

## PRESS RELEASE

## 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) Population Counts Declared Official by the President

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) announced today that based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), the total population of the Philippines as of 01 May 2020 is at 109,035,343. This count is declared official for all purposes by the President of the Philippines, pursuant to Proclamation No. 1179 dated 06 July 2021.

The Philippine population represents the total number of persons living as of 12:01 AM on 01 May 2020 in the 17 administrative regions of the country. It also includes Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

The Philippine population increased by 8,053,906 from 100,981,437 in 2015, which translates to an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.63 percent. By comparison, the rate at which the country's population grew during the period 2010 to 2015 was higher at 1.72 percent. (Table A)

Of the 17 administrative regions, Region IV-A (CALABARZON) had the biggest population in 2020 with 16,195,042, followed by the National Capital Region (NCR) with 13,484,462 and Region III (Central Luzon) with 12,422,172. The combined population of these three regions accounted for about 38.6 percent of the Philippine population in 2020. The three least populated regions were the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) with 1,797,660; Region XIII (Caraga) with 2,804,788; and MIMAROPA Region with 3,228,558. (Tables A and B)





The region that gained the most in population since the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015) was Region IV-A (CALABARZON), with an increase of 1,780,268 persons in 2020 from its population in 2015. The fastest-growing region since the POPCEN 2015, meanwhile, was the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) with an annual PGR of 3.26 percent from 2015 to 2020. Region VIII (Eastern Visayas) posted the lowest PGR of 0.50 percent. (Table A)

Tables A and B of this Press Release provide statistical summaries on the population count and annual PGR for the Philippines and its regions, provinces, cities, and municipalities based on various censuses. The latest population data as of 01 May 2020 are available at https://psa.gov.ph/population-and-housing.

In light of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the PSA has proudly overcome unprecedented challenges to collect and produce high-quality data that are critical in decision-making for good governance, development planning, risk reduction and crisis response, social welfare programs, and business market analyses, among others.

The PSA would like to extend its utmost appreciation to the public for their support and response to the 2020 CPH despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 CPH is the country's 15<sup>th</sup> Census of Population and 7<sup>th</sup> Census of Housing since 1903.

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## Attachments:

- 1. Table A Population and Annual Growth Rate for the Philippines and its Regions, Provinces, and Highly Urbanized Cities Based on the 2000, 2010, 2015, and 2020 Censuses
- 2. Table B Population and Annual Growth Rates of Regions by Province, City, and Municipality: 2000, 2010, 2015, and 2020