



**NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IX**

2ND QUARTER REGIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATIONER 2023

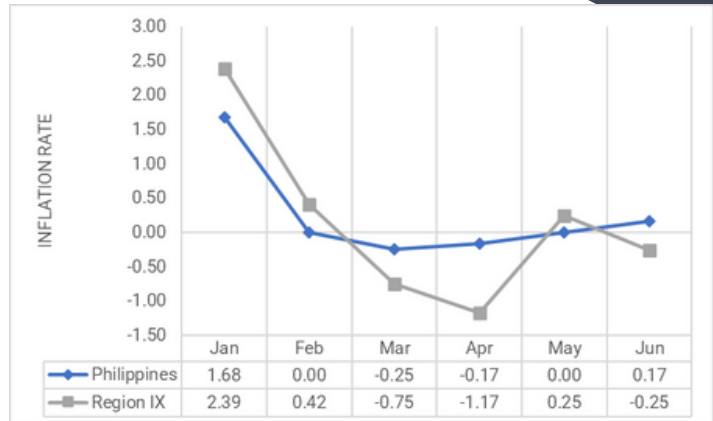
MACROECONOMY

Zamboanga Peninsula's inflation rate was relatively higher in the months of April (-0.17%) and June (0.17%) 2023 compared to the inflation rate experienced by the country at -1.17% and -0.25% respectively.

In April, 0.25% deflation was experienced by the region, as prices of all items remain unchanged until May and slightly increased in June by 0.17%.

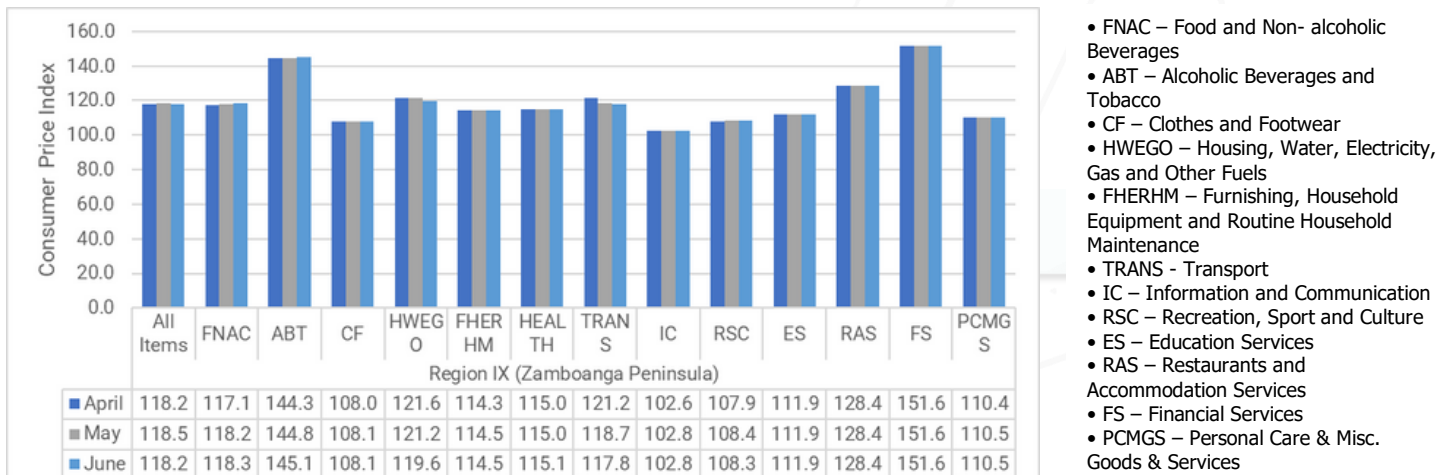
The price changes of commodities in the region over the past three months shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1. Inflation Rate, All Items, January-June 2023



Source: PSA Website

Figure 2. Consumer Price Index per Commodity, Region IX, April-June 2023

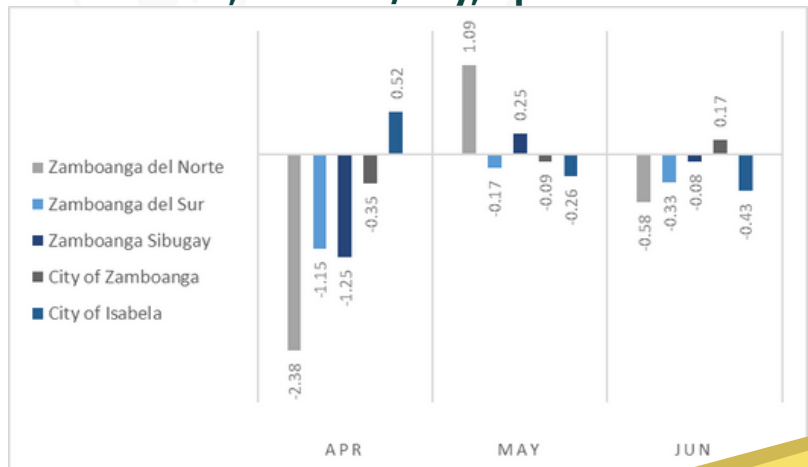


Source: PSA Website

In April, only Isabela City experienced moderate inflation at 0.52%, while all the provinces and Zamboanga City showed deflation in commodity prices. This could be attributed to the increased supply of goods in these areas.

In succeeding months, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay posted a slight increase in prices of commodities at 1.09% and 0.25%, respectively. This was due to the increasing fuel prices in the region.

Inflation Rate, Province/City, April-June 2023



Source: PSA Website

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

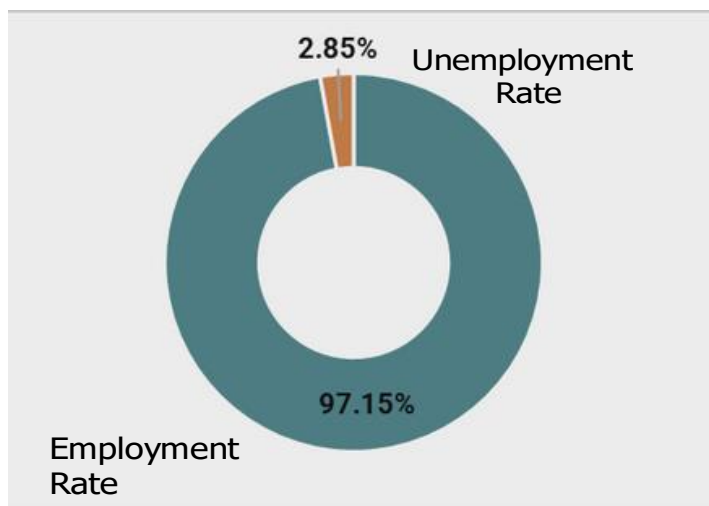
Employment Statistics, Region IX, 2nd Quarters, 2022 and 2023

2Q 2022 2Q 2023

Household Population 15 Years and Over ('000)	2,589	2,605
Labor Force Participation Rate	60.4	63.7

The total household population of 15 years old and over in the region was 2,605,000 in the 2nd Quarter of 2023, posting an increase of 0.61% compared to 2,589,000 in the same quarter in 2022. The labor force participation rate in the region also increased from 60.4% in the 2nd quarter 2022 to 63.7% in 2nd quarter 2023. This equates to a 5.46% increase in work force participation in the region.

Source: PSA IX



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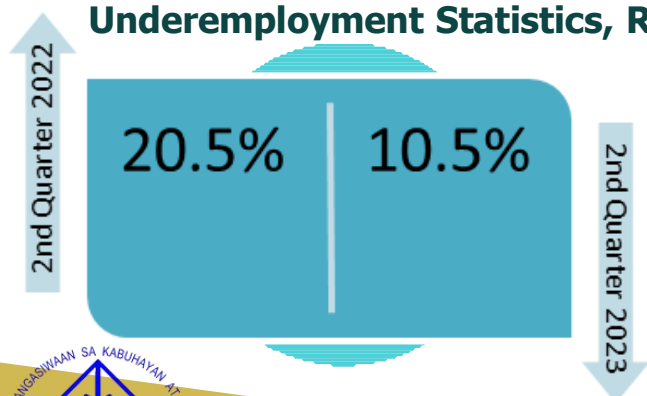
2nd Quarter 2022



Source: PSA IX

2nd Quarter 2023

Underemployment Statistics, Region IX 2nd Quarters, 2022 and 2023



The underemployment rate in the region improved significantly in the 2nd quarter of 2023. A 10.0 percentage points decline was recorded in the region from 20.5% in 2022 to 10.5% in 2023. This implies that a great number of individuals in the region have landed more jobs with sufficient salary to meet their basic needs.

Source: PSA IX

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

The increase and decrease in the number of beneficiaries relied primarily from the fund allocation.

The DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) expanded by 61% in the number of beneficiaries provided with Group and Individual Livelihood projects as of the second quarter period. DOLE IX expected more funds for this program for the remaining quarters of the year.

The Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) Program has been continuously providing poor but deserving students in pursuit of their education. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic had changed the landscape of the education system. This was in terms of the opening and closing of school classes which led to the deceleration in the processing and pledging of employers that primarily cater to the program. The decrease of number of Government Internship Program (GIP) beneficiaries was due to the limited funds provided during the second quarter period.

The Family Welfare Program (FWP) of DOLE IX was anchored on the promotion of the well-being of the workers and their family.

Number of Beneficiaries on Major Welfare Programs, Region IX, 3rd Quarters, 2022 and 2023

Program	3rd Quarter 2022	3rd Quarter 2023	% Change
Special Program for the Employment of Student (SPES)	5,888	3,545	-39.79%
Government Internship Program (GIP)	959	190	-80.19%
Tulong Panghanapbuhay para sa Ating Disadvantaged/ Displaced (TUPAD)	137,295	43,313	-68.45%
DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP)	1,511	2,434	61.09%
Family Welfare Program (FWP)	12,354	650	-94.74%
TOTAL	158,007	50,132	-68.27%

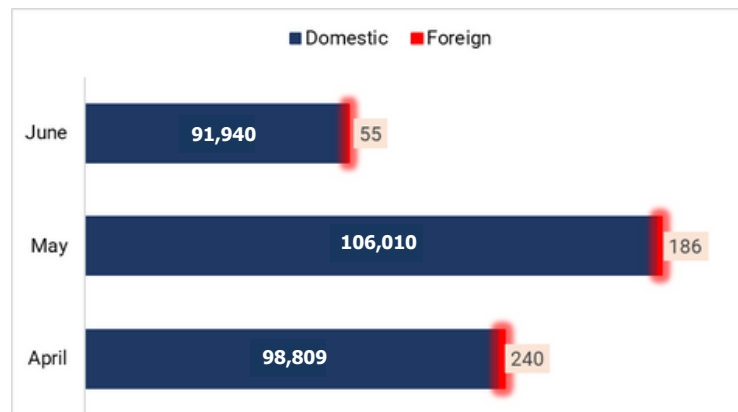
Source: DOLE IX

FWP showed a contraction of 94.73% in the number of workers reached. This was due to the focus of DOLE IX on Small and Micro enterprise activities in the second quarter.

The Department has obligated funds for these are ready for release and implementation in the third and succeeding quarters.

TOURISM

Tourist Arrivals, By Type of Tourist, Region IX, 2nd Quarter 2023



Source: DOT IX

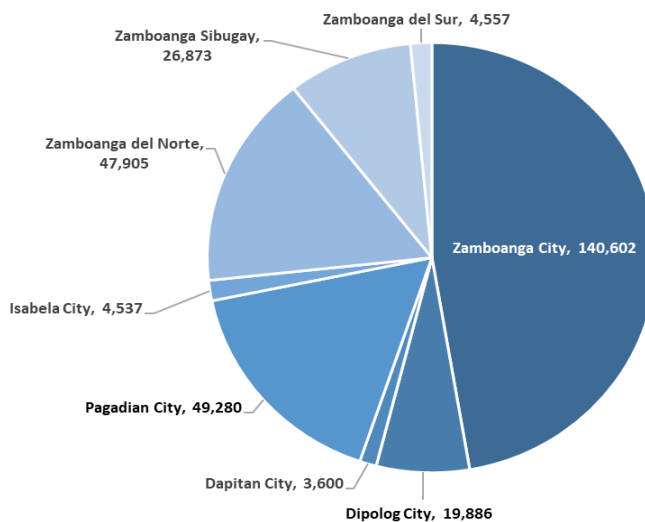
Around 297,240 tourist arrivals were recorded by the Department of Tourism IX in the second quarter of 2023. The region's tourist registration was highly dominated by domestic tourists. Only 0.16% of these tallied tourist arrivals were foreigners.

An influx of tourist arrivals was noted in the month of May with a total of 106,196 individuals, both foreign and local tourists. The months of April and June had a total registered tourist arrivals of 99,049 and 91,995, respectively.

Zamboanga City posted the highest number of tourist arrivals among the five cities in Zamboanga Peninsula with a total of 140,380 domestic and 222 foreign tourists. This was followed by Pagadian City, Dipolog City, Dapitan City, and Isabela City.

For the provinces, Zamboanga del Norte received the most tourists with 47,646 domestic and 259 foreign tourists. Zamboanga Sibugay has 26,873 tourists and Zamboanga del Sur with 4,557 tourists.

Domestic Tourist Arrivals, Province/Cities, 2nd Quarter 2023



Source: DOT IX

The total logged foreign arrivals in all provinces and cities was 481, which were contributed by Zamboanga del Norte (259) and Zamboanga City (222) alone.

INVESTMENTS

The Bureau of Investments approved one project in Region IX in the second quarter of 2023. The project is a manufacturing-type venture by Ohana Central Manufacturing Incorporated, located in Purok Green Leaves, Sta. Filomena, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte. The project costs PHP 45 million pesos which holds the potential not only to boost the region's economy but also generate employment opportunities for the local community of around 100 jobs. It will provide a significant boost to the job market and enhance the livelihoods of individuals in the area.

Source: Bureau of Investments



ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Justice Efficiency Indicators, Region IX, 2nd Quarters, 2022 and 2023

INVESTIGATION	2Q 2022	2Q 2023
•No. of Probation Investigation Cases Handled	4,587	4,161
•No. of Parole Investigation Cases Handled	76	295
SUPERVISION	2Q 2022	2Q 2023
•No. of Probation Investigation Cases Handled	3,750	4,407
•No. of Parole Investigation Cases Handled	346	448
REHABILITATION	2Q 2022	2Q 2023
•No. of rehabilitation intervention services rendered to clients	23,320	47,112
•No. of clients participating in rehabilitation program	2,616	3,097
•No. volunteer probation assists (VPAs) mobilized to assist in the rehabilitation program of clients	362	315

Source: DOJ-PPA IX

The number of investigation cases handled per quarter by the region depends on the number of referrals received by the 10 Field Offices from the courts and Board of Pardons and Parole (BPP). By the end of June CY 2023, the total number of investigation cases handled both probation and parole, was 4,456, a decrease of 207 cases or -4.44% received in 2023.

The number of supervision cases handled by the region depends on the supervision referrals received by the 10 Field Offices from the courts and BPP. It continued to increase due to the influx of Investigation Referrals received with an increase of 759, or 18.53% increase over the 2nd Quarter CY 2022. A 99.18% clients' compliance rating to the conditions of probation and parole reflected the receptiveness to community-based treatment program for their reformation and high success rate for clients' eventual reintegration as law-abiding and productive members of the society.

The number of rehabilitation and intervention services rendered to clients in the 2nd Quarter CY 2023 increased to 23,792 or an increase of 102.03% over the 2nd Quarter CY 2022. The DOJ-PPA recorded 22,596 rehabilitation and intervention services rendered to clients in the 2nd Quarter CY 2023. The number of clients required to participate in the rehabilitation program depends on the number of supervision referred from the Courts/BPP. A total of 3,097 clients participated in the rehabilitation and intervention services in 2nd Quarter CY 2023, posting an increase of 389 clients or 14.36% higher compared to the 2nd Quarter CY 2022.

AIR TRANSPORT

Air Traffic (Flights, Passengers, Cargoes), Cities, 2nd Quarters, 2022 and 2023

INCOMING

	ZAMBOANGA CITY		DIPOLOG CITY		PAGADIAN CITY	
	2Q 2022	2Q 2023	2Q 2022	2Q 2023	2Q 2022	2Q 2023
FLIGHTS	1,937	1,657	799	1,231	443	379
PASSENGERS	130,626	133,460	34,340	39,807	40,375	33,518
CARGOES (KG)	930,760	988,646	253,131	219,337	216,569	114,281

OUTGOING

	ZAMBOANGA CITY		DIPOLOG CITY		PAGADIAN CITY	
	2Q 2022	2Q 2023	2Q 2022	2Q 2023	2Q 2022	2Q 2023
FLIGHTS	1,937	1,664	799	1,232	443	378
PASSENGERS	134,491	135,116	34,747	40,496	43,678	37,393
CARGOES (KG)	478,670	853,732	87,896	215,540	88,579	100,858

Source: PPA, PMO-Zamboanga

Among the three airports listed, only Dipolog City Airport recorded an increase in the number of incoming flights by 433 flights. The increase was attributed to the additional number of private aircraft movement. A decrease was recorded in Zamboanga City and Pagadian City due to the closing of one commercial airline and lesser private aircraft movement. Incoming passengers increased in the second quarter 2023 in Zamboanga City and Dipolog City. The same trend was observed on the outgoing flight and passengers' statistics.

The total recorded weighed cargoes decreased from 1,400,460 in 2nd quarter 2022 to 1,322,264 kilograms in 2023. An observed increased was recorded for outgoing cargoes from 655,145 kilograms in 2022 to 1,170,130 kilograms in 2023.

DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK

- The Department of Labor and Employment will strive to address the mismatch between labor supply and demand through a developmental, comprehensive and multi-stakeholders' approach - the Project JobsFit. The project aims to rehabilitate, develop, strengthen, and sustain focus industries in the region like Agriculture and Fisheries, Rubber, Commercial Fishing, Fish Canning, and Fish Bottling, Seaweeds, Maritime, Wholesale and Retail, Hospitality and Construction that will promote Green Jobs. This is an awareness across all these industries on business climate change adaptation and disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response, including post COVID-19 health protection measures and productivity enhancement in workplaces.

DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK

- The intensification of KADIWA stores will provide more access and choices for people to have cheaper prices for basic goods.
- The office of the Department of Justice - Parole and Probation (DOJ-PPA) Regional Office IX building in Balintawak will be completed this year.
- While El Nino is imminent, various agencies have already prepared their Action Plans to mitigate the negative impacts of this phenomenon. The Department of Agriculture (DA) will further strengthen measures that will address the effects of the expected drought, including the reactivation of an inter-agency El Niño Task Force to mitigate the potential effects of the phenomenon on the agriculture and fisheries sector.
- Under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the government will put up more water-related infrastructure such as hydroelectric power plants, flood control projects, and irrigation systems. An overall plan to change the way water supply is acquired will also be undertaken.
- Under the 2023 El Niño Mitigation and Adaptation Plan, DA will set in motion strategies that aim to lessen the impact of the El Niño phenomenon to the agriculture and fishery industries and restore productivity in affected areas. <http://agribusiness.da.gov.ph/2023/04/12/pbbm-admin-rolls-out-plan-to-mitigate-impact-of-el-nino-reactivates-inter-agency-el-nino>
- The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board will review the wage levels of region 9 workers. This is to evaluate if the needs of the workers and their families are addressed.