

**Table 1. Comparative Labor Force Participation Rates (LFPR), Employment and Unemployment Rates
by Region: July 2003 to July 2004
(In Percent)**

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Past Week in April 2004				Past Week in July 2003				Past Week in October 2003				Past Week in January 2004			
Total				Total				Total				Total			
Region				15 Years				15 Years				15 Years			
15 Years				Em- Unem-				Em- Unem-				Em- Unem-			
Old and LFPR ploy-				Old and LFPR ploy-				Old and LFPR ploy-				Old and LFPR ploy-			
Over				Over				Over				Over			
('000)				('000)				('000)				('000)			
Rate				Rate				Rate				Rate			

Philippines				51,990	67.0	87.4	12.6	52,305	67.1	89.8	10.2	52,675	67.3	89.0	11.0
52,969	69.0	86.3	13.7	53,363	67.1	88.3	11.7								
National Capital Region				7,474	66.4	82.0	18.0	7,514	65.5	82.9	17.1	7,557	66.3	83.2	16.8
7,499	66.4	81.3	18.7	7,605	65.4	81.6	18.4								
Cordillera Administrative				945	68.9	90.5	9.5	950	68.0	92.9	7.1	956	69.0	93.0	7.0
968	72.7	89.8	10.2	982	69.0	90.1	9.9								
Region															
I - Ilocos				2,811	64.7	88.1	11.9	2,818	65.1	89.8	10.2	2,831	64.7	88.1	11.9
2,903	65.0	84.0	16.0	2,857	66.1	87.3	12.7								
II - Cagayan Valley				1,914	69.3	93.4	6.6	1,920	69.9	95.5	4.5	1,943	70.0	94.2	5.8
2,229	74.3	86.1	13.9	2,191	67.4	91.9	8.1								
III - Central Luzon				5,429	65.1	85.4	14.6	5,492	64.0	88.9	11.1	5,524	64.3	87.4	12.6
5,486	64.2	85.5	14.5	5,581	64.4	86.7	13.3								
IV-A - Calabarzon				6,313	66.6	84.4	15.6	6,354	66.8	86.8	13.2	6,416	66.7	86.3	13.7
6,388	66.4	84.5	15.5	6,475	66.4	85.6	14.4								
IV-B - Mimaropa				1,422	69.3	90.5	9.5	1,431	69.8	94.0	6.0	1,456	68.9	90.9	9.1
1,456	75.1	86.6	13.4	1,453	71.9	91.9	8.1								
V - Bicol				2,990	68.6	90.4	9.6	3,005	68.2	93.4	6.6	3,008	70.9	91.3	8.7
3,031	71.3	90.7	9.3	3,020	68.1	91.5	8.5								
VI - Western Visayas				4,275	67.9	88.6	11.4	4,284	68.7	92.1	7.9	4,333	69.0	92.2	7.8
4,389	70.0	87.3	12.7	4,377	68.8	90.4	9.6								
VII - Central Visayas				3,835	64.6	85.6	14.4	3,854	65.4	88.2	11.8	3,881	65.7	87.6	12.4
3,817	67.6	84.8	15.2	3,855	66.1	87.2	12.8								

VIII - Eastern Visayas	2,367	72.8	89.4	10.6	2,389	73.2	92.2	7.8	2,394	71.7	92.4	7.6
2,461 75.5 87.7 12.3	2,492	71.1	90.5	9.5								
IX - Zamboanga Peninsula 1/	1,904	63.9	90.5	9.5	1,932	65.7	94.3	5.7				