - Starting July 2003, Basilan province, which was formerly part of Region IX, is now under ARMM by EO 36.

Note: Estimates for July 2004 are preliminary results and are subject to change.