

TECHNICAL NOTES

Land Ownership in the Philippines (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

I. Introduction

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with 01 May 2020 as reference date.

The 2020 CPH was the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing that was undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take an inventory of the total population and housing units in the country and collect information about their characteristics.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) as of March 2022 was used for the disaggregation of geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

II. Data Limitations

The number of households in this report may not be equal to the reported number in Report No. 1, as the Press Release on Land Ownership excludes households enumerated as homeless. In Report No. 1, the total number of households is 26,393,906 while the coverage of this Special Release includes only 26,388,654 households.

The statistics presented in this report were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who may provide accurate answers to the questions and give correct information about all the household members.

III. Methodology

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a “de jure” basis, wherein a person is counted in the usual place of residence or the place where the person usually resides. The enumeration of the population and collection of pertinent data in the 2020 CPH referred to all living persons as of 01 May 2020.

For land ownership in the 2020 CPH, the respondent was asked, “*Does any member of this household own the following...?*” This determines if the household has any member/s who own other lands aside from the one that the household is currently occupying. The data were collected using the CPH Form 2 (Common Household Questionnaire).

IV. Definition of Terms and Concepts

Household

A social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.

Agricultural Land/s

Land/s devoted to or suitable for the cultivation of the soil, planting of crops, growing of trees, raising of livestock, poultry, fish or aquaculture production, including the harvesting of such farm products, and other farm activities and practices performed in conjunction with such farming operations by persons whether natural or juridical and not classified by law as mineral land, forest land, residential land, commercial land, and industrial land.

Residential Land/s

All lands that have been identified and zoned as residential through the appropriate ordinance by the Local Government Unit (LGU) having jurisdiction over the area. These include residential lands within

areas zoned as mixed residential and commercial or mixed residential and industrial (Source: RA 10023, Series of 2010).

Other Residential Land

Refers to residential lands that the household owns other than the one they are occupying.

Other Land/s

Includes commercial lands, industrial lands, ancestral domains, and ancestral lands. The last two categories are distinguished from Torrens Title and other tenurial instruments granted by a government agency or by the court.

Agricultural land/s, acquired through Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, Agrarian Reform Beneficiary

Pertains to land ownership acquired through Emancipation Patent (EP) Holder, Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), and Homestead Patent (HP), Leasehold Contract (LC).

V. Dissemination of Results

The 2020 CPH special release and statistical tables are publicly available at the PSA website, <https://psa.gov.ph/population-and-housing>.

VI. Citation

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