

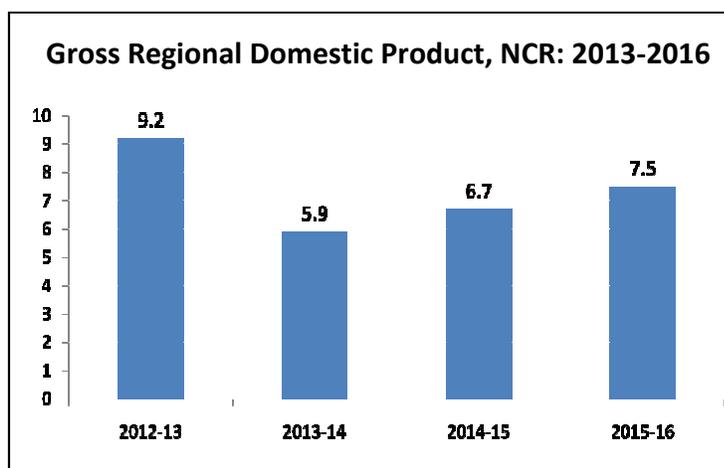


SPECIAL RELEASE

Regional Economy of the National Capital Region in 2016: NCR's Economy Grows in 2016

National Capital Region's economy posted a 7.5 percent growth in 2016. This was higher than the 6.7 percent growth in the previous year.

Services continued to account for the largest share of the region's economy, contributing to 81.4 percent of the total domestic production. Industry and Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing (AHFF) accounted for 18.5 percent and 0.2 percent of the region's total output, respectively.



Among the major economic sectors, Services had the fastest growth at 8.0 percent, higher than the previous year's 6.6 percent growth. This was brought about by the growth in Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (RERBA), Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security (PAD), Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Personal and Household Goods (Trade), and Financial Intermediation (FI). RERBA accelerated to 11.2 percent in 2016. PAD also grew faster at 8.1 percent in 2016. This was higher than the 0.4 percent in growth in 2015. Trade and FI also grew faster at 7.8 percent and at 7.6 percent, respectively. On the other hand, Transportation, Storage and Communication (TSC) slowed down at 5.9 percent in 2016. This was lower than the 8.7 percent growth in previous year. Similarly, Other Services (OS) decelerated at 5.3 percent in 2016.

Industry slowed down with 5.5 percent growth in 2016, lower than the 6.9 percent growth in previous year. The deceleration was attributed to the slowdown in Construction and Manufacturing. Manufacturing posted a 6.5 percent growth. This was slightly lower than previous year's growth of 7.0 percent. Construction suffered reversal with negative 2.0 percent in 2016, lower than the 7.2 percent growth in 2015. On the other hand, EGW posted a 9.5 percent growth in 2016, higher than the previous year's 5.9 percent growth.

AHFF suffered reversal with negative 1.4 percent in 2016. This was lower than the reported growth of 4.1 percent in 2015. This was brought about by the further declined of Fishing from negative 2.0 percent in 2015 to negative 3.8 percent in 2016. Likewise, Agriculture and Forestry also declined with negative 1.3 percent in 2016, lower than the reported growth of 4.1 percent in 2015.

Services were the top contributor to the region's economic growth, contributing 6.4 percentage points. On the other hand, Industry contributed 1.0 percentage point. AHFF's contribution to the region's economic growth was nil at less than 0.05 percent.