



WESTERN VISAYAS INDUSTRY PROFILE

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Western Visayas or Region VI is located at the center of the Philippine archipelago and lies between two large bodies of water, the **Sibuyan Sea** and the **Visayan Sea**.



Land Area:
20,794 sq. km.,

Population
(2024):
4,861,911

Coastal/Landlocked
Coastal

Density (2024):
370 / km²

THE REGION IS COMPOSED OF:

- 5 - Provinces: Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, & Iloilo
- 3 - Cities
- 98 - Municipalities
- 3,209 - Barangays
- 10 - Congressional Districts



Last June 13, 2024, President Bongbong Marcos signed the Republic Act No. 12000 to established the Negros Island Region (NIR).

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population 2024

The background image shows a panoramic view of a city skyline at dusk or night. In the foreground, there are many modern apartment complexes with white facades and multiple balconies. Below them, there are clusters of smaller, lower-rise residential buildings with red roofs. The city extends towards the horizon under a dark sky.

Economic Review



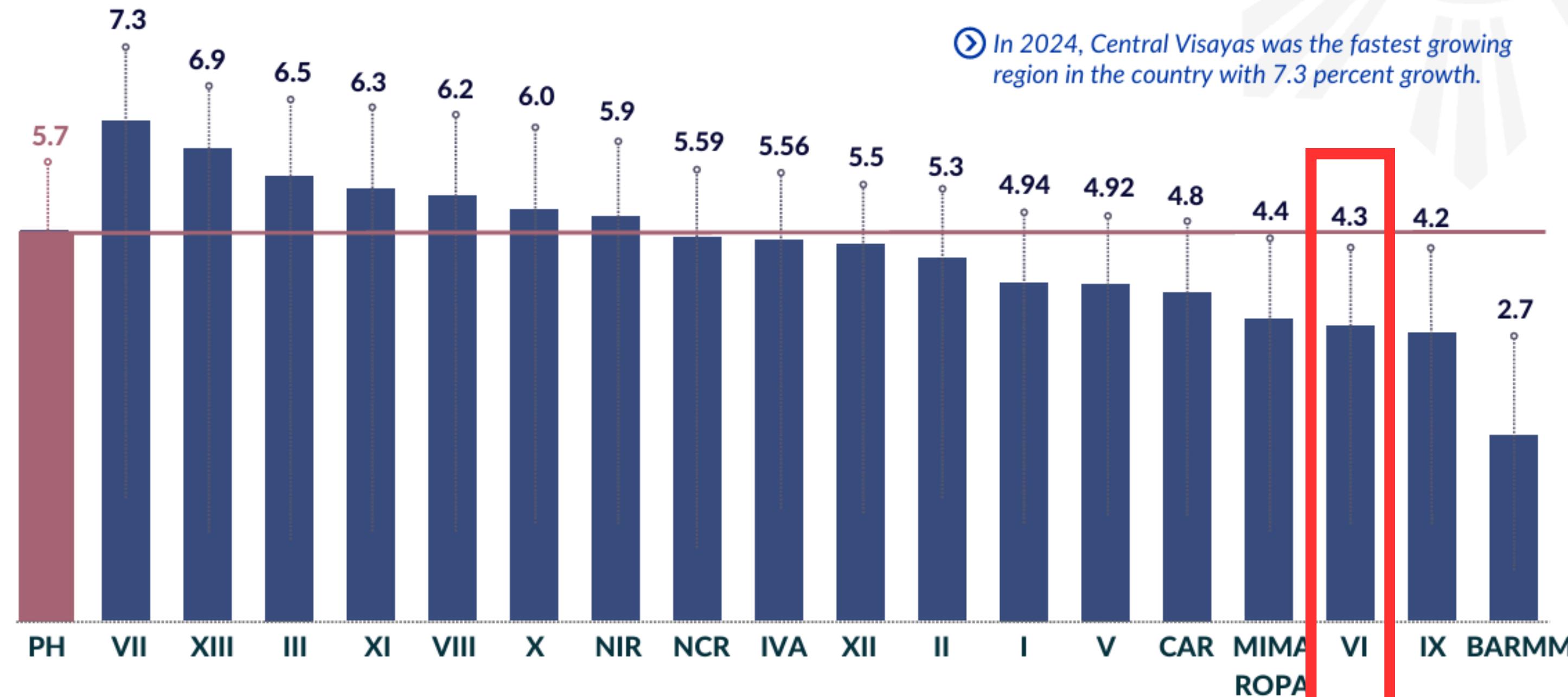
2024 GROSS REGIONAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CONSTANT 2018 PRICES



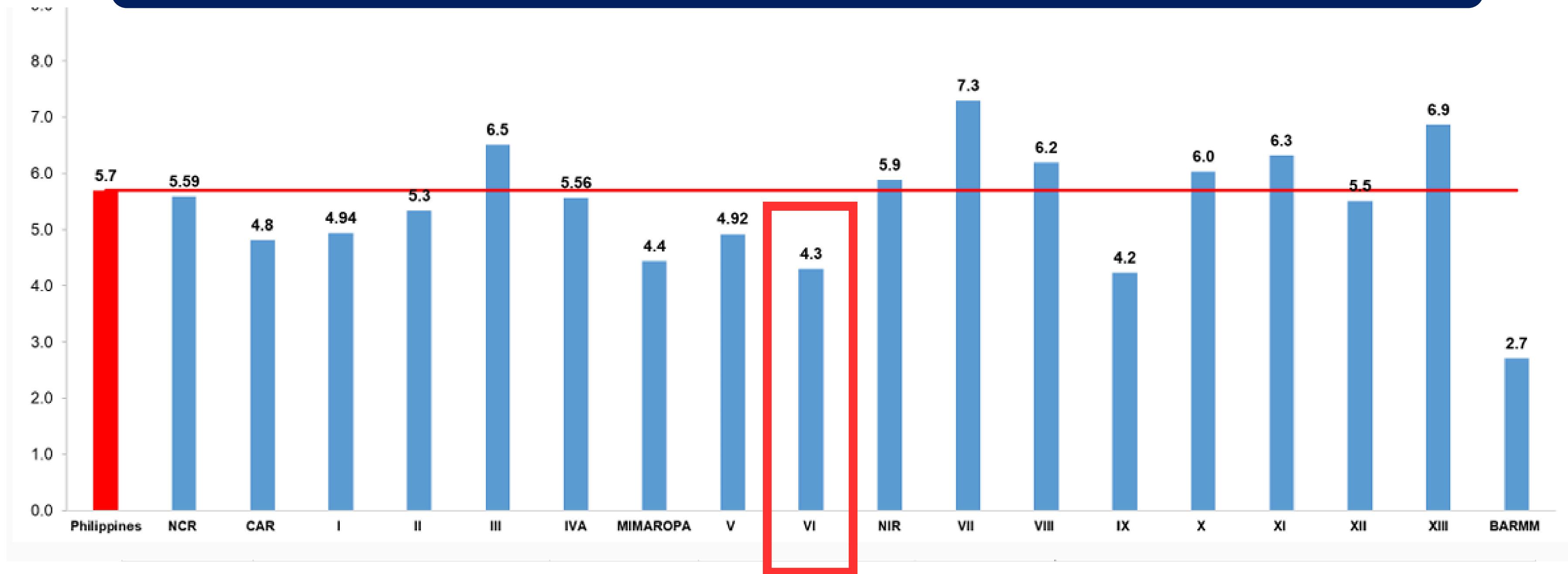
As of April 2025
Reference number: MAS01-RA-04222025

Gross Regional Domestic Product

Growth Rates, 2023-2024, in Percent



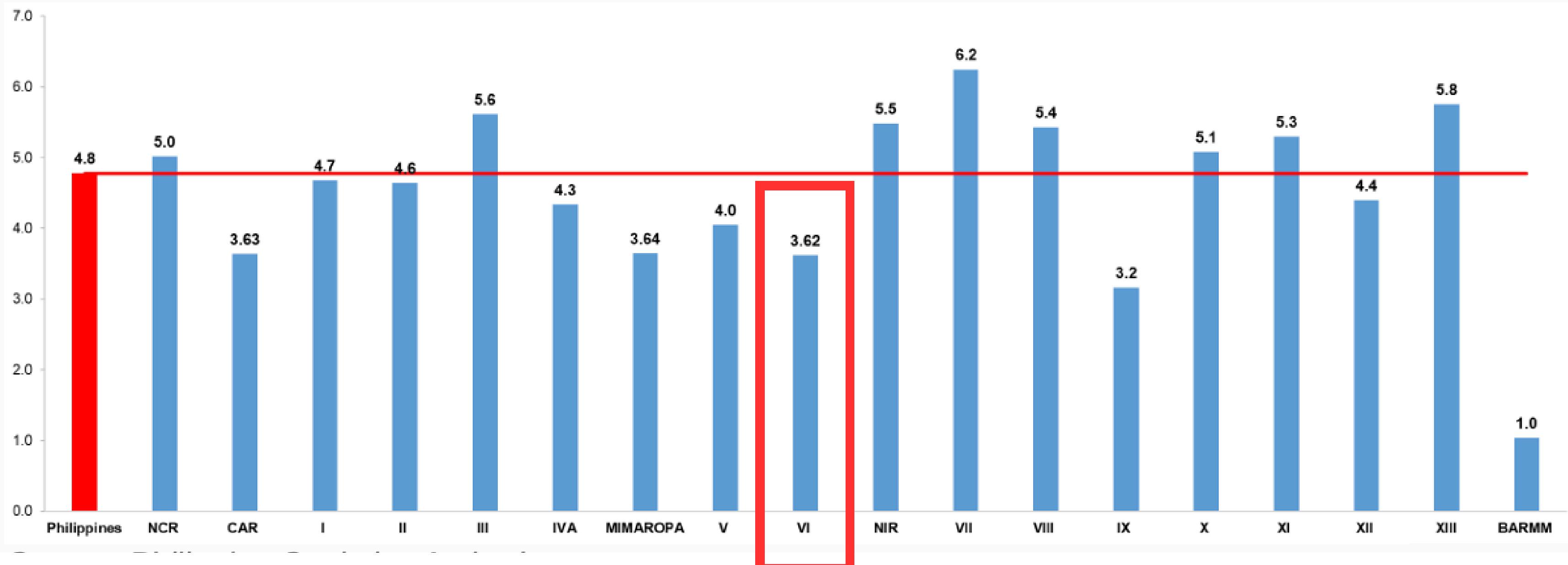
Western Visayas (WV) Industry Share to the 2023-2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant 2018 prices (in percent)



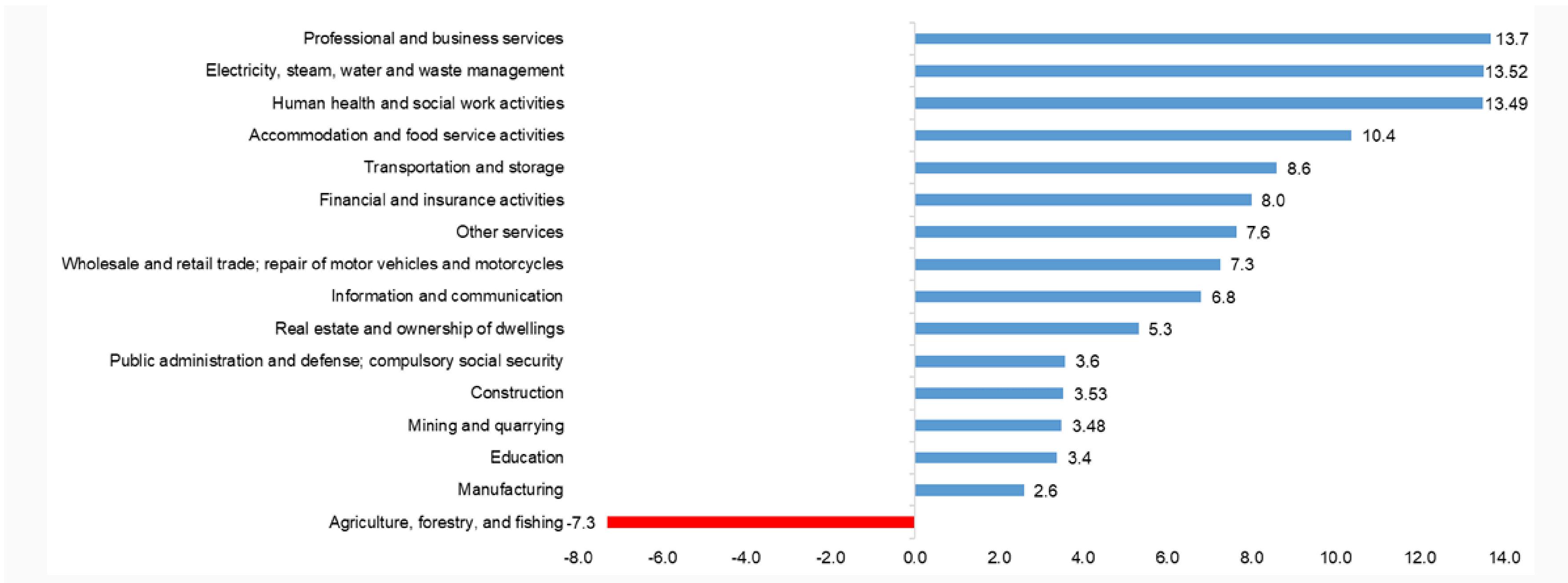
The economy of **Western Visayas** grew by **4.3 percent** in **2024**, slower than the **6.8 percent growth in 2023**. The Western Visayas economy was valued at **PhP 641.76 billion (2.9% of the country's GDP) at constant 2018 prices**.

Western Visayas (WV) Industry Share to the Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) At Constant 2018 Proces (in percent)

Figure 10. Per Capita GDP by Region, Growth Rates, 2023-2024
At Constant 2018 Prices, (in Percent)



Western Visayas (WV) Growth Rates by Industry: 2023-2024 At Constant 2018 Prices, in Percent



The top three industries that recorded the fastest growth were the following: Professional and business services at **13.7 percent**; Electricity, steam, water and waste management at **13.5 percent**; and Human health and social work activities at 13.5 percent. Meanwhile, AFF posted a decline of 7.3 percent in 2024.

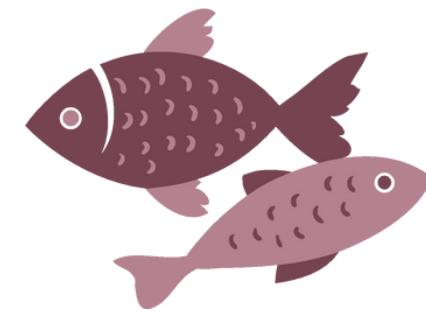


Major Industries & Employment

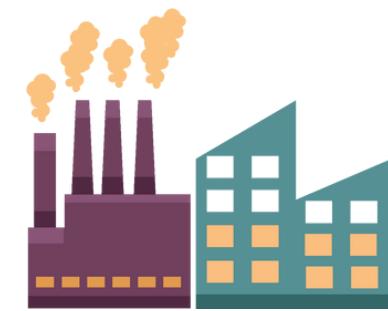
THE 12 ECONOMIC DRIVERS OF WESTERN VISAYAS



AGRICULTURE
DA and attached agencies, DOST, NIA, PCA, PhilFiDA, PhilMEC, SUCs, LGUs



MARINE & FISHERIES
BFAR, DOST, SUCs, LGUs



MSMES & LARGE MANUFACTURING
DTI, DOST, LGUs



IT/BPO/BPMS
DTI, DICT and Private Companies



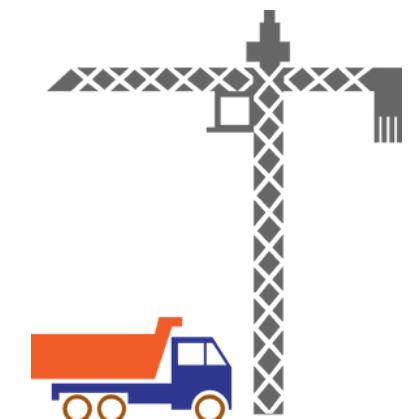
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DTI, LGUs



TOURISM
DOT, DTI, LGUs



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
DHSUD, LGUs



CONSTRUCTION
DPWH, LGUs



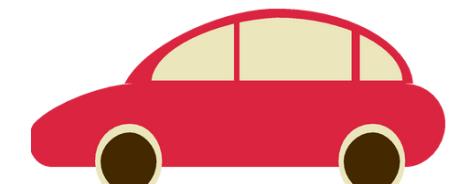
HOUSING
DepEd, CHED, DOH, DSWD, LGUs, National Housing Authority



FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
BSP



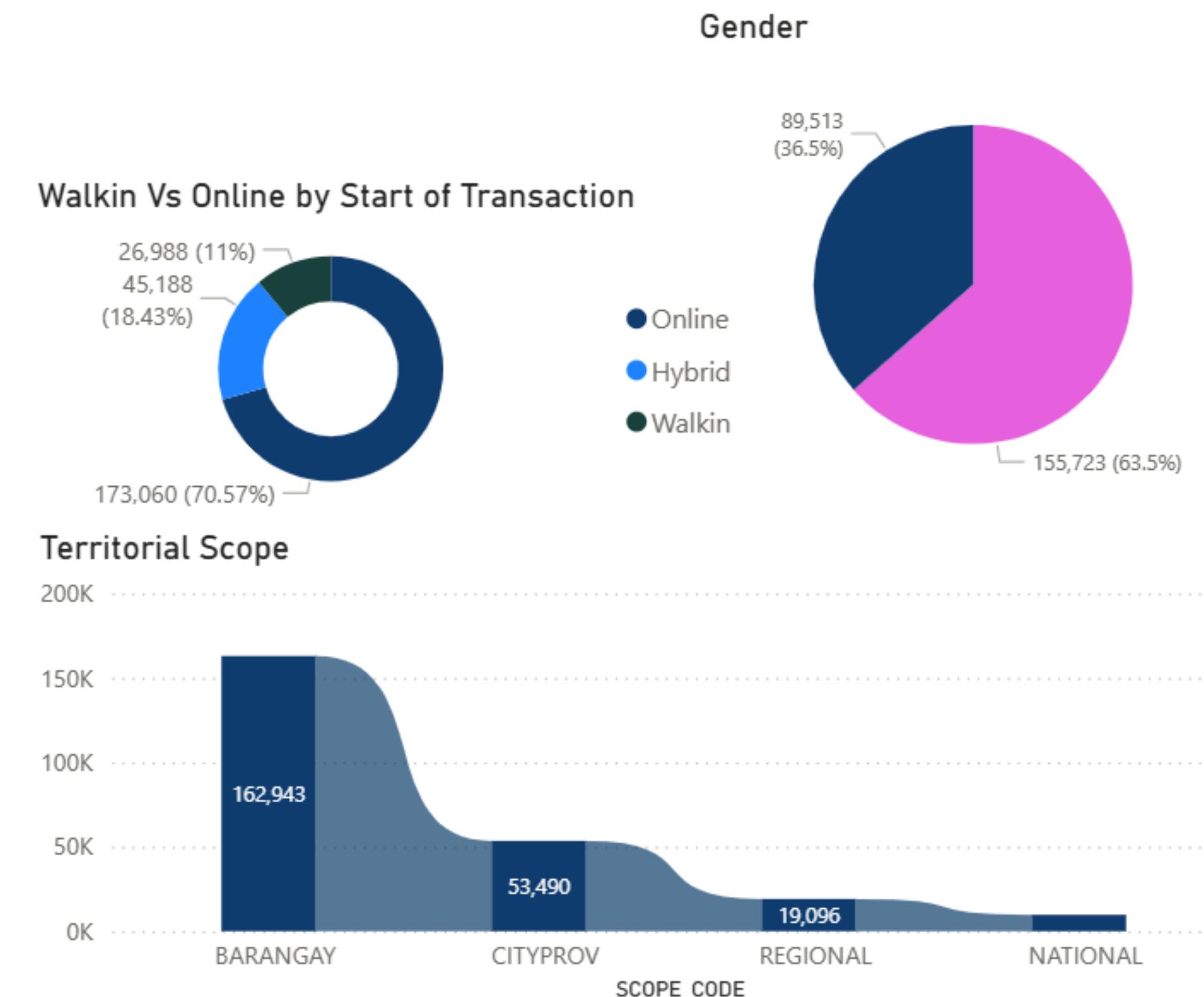
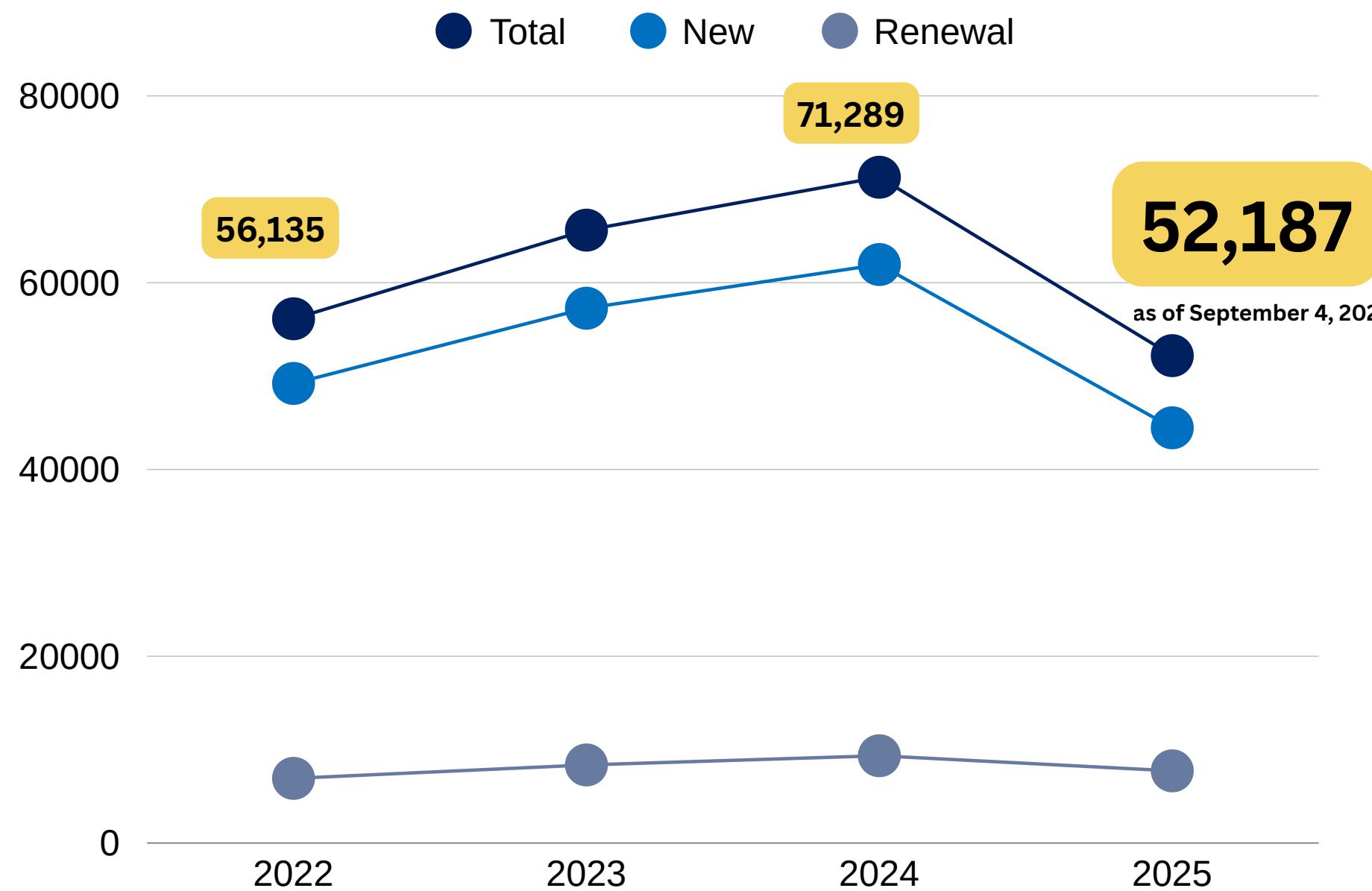
PORT OPERATIONS
PPA, CAAP, LGUs, Marina



TRANSPORTATION
LTFRB, LGUs

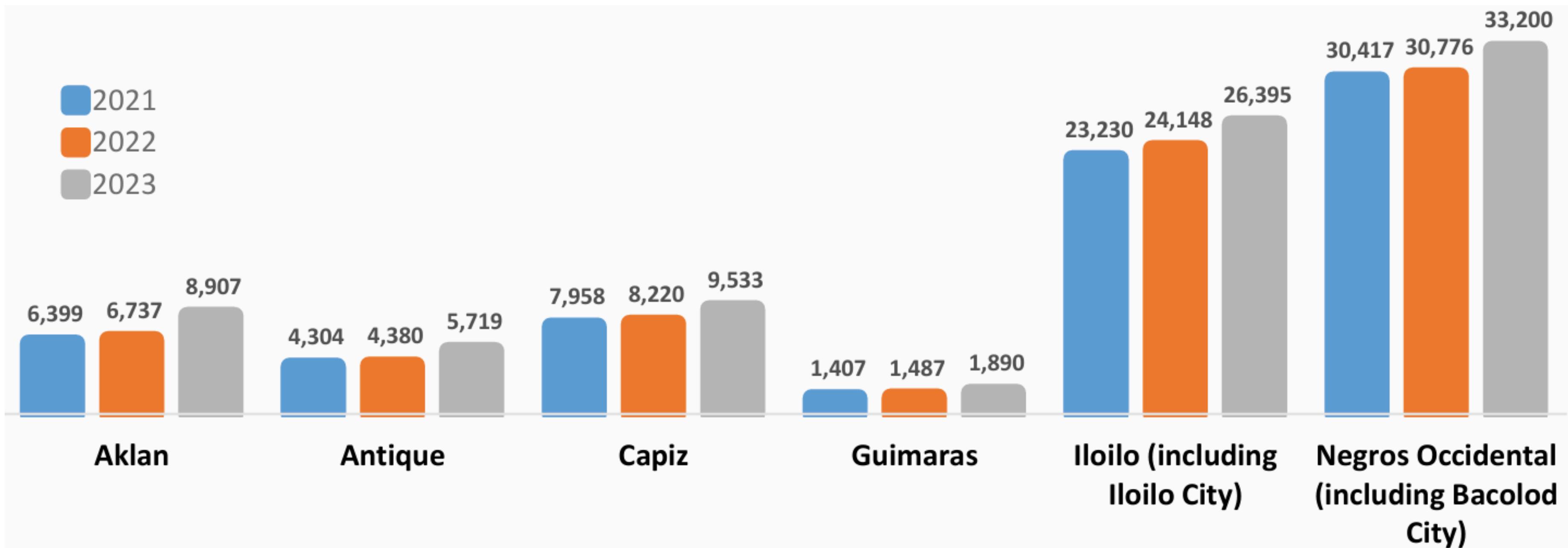
DTI Business Name Registration in Western Visayas

(2022 - September 4, 2025)

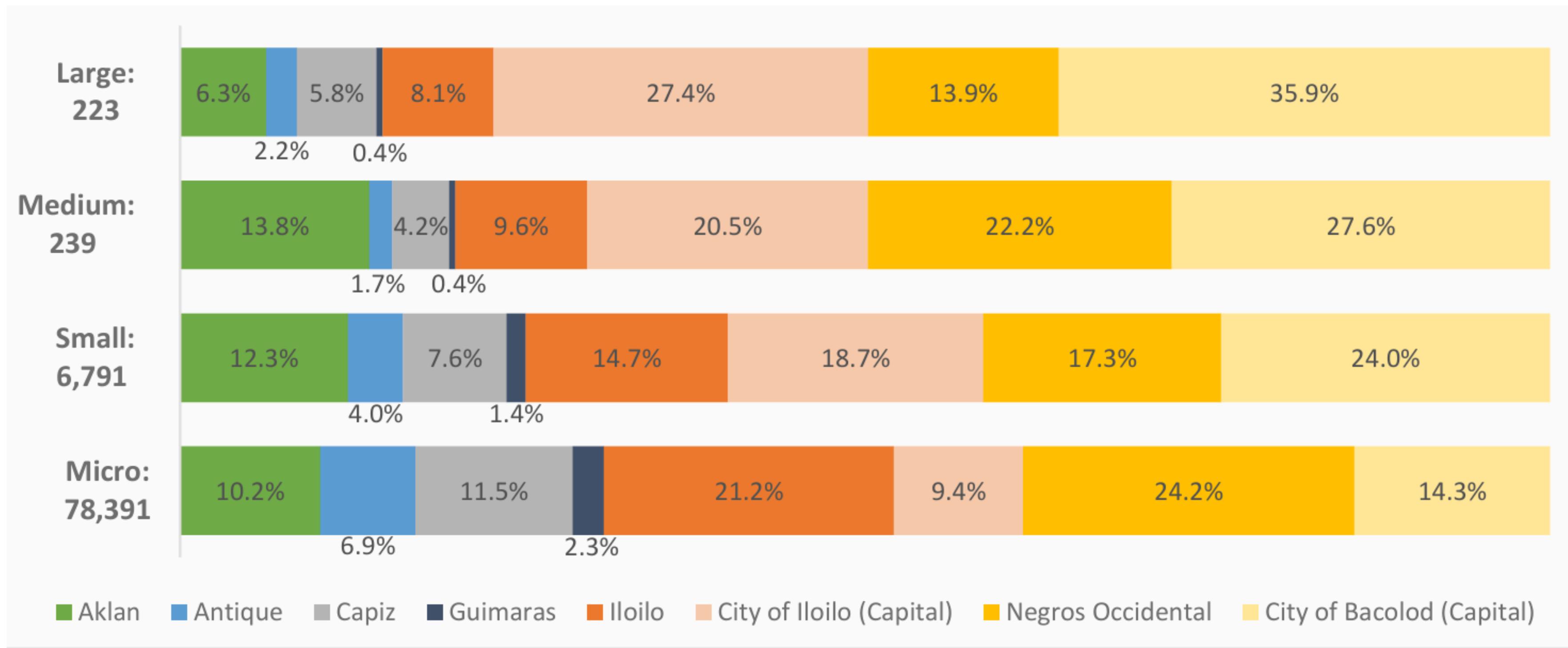


Numbers of Establishments in Operation and Total Employment by Province in Western Visayas

2021-2023

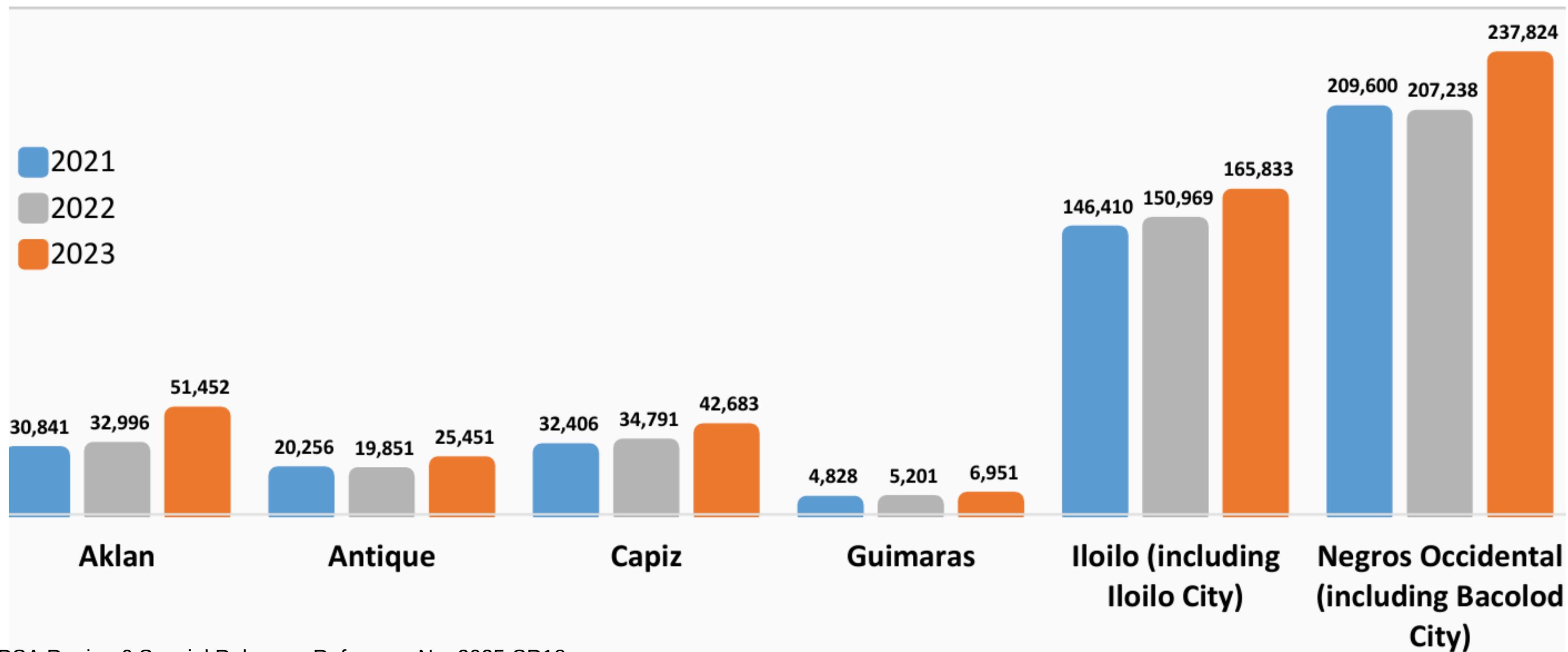


Number of Micro, Small, Medium and Large Establishments by Province in Western Visayas, 2023



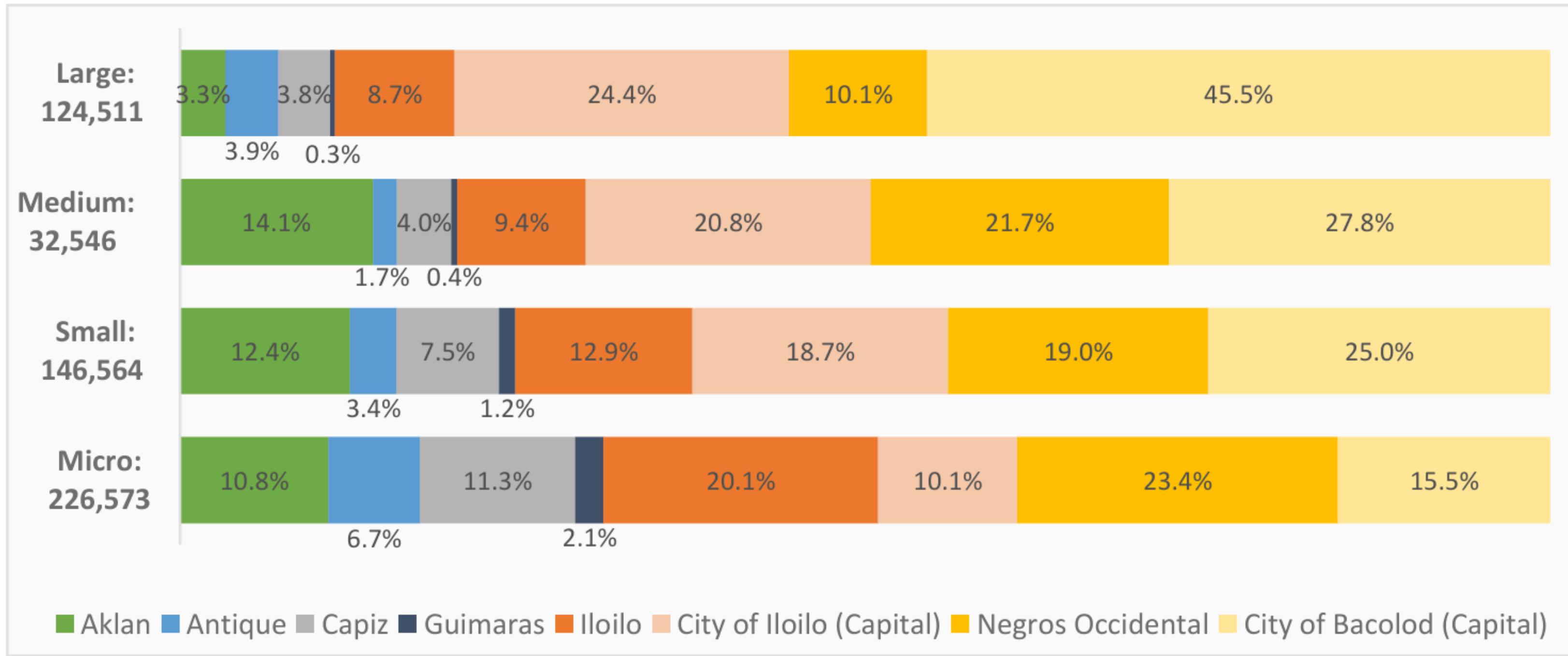
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Figure 3. Total Employment of Establishments in Operation by Province in Western Visayas, 2021-2023



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Figure 4. Total Employment by Province in Western Visayas, 2023

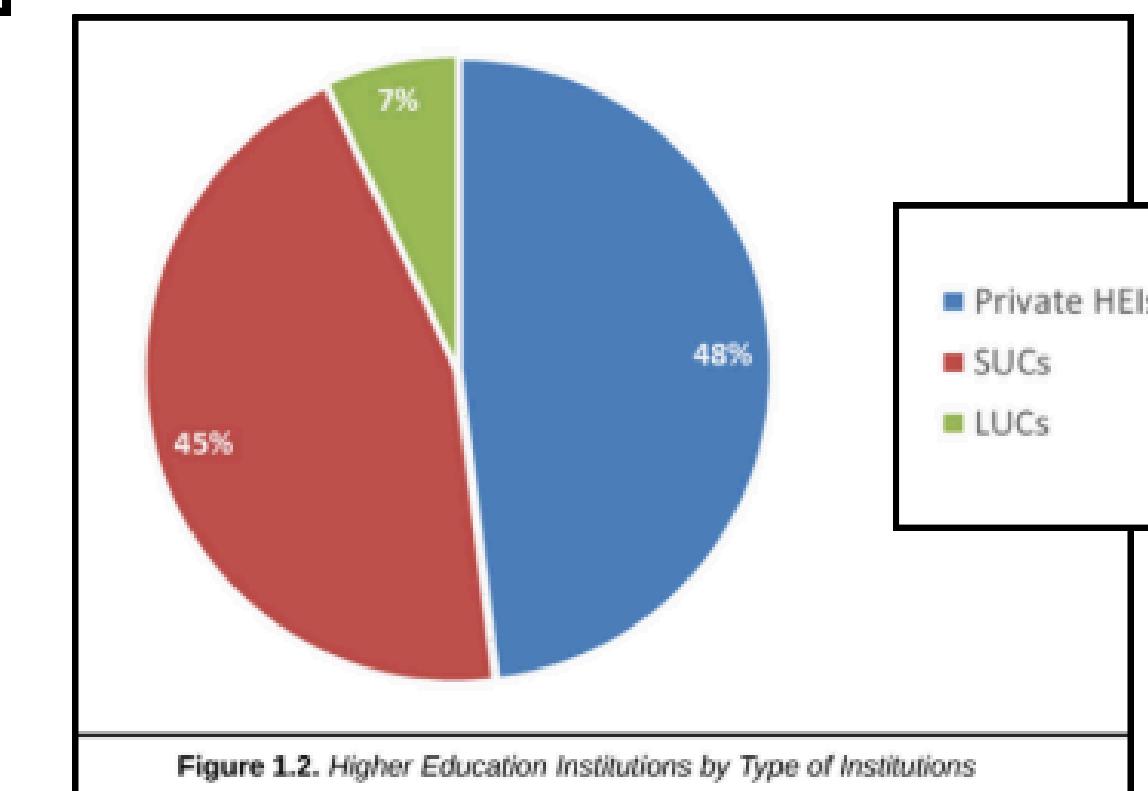
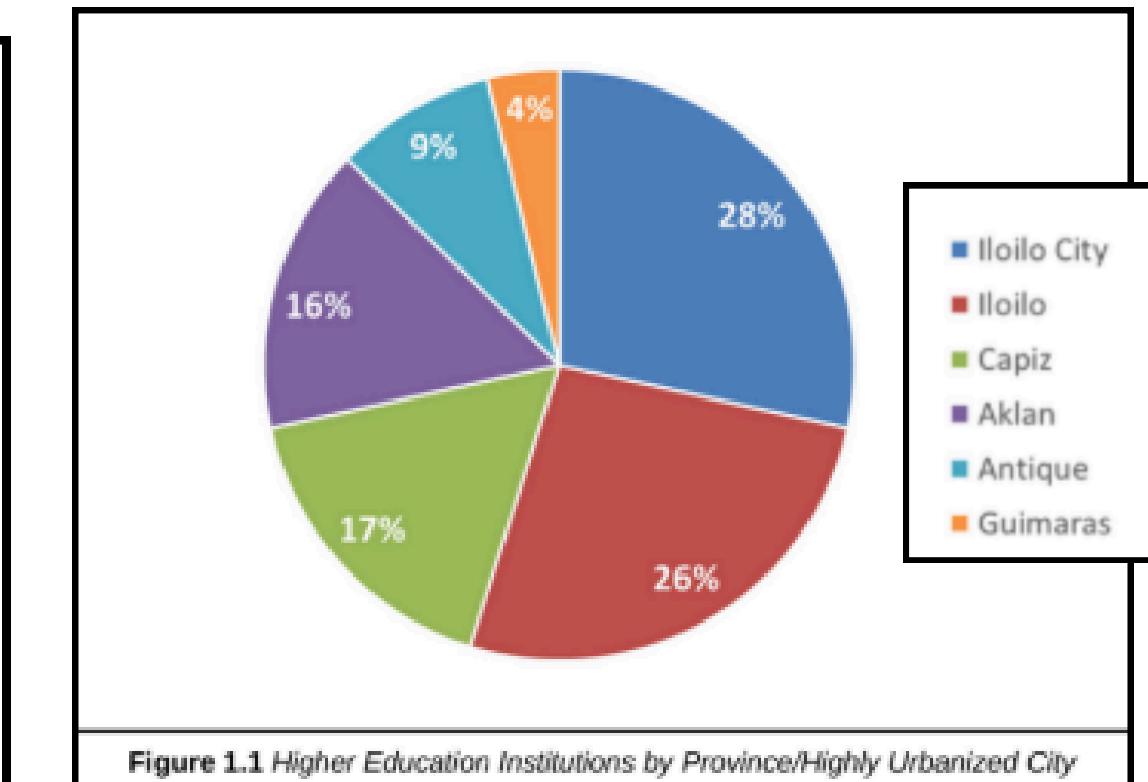


A collage of diverse people in professional settings, including a woman in a plaid jacket, a man in a suit, a woman in a yellow dress, and others working at desks with laptops and papers.

Workforce and skills

Higher Education Institution by Province or Highly Urbanized City

Province/HUC	Grand Total	PUBLIC HEIs				PRIVATE HEIs		
		State Universities and Colleges		LUCs	Subtotal	Non-Sectarian	Sectarian	Subtotal
		Main	Satellite					
Iloilo City	29	2	-	1	3	16	10	26
Iloilo	27	2	20	1	23	4	-	4
Capiz	17	1	8	-	9	2	6	8
Aklan	16	1	4	4	9	4	3	7
Antique	9	1	4	1	6	2	1	3
Guimaras	4	1	2	-	3	1	-	1
Total	102	8	38	7	53	29	20	49
%	100.00%	7.84%	37.25%	6.86%	51.96%	28.43%	19.61%	48.04%



20,391

No. of Higher Education
Graduates for Programs
by Program Discipline

(Business Administration and Related,
Engineering and Technology, IT-Related
Disciplines, Medical and Allied, Mass
Communication & Documentation,
Mathematics and Fine and Applied Arts)

102

No. of Higher Education
Institutions

46

No. of State
Universities and
Colleges

7

No. of Local
Universities and
Colleges

49

No. of Private
HEIs

Source: CHED - Statistical Bulletin AY 2024-2025

Distribution of Higher Education Institutions by Discipline and Institutional Type

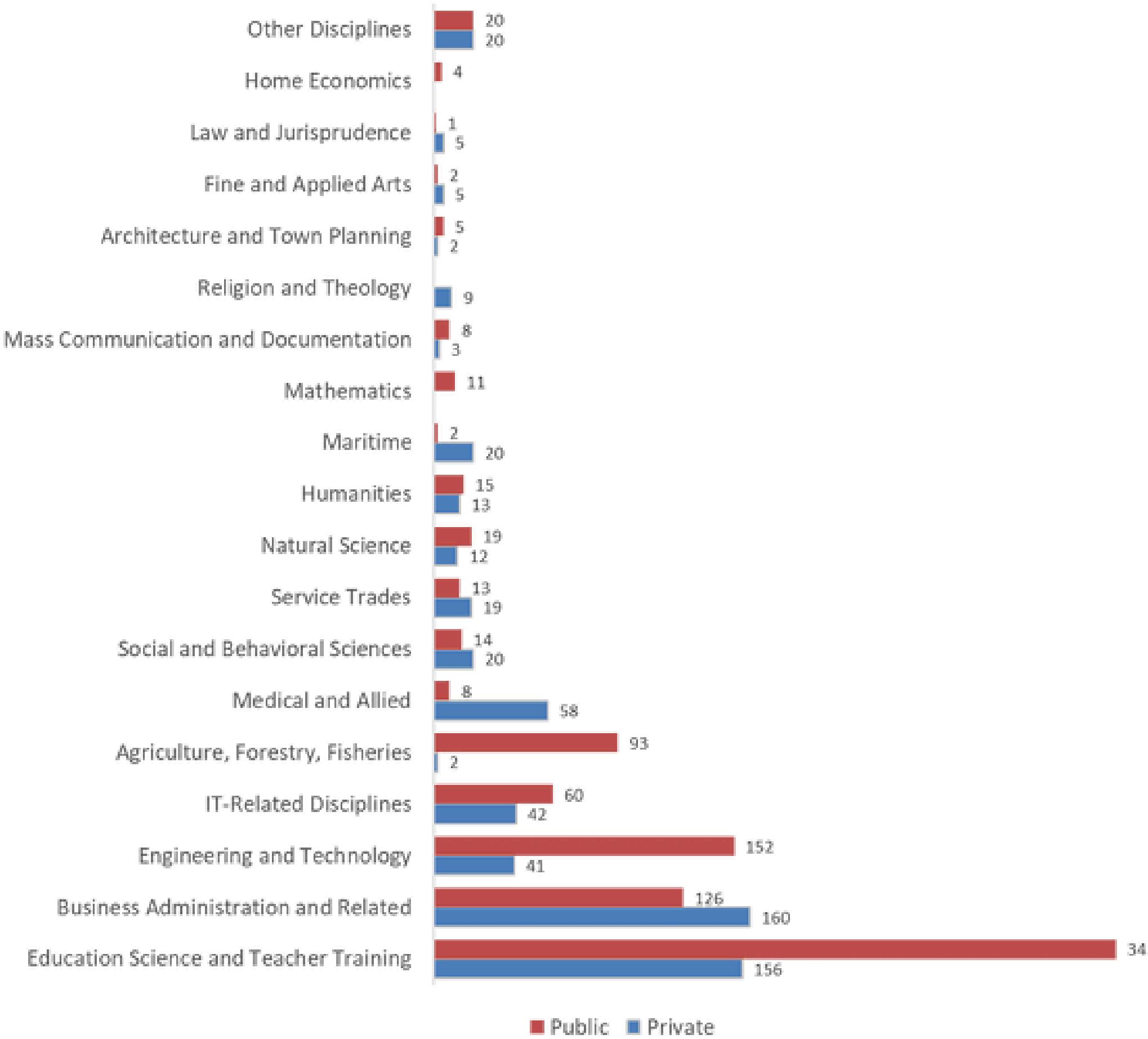


Figure 1.4 Distribution of Higher Education Institutions by Discipline and Institutional Type

Source: [CHED - Statistical Bulletin AY 2024-2025](#)



Infrastructure and Investment Opportunities

Transportation

9
Airports



Western Visayas has **six (6) CAAP-operated airports and three (3) additional airstrips for private use.**

152
operational ports distributed all over the provinces



Western Visayas has **49 fishing ports, 69 private commercial ports, 23 public commercial ports and 11 feeder ports**

Source: [Area Centers | Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sipalay_Airport

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicogon_Airport

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semirara_Island

Sources:

[WV RSET Chapter 7 – TRADE](#)

<https://rsc6.gov.ph/statistics/economic-statistics/trade/>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1,027 Cell Towers

293 Wi-Fi Hotspots

20 Fiber-optic Cable

Scattered and installed all-over the region to provide fast and stable internet connectivity!

Connectivity Highlights





23

Operating PEZA Sites

1 in Aklan
1 in Capiz
6 in Iloilo City
12 in Bacolod City
3 in Negros Occidental

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN VISAYAS LOGISTICS CLUSTER



Seaport



Warehouse



Roads and Bridges



Cold Storage Facility



Airport



Processing Plant



Trucking Facility



Agri Terminal



Railway



Food Terminal



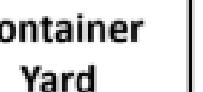
ICT
Infrastruc...



Economic Zone



Slaughterhouse



Container
Yard



Bagsakan
Center



Fishport



Transport
Facility



Packaging
Plant

WHY INVEST IN VISAYAS LOGISTICS CLUSTER?

- Abundant in Natural Resources
- Agricultural Potential
- Collaborative Environment
- Competitive Human Capital
- Decongestion of other Areas within PH
- Generally Peaceful and Orderly
- High Demand for Logistics
- High Potential for Economic Growth
- Increasing Population
- Lack of Logistics Infrastructure
- Mitigation of Trade & Manufacturing Paralysis
- Presence of Logistics Infrastructure
- Strategic Location
- Sufficient Power Supply

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Tourism



GUIMARAS

Nuts



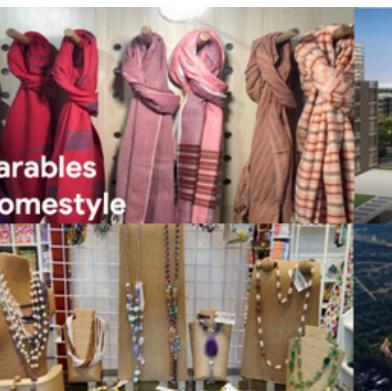
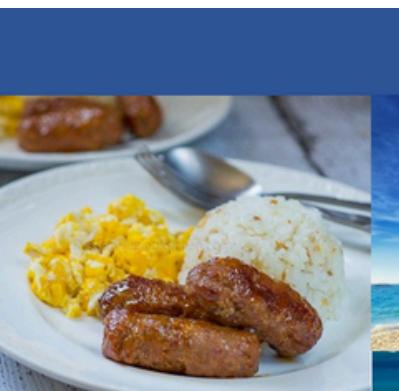
Processed
Food



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REGION 6 – WESTERN VISAYAS PRIORITY INDUSTRIES



NEGROS OCCIDENTAL



DTI 6 PRIORITY INDUSTRIES



**Coffee * Cacao * Processed Fruits & Nuts * Coconut
* Bamboo * Wearables & Homestyle * IT-BPM**

BAMBOO INDUSTRY IN WESTERN VISAYAS

The **Bamboo Industry Cluster** is one of the major industry sectors being developed and promoted by DTI Region VI. Various programs and activities have been implemented in different provinces to enhance the competitiveness of the bamboo industry.

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No. of Bamboo Shared Service Facilities (SSF) in Region VI

5

No. of Bamboo Anchor Firms

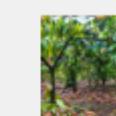
Total Areas Planted as of Sept. 30, 2022 – 25,535.85 has.

YEAR	AREA (HA.)
2013	74
2014	125
2015	274.35
2017	4,063.50
2018	1,068.00
2019	50
2020	12,847.00
2021	4,714.00
2022	1,320.00

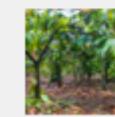
CACAO INDUSTRY CLUSTER



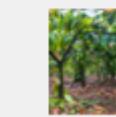
Total Farm Area (ha)



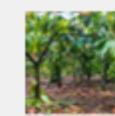
1,048.48 ha



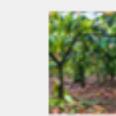
Area Planted to Cacao (ha)



251 ha



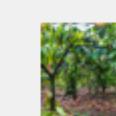
Plant Population
(*seedlings*
& *grafted*)



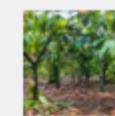
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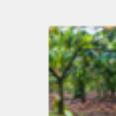
Total No. of Fruit Bearing Trees



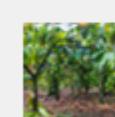
94,158



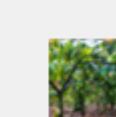
Average Production per Year (kg)



21,988



Total No. of Farmers/ Organization
Profiled



230



COFFEE INDUSTRY CLUSTER

COFFEE ANCHOR FIRMS

01. SUGAR VALLEY COFFEE, NEGROS OCC.

02. COFFEE CULTURE ROASTERY, NEGROS OCC.

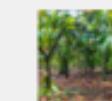
03. KAPE ILOILO



Area Planted to Coffee (ha)



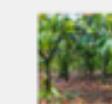
9,914.32



Production (MT- Green Coffee Beans)



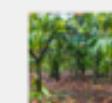
2,089.84



Production (MT- Dried Cherries)



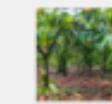
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Total No. of Fruit Bearing Trees



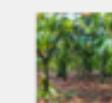
5,879,656



Yield (MT/ HA)



.42



Robusta Yield (MT)



3,376.26



Commodities & Players

31 Food Products

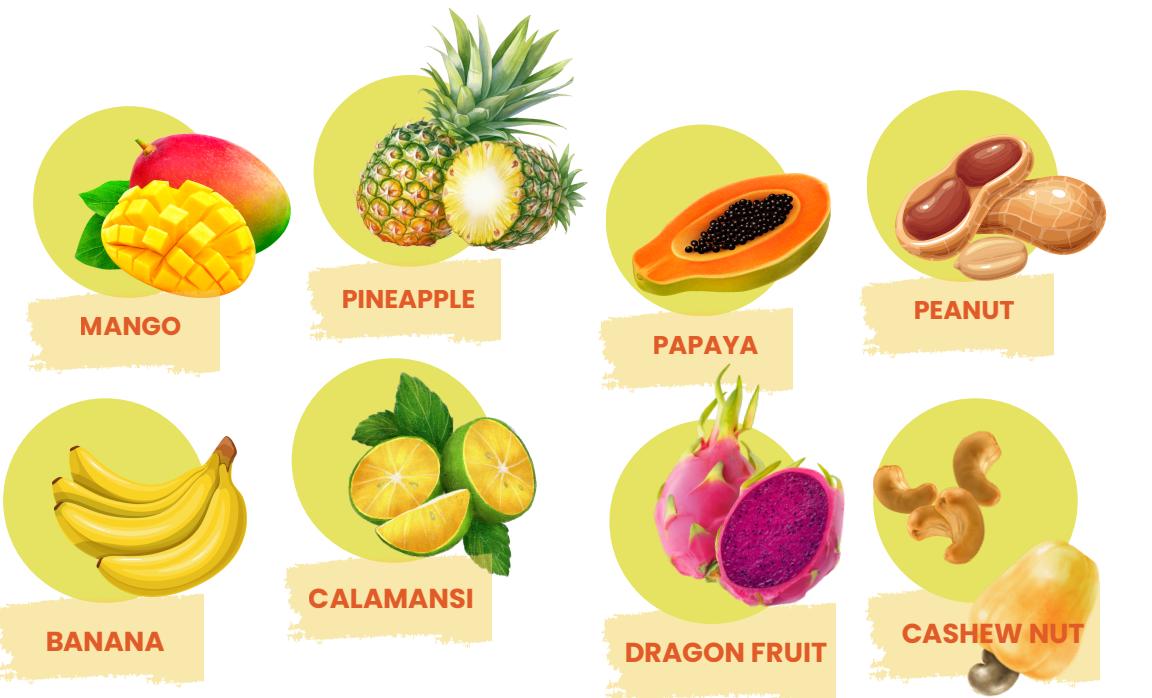
5	Coco Vinegar
1	Cooking Oil
1	Crude Oil
5	Fresh Coconut
7	Virgin Coconut Oil (vco)
2	Palm Oil
2	Whole nut
1	Young Coconut
7	Food Coconut by Product

387 Non-Food Products

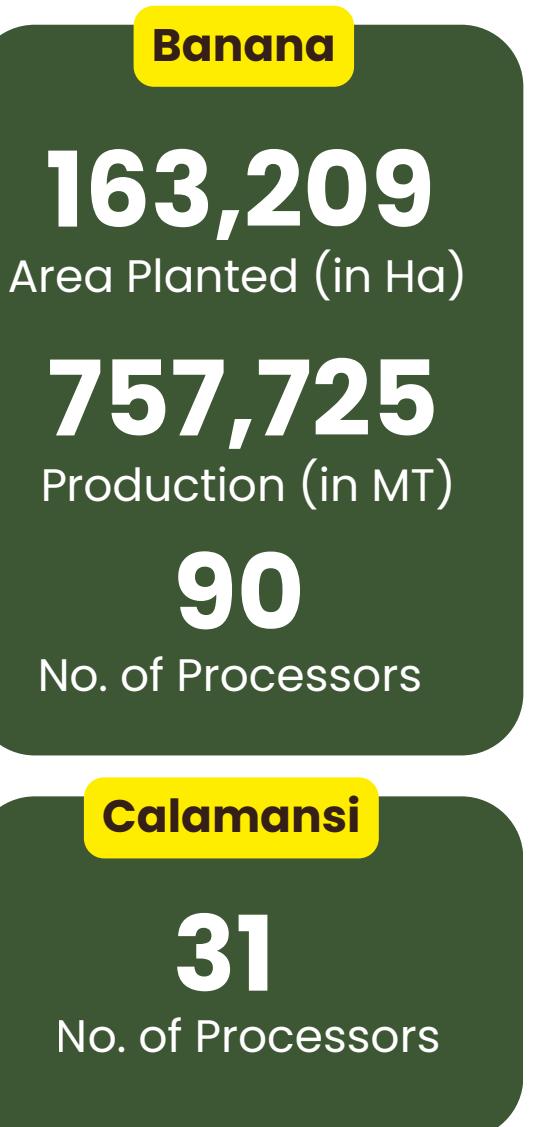
1	Charcoal Briquettes	317	Cocounut Lumber (Dealer/Processor)
1	Coco Shell Charcoal	2	Coconut Seedlings / Nursery Producer
2	Coir Processor	2	Non-Food Coconut by Products
55	Copra Trader		
3	Oil Miller		

PROCESSED FRUITS & NUTS INDUSTRY CLUSTER

PRIORITY COMMODITIES IN REGION VI



In Region VI there are **eight (8) priority commodities** under the Processed Fruits and Nuts including mango, pineapple, banana, calamansi, papaya, dragon fruit, peanut and cashew nut.



FRUITS
&
NUTS

WEARABLES & HOMESTYLE INDUSTRY CLUSTER IN WESTERN VISAYAS



RAW MATERIALS PRESENT PER PROVINCE

AKLAN	PIÑA, ABACA, RAFFIA, NITO, CLAY, BARIW, BURI RAMIE
ANTIQUE	ABACA, BURI, BAMBOO, COCO COIR, SEMI PRECIOUS STONES, BARIW, NITO
CAPIZ	BAMBOO, SHELLS, ABACA, AGSAM VINE, CLAY
GUIMARAS	PANDAN, TWINED PIÑA, COCO SHELLS, NITO, COCO COIR, BURI
ILOILO	ABACA, BAMBOO, CLAY, COTTON, SHELLS
NEGROS OCC.	BAMBOO, CLAY, COCO SHELLS, SILK, PANDAN, WATER LILY



With the abundance of piña fiber, abaca and other raw materials, the province of Aklan is known to produce world-class piña clothing and other home decorations

IT-BPM INDUSTRY CLUSTER IN WESTERN VISAYAS

DTI Region 6 aims to strengthen the IT-BPM sector, by developing the innovation, startup and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Western Visayas.

This will help DTI Region 6 realize its goal of becoming not only a premier location for IT-BPM locators, but also a seedbed for startups with a robust digital economic system.

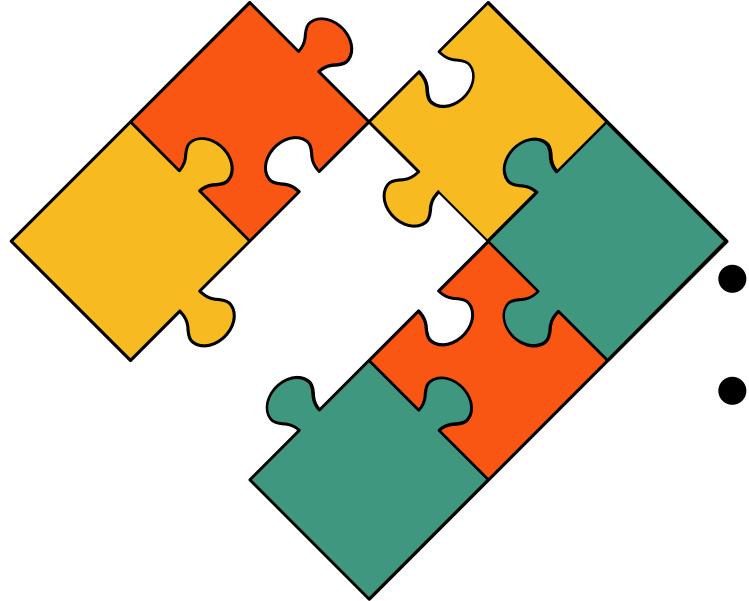
200+ and growing!

Western Visayas is home to leading IT-BPM/BPO companies



50 Assisted Startups
(2021-2024)

Opportunities and Challenges



- Post-COVID Industry Recovery
- Services Sector Resilience and Growth

1. Inclusive and Resilient Tourism Development
2. Digital Transformation and MSME Empowerment
3. Creative and Service Sector Promotion
4. Regional Industrialization and Innovation
5. Workforce Upskilling and Technology Adoption





THANK YOU!