

## JOBS

Work is number one in President Arroyo's 10-point legacy:  
"By 2010, ten million jobs shall have been created."

### Emphasizing jobs

#### Appointing a Job Czar

- President Arroyo appointed LUIS LORENZO, JR. (former DA Secretary) as Presidential Adviser for Job Generation in July 2004. Lorenzo resigned in February 2005.

EO 333 created the OPAJG mandated to oversee the creation of 6-10 million jobs in Arroyo's 10-point agenda.

- Arroyo appointed ARTHUR C. YAP (currently the secretary of Department of Agriculture) as presidential adviser for job creation in December 2005.

Under EO 475, OPAJC shall be directly under the Office of the President. OPAJC has similar functions with OPAJG.

#### SONA

Since Arroyo's first SONA in 2001, job creation has been cited in almost all of her SONAs.

### Targeting Ten

Ten million jobs by 2010. This translates to 1 million to 1.6 million jobs per year from 2004 to 2010. That's 2,700 to 4,300 jobs *daily*.

### Labor Force Surveys from 2005 to 2009 show that only 2.77 million jobs have been provided so far.

#### EMPLOYMENT RATE (2005- 2009)

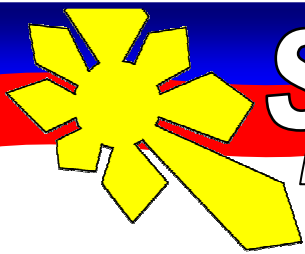
Source: NSO

PERIOD	APRIL 2005	APRIL 2006	APRIL 2007	APRIL 2008	APRIL 2009
Employment rate	91.70%	91.80%	92.60%	92.00%	92.50%
Estimated no. of employed persons	32.2 million	32.7 million	33.7 million	33.6 million	34. 97 million

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2000-2004)

Source: NSO

PERIOD	APRIL 2000 (Estrada govt)	APRIL 2001	APRIL 2002	APRIL 2003	APRIL 2004
Unemployment rate	13.9%	13.3%	13.9%	12.2%	13.7%
Estimated no. of unemployed persons	4.573 million	4.461 million	4.866 million	4.217 million	4.989 million



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## Fast Facts



Jobs... (cont'd)

### NOTE : Changing definitions

- NSO adopted the ILO (International Labor Organization) concept that sets a new definition of the unemployed in April 2005 round of the Labor Force Survey. Earlier labor force surveys thus cannot be compared with subsequent data.
- ILO Identifies the unemployed as who are 15 years old or older and (1) without work, (2) currently available for work & (3) seeking work. The old definition, under the Philippine Statistical System, does not include the second criterion.
- Unemployed rate was at two-digit figures before the NSO adopted the ILO concept. This essentially decreased the estimated number of unemployed persons from 4.9 million in April 2004 to only 2.9 million in April 2005.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2005-2009)

Source: NSO

PERIOD	APRIL 2005	APRIL 2006	APRIL 2007	APRIL 2008	APRIL 2009
Unemployment rate	8.3 %	8.2 %	7.4 %	8.0 %	7.5 %
Estimated number of unemployed persons	2.9 million	2.92 million	2.69 million	2.92 million	2.84 million

- There are 2.84 million unemployed persons as of April 2009.
- Unemployment rate is slightly lower compared to the same period last year.
- 1 in 13 persons belonging to the labor force is unemployed based on the latest survey round.

### But Malacanang says it has met its target of 10 million jobs

- In the 2008 SONA technical reports, Arroyo's Presidential Management Staff said PGMA was able to create 9.8 million jobs from 2004 to 2008.
- The job count by PMS, however, included both actual and assumed numbers. PMS counted as part of the 10 million jobs those based on the assumption that people who availed of government-sponsored microfinance loans & training got jobs.
  - The technical report said jobs were generated through microfinance, SME lending, agribusiness, housing, tourism, ICT, mining, ecozones, infrastructure & apprenticeship.
  - PMS' job tally also includes short term & seasonal jobs like street sweepers, construction workers & demolition workers.
  - Based on the figures yielded by the quarterly labor surveys, the Jobs listed above were not reflected in the National Statistics Office data.
  - The Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO) notes that these jobs are seasonal & short term in nature, with low wages, low productivity & insecure working conditions.