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Registered Marriages in the Philippines, 2020

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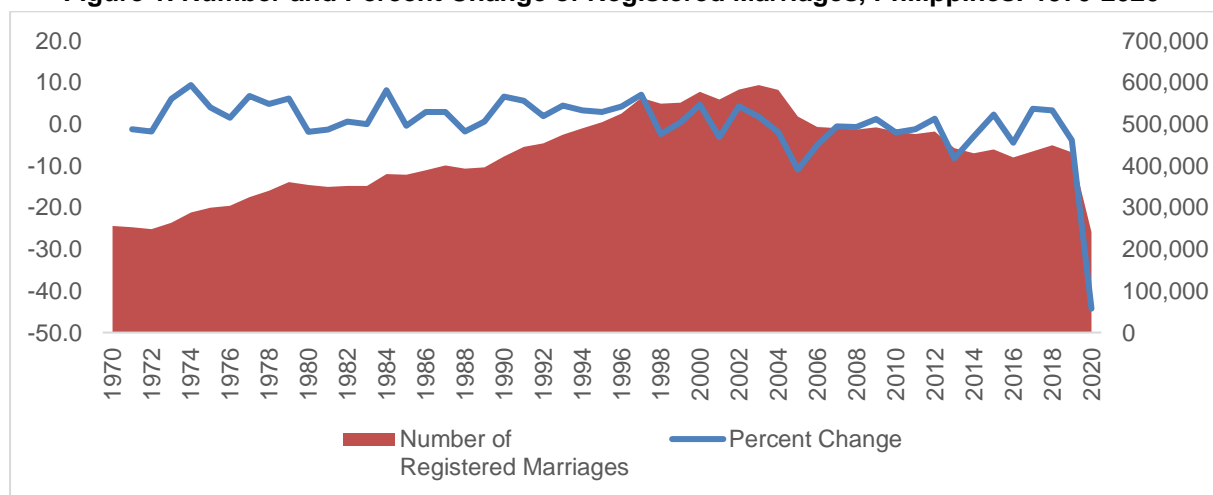
Explanatory Note

Data on marriages presented in this release were obtained from the timely and late registered marriages at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars throughout the country and submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar General through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs). Information presented includes marriages that occurred from January to December 2020 (cut-off date is as of 16 July 2021 on the submission of encoded data files to the PSA-Central Office from PSOs). Figures presented herein are not adjusted for under registration. Marriages of Filipinos abroad which were reported to the Philippine Foreign Service Posts are presented in a separate report.

Lowest marriages registered over the past 50 years

The number of registered marriages in 2020 only reached 240,775, it declined by -44.3 percent compared with the total registered marriages of 431,972 in 2019. This was also the lowest number of marriages since 1970. (Figure 1, and Tables 1 and 2)

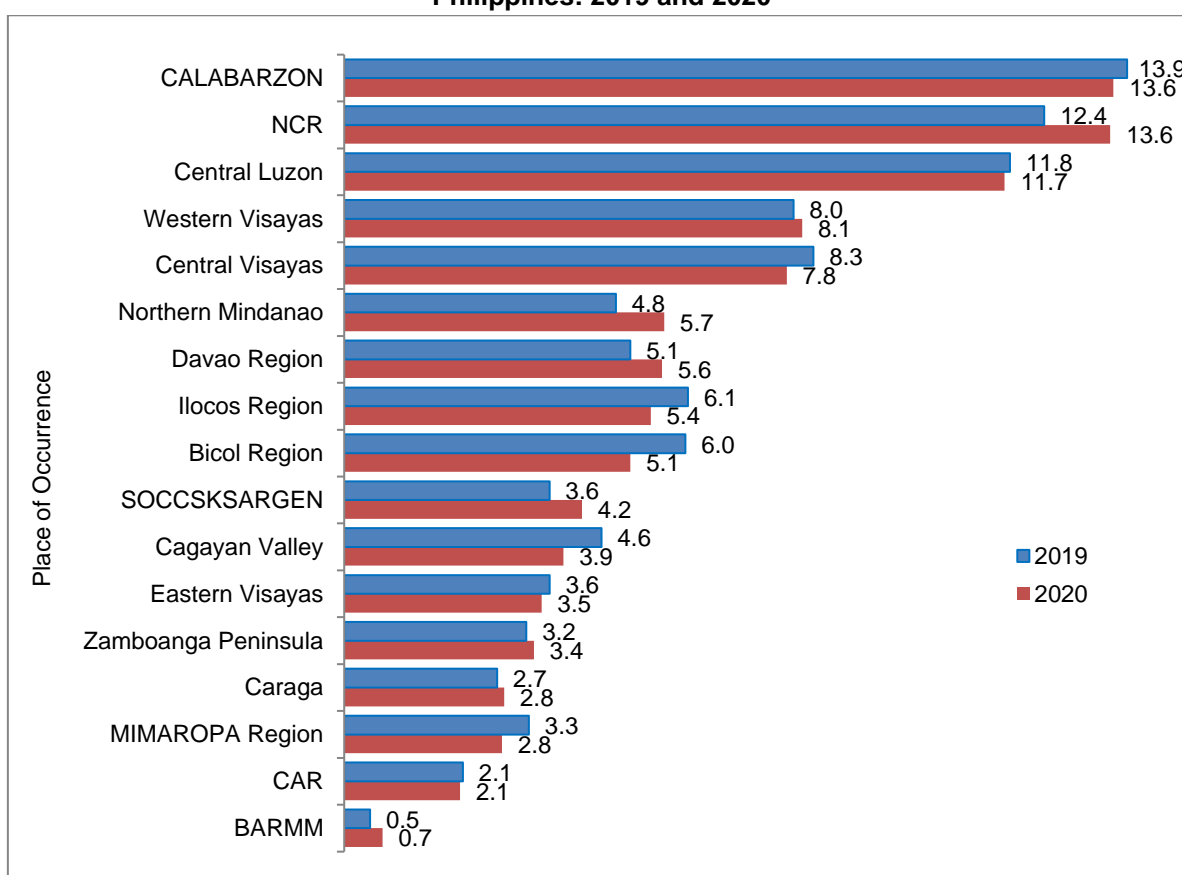
Figure 1. Number and Percent Change of Registered Marriages, Philippines: 1970-2020



Top three regions with the highest number of recorded marriages: CALABARZON, NCR, and Central Luzon

In 2020, CALABARZON recorded the highest number of registered marriages, which accounted for 32,822 or 13.6 percent of the total. It was followed by the National Capital Region (NCR) with 32,689 or 13.6 percent, and Central Luzon with 28,183 or 11.7 percent. These regions comprised nearly 40 percent (38.9%) of the total registered marriages in the country. The same regions also registered the highest number of marriages and maintained their respective ranks in 2019. (Figure 2 and Table 2)

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Marriages by Place of Occurrence in Region, Philippines: 2019 and 2020

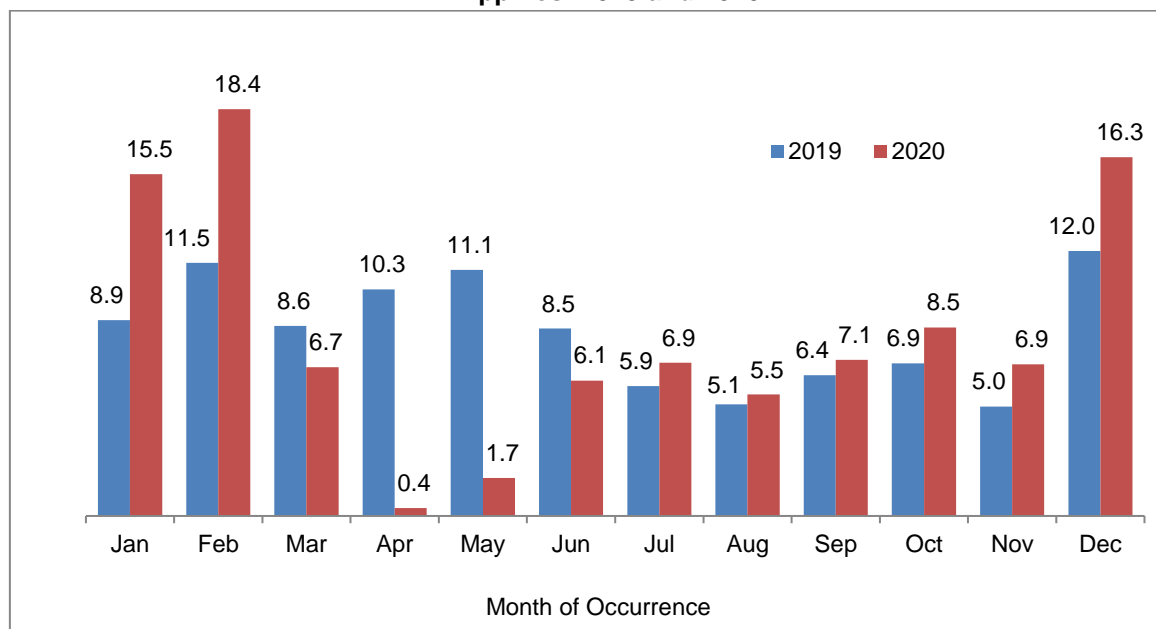


February recorded the most number of marriages and April registered less than a thousand marriages

Most of the marriages in 2020 occurred in February at 44,349 (18.4%) or a daily average of 1,529 marriages per day. This was followed by the months of December (16.3%) and January (15.5%). On the other hand, April recorded the least number of marriages at only 866 (0.4%) or an average of 29 marriages per day, while the month of May accounted for the second least number of registered marriages with 4,135

(1.7%). The low number of marriages in these two months were due to the quarantine measures implemented throughout the country. (Figure 3 and Table 3)

Figure 3. Percent Distribution of Marriages by Month of Occurrence, Philippines: 2019 and 2020



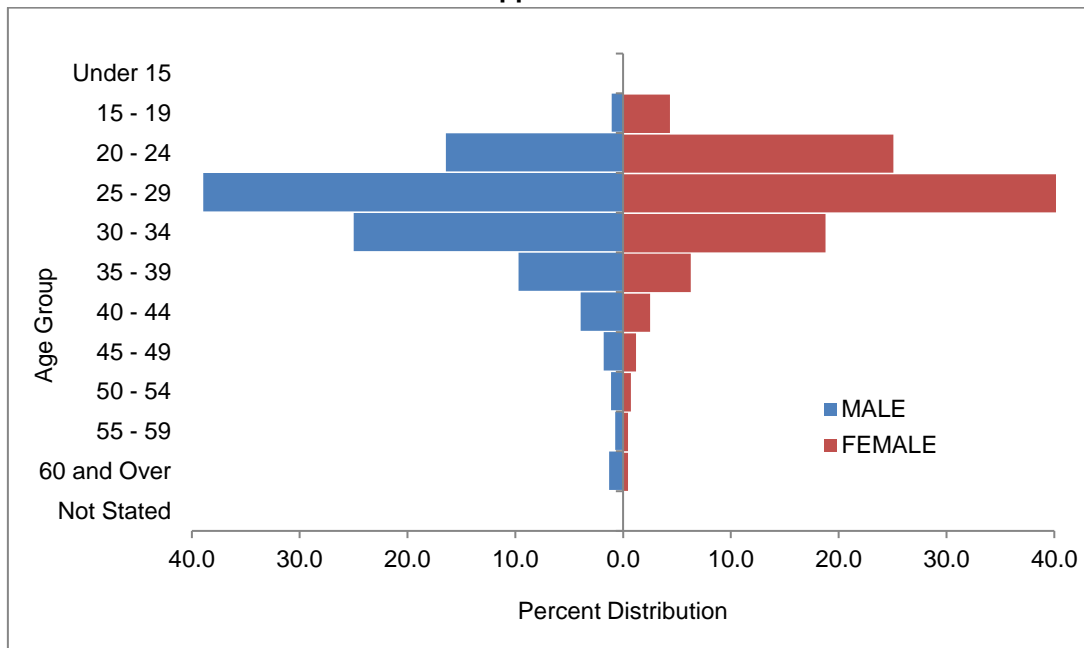
Women married younger than men

In 2020, the median age of marriage, or the age at which half of the population were younger/older upon marriage, was 27 years old for women and 29 years old for men. The median ages were the same as in the previous year. (Table 4)

Marriages involving adolescent girls were four times than that of adolescent boys

In 2020, more than four percent of females (10,485 or 4.4%) in their teenage years were married, a decrease of -56.2 percent from 2019 (23,928 or 5.5%). About the same decrease was also observed in marriages involving teenage males in the past year. A total of 2,526 (1.0%) were married in 2020, lower by -53.9 percent than in 2019 (5,479 or 1.3%). More than half (5,746 or 54.8%) of teenage females married men in ages 20-24, and two out of ten (2,387 or 22.8%) married men aged 25-29 years. Meanwhile, registered marriages between teenage men and women account for 0.6 percent or 1,505 of the total marriages in the country. (Figure 4, and Tables 4 and 5)

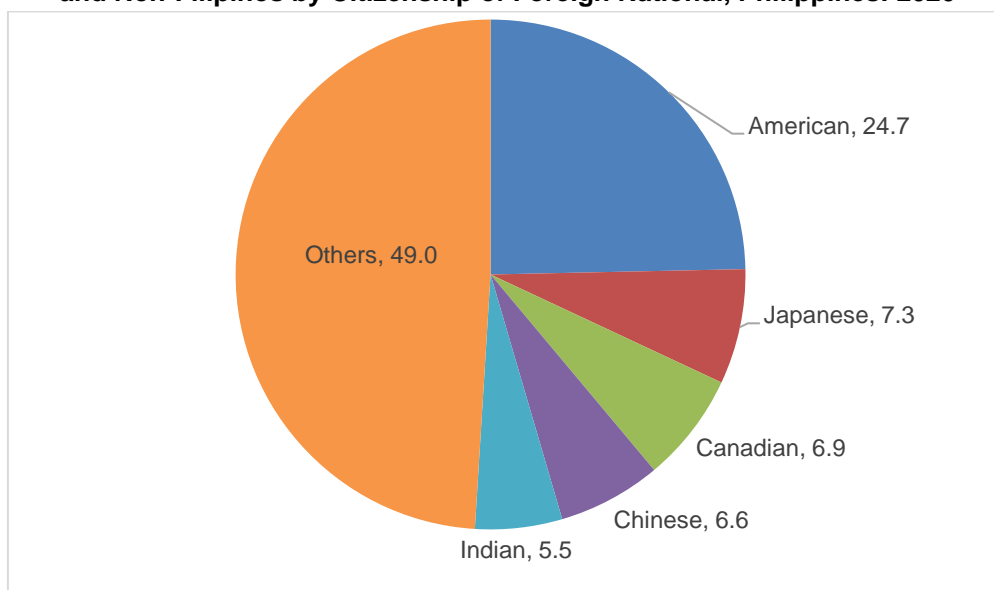
Figure 4. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Age Group and Sex, Philippines: 2020



Most marriages between Filipinos and non-Filipinos involved American and Japanese nationals

There were 235,785 marriages (97.9%) between Filipino men and women, while 4,837 marriages (2.0%) were between Filipinos and foreign nationals. Among intermarriages with foreign nationals, a total of 4,500 Filipino women (93.0%) married non-Filipino men, while 337 (7.0%) Filipino men married women of foreign nationals. (Table 6a)

Figure 5. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Involving Filipinos and Non-Filipinos by Citizenship of Foreign National, Philippines: 2020



Intermarriages between Filipinos and American nationals registered the highest number with 1,193 or 24.7 percent of the total. This was followed by marriages involving Filipinos and Japanese nationals with 353 or 7.3 percent share to the total. Other nationalities of men and women who were married to Filipinos were Canadian (336 or 6.9%), Chinese (317 or 6.6%), and Indian (267 or 5.5%). (Figure 5 and Table 6b)

Most Filipino females in intermarriages were married to American nationals (25.0%), followed by Japanese (6.8%), Canadian, and Chinese (6.5% each) nationals. On the other hand, one in five Filipino males married Americans (20.2%), while 14.2 percent and 13.4 percent married Japanese and Canadian nationals, respectively. (Figures 6a and 6b, and Table 6b)

Figure 6a. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Involving Filipino Males and Non-Filipino Females, by Citizenship of Foreign Female, Philippines: 2020

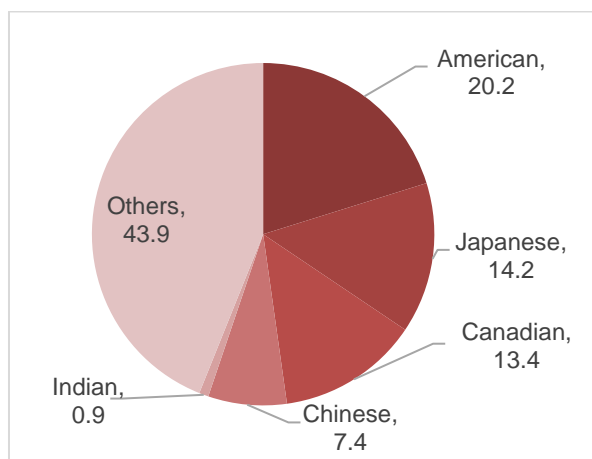
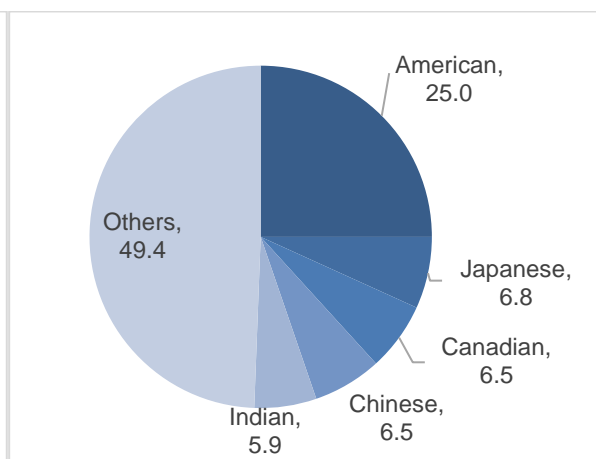


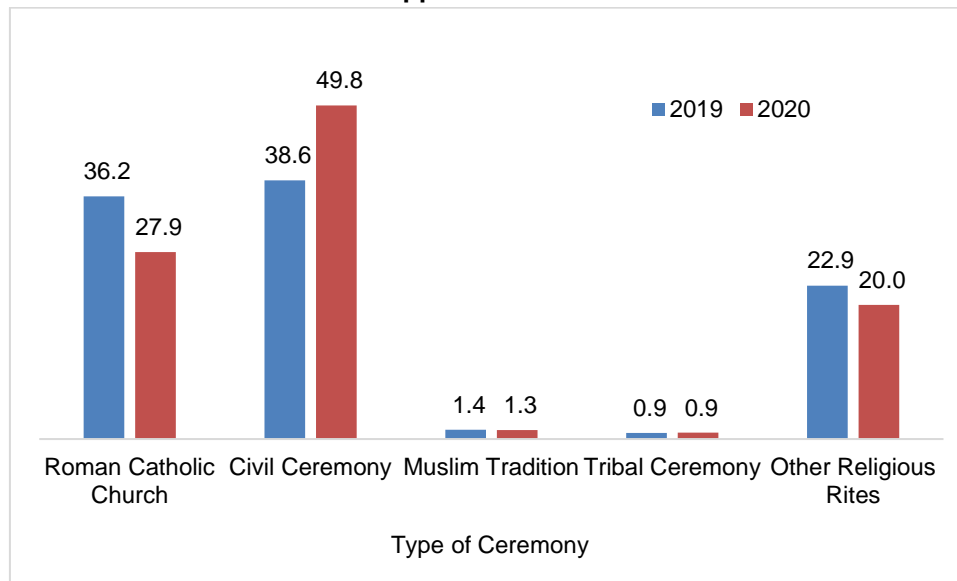
Figure 6b. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Involving Filipino Females and Non-Filipino Males, by Citizenship of Foreign Male, Philippines: 2020



Five out of ten marriages contracted through civil ceremony

About half (49.8%) of the total registered marriages in 2020 were contracted through civil ceremony, an 11.2 percentage point increase from 2019 (38.6%). About one in four marriages were officiated in Roman Catholic Church (67,233 or 27.9%). On the other hand, marriages solemnized in Muslim traditions comprised 1.3 percent of the total. Moreover, 0.9 percent were performed in tribal ceremonies while the remaining one in five marriages were performed in other religious rites (48,155 or 20.0%). (Figure 7 and Table 7)

Figure 7. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony, Philippines: 2019-2020



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Table 1. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Annual Change, and Crude Marriage Rate, Philippines: 1970-2020

Year	Number of marriages	Percent Change	Crude Marriage Rate*
2020	240,775	-44.3	2.2
2019	431,972	-3.8	4.0
2018	449,169	3.3	4.2
2017	434,932	3.6	4.1
2016	419,628	-4.5	4.1
2015	439,424	2.3	4.4
2014	429,723	-2.9	4.3
2013	442,603	-8.2	4.5
2012	482,399	1.3	5.0
2011	476,408	-1.3	5.0
2010	482,480	-2.0	5.2
2009	492,254	1.2	5.3
2008	486,514	-0.7	5.4
2007	490,054	-0.5	5.5
2006	492,666	-5.0	5.7
2005	518,595	-10.9	6.2
2004	582,281	-1.9	7.0
2003	593,553	1.8	7.3
2002	583,167	4.3	7.3
2001	559,162	-3.2	7.2
2000	577,387	4.7	7.5
1999	551,445	0.4	7.4
1998	549,265	-2.4	7.5
1997	562,808	7.1	7.9
1996	525,555	4.2	7.5
1995	504,300	2.9	7.3
1994	490,164	3.3	7.1
1993	474,407	4.5	7.1
1992	454,155	1.9	7.0
1991	445,526	5.6	7.0
1990	422,041	6.6	7.0
1989	395,933	0.6	6.6
1988	393,514	-1.8	6.7
1987	400,760	2.9	7.0
1986	389,482	2.9	7.0
1985	378,550	-0.4	6.9
1984	380,171	8.1	7.1
1983	351,663	0.0	6.8
1982	351,818	0.6	6.9
1981	349,742	-1.3	7.1

Year	Number of marriages	Percent Change	Crude Marriage Rate*
1980	354,300	-1.8	7.4
1979	360,888	6.1	7.7
1978	340,108	4.8	7.5
1977	324,466	6.7	7.3
1976	303,988	1.5	7.0
1975	299,514	4.0	7.1
1974	287,984	9.4	7.0
1973	263,338	6.1	6.6
1972	248,261	-1.8	6.4
1971	252,731	-1.2	6.7
1970	255,873		7.0

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*Population estimate used was taken from the updated population projections based on the 2015 Census of Population available at www.psa.gov.ph/statistics/census/projected-population

Table 2. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Distribution, and Percent Change, by Place of Occurrence in Region, Philippines: 2019-2020

Place of Occurrence	2020		2019		Percent Change
	Number	Percent Share	Number	Percent Share	
Total	240,775	100.0	431,972	100.0	-44.3
National Capital Region	32,689	13.6	53,596	12.4	-39.0
Cordillera Administrative Region	4,945	2.1	9,086	2.1	-45.6
Region I - Ilocos Region	13,078	5.4	26,324	6.1	-50.3
Region II - Cagayan Valley	9,348	3.9	19,694	4.6	-52.5
Region III - Central Luzon	28,183	11.7	50,969	11.8	-44.7
Region IVA – CALABARZON	32,822	13.6	59,943	13.9	-45.2
MIMAROPA Region	6,735	2.8	14,135	3.3	-52.4
Region V - Bicol Region	12,212	5.1	26,121	6.0	-53.2
Region VI - Western Visayas	19,540	8.1	34,396	8.0	-43.2
Region VII - Central Visayas	18,882	7.8	35,924	8.3	-47.4
Region VIII - Eastern Visayas	8,422	3.5	15,728	3.6	-46.5
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	8,096	3.4	13,948	3.2	-42.0
Region X - Northern Mindanao	13,655	5.7	20,790	4.8	-34.3
Region XI - Davao Region	13,566	5.6	21,901	5.1	-38.1
Region XII – SOCCSKSARGEN	10,140	4.2	15,721	3.6	-35.5
Region XIII – Caraga	6,827	2.8	11,716	2.7	-41.7
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	1,635	0.7	1,980	0.5	-17.4

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Table 3. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Distribution, and Daily Average, by Month of Occurrence, Philippines: 2019-2020

Month of Occurrence	Total				Daily Average	
	2020		2019		2020	2019
	Number	Percent Share	Number	Percent Share		
Total	240,775	100.0	431,972	100.0	658	1,183
January	37,274	15.5	38,306	8.9	1,202	1,236
February	44,349	18.4	49,506	11.5	1,529	1,768
March	16,207	6.7	37,159	8.6	523	1,199
April	866	0.4	44,319	10.3	29	1,477
May	4,135	1.7	48,157	11.1	133	1,553
June	14,770	6.1	36,651	8.5	492	1,222
July	16,699	6.9	25,390	5.9	539	819
August	13,236	5.5	21,830	5.1	427	704
September	17,009	7.1	27,554	6.4	567	918
October	20,565	8.5	29,846	6.9	663	963
November	16,533	6.9	21,424	5.0	551	714
December	39,132	16.3	51,830	12.0	1,262	1,672

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Table 4. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Age Group and Sex, Philippines: 2019-2020

Age Group	2020				2019			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent Share	Number	Percent Share	Number	Percent Share	Number	Percent Share
All Ages	240,775	100.0	240,775	100.0	431,972	100.0	431,972	100.0
Under 15	2	*	49	*	2	*	45	*
15 - 19	2,524	1.0	10,436	4.3	5,477	1.3	23,883	5.5
20 - 24	39,586	16.4	60,383	25.1	82,143	19.0	122,604	28.4
25 - 29	93,751	38.9	96,753	40.2	157,599	36.5	156,332	36.2
30 - 34	60,163	25.0	45,237	18.8	100,022	23.2	75,192	17.4
35 - 39	23,347	9.7	15,094	6.3	42,940	9.9	28,759	6.7
40 - 44	9,512	4.0	6,021	2.5	18,481	4.3	11,673	2.7
45 - 49	4,314	1.8	2,854	1.2	9,112	2.1	5,934	1.4
50 - 54	2,659	1.1	1,741	0.7	5,640	1.3	3,502	0.8
55 - 59	1,790	0.7	1,077	0.4	4,106	1.0	2,039	0.5
60 and over	3,127	1.3	1,128	0.5	6,449	1.5	2,008	0.5
Not Stated	-	-	2	*	1	*	1	*
Median Age	29		27		29		27	

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Table 5. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Age of Male and Age of Female, Philippines: 2019-2020

Age of Male	All Ages	% to Total	Age of Female											Not stated
			Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
All Ages	240,775	100.0	49	10,436	60,383	96,753	45,237	15,094	6,021	2,854	1,741	1,077	1,128	2
% to Total	100.0		*	4.3	25.1	40.2	18.8	6.3	2.5	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	*
Under 15	2	*	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	2,524	1.0	18	1,486	905	86	20	6	2	-	-	-	-	1
20-24	39,586	16.4	21	5,725	25,118	7,400	1,053	205	48	7	5	2	2	-
25-29	93,751	38.9	8	2,379	25,409	54,722	9,680	1,209	259	43	26	8	8	-
30-34	60,163	25.0	1	567	6,575	26,634	22,067	3,441	658	154	42	13	11	-
35-39	23,347	9.7	1	173	1,546	5,558	8,623	5,758	1,273	301	75	23	16	-
40-44	9,512	4.0	-	57	457	1,431	2,361	2,699	1,803	509	135	45	15	-
45-49	4,314	1.8	-	18	185	428	711	886	1,021	738	217	79	31	-
50-54	2,659	1.1	-	15	79	222	300	415	456	517	452	148	54	1
55-59	1,790	0.7	-	6	41	116	186	221	204	270	355	279	112	-
60 and over	3,127	1.3	-	9	67	156	236	254	297	315	434	480	879	-

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Table 6a. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Citizenship, Philippines: 2020

Citizenship of Male	All Nationalities	% to Total	Citizenship of Female						
			Filipino	Chinese	American	Indian	Japanese	Canadian	Others
All Nationalities	240,775	100.0	240,285	92	76	28	49	50	195
% to Total	100.0		99.8	*	*	*	*	*	0.1
Filipino	236,122	98.1	235,785	25	68	3	48	45	148
Chinese	356	0.1	292	63	-	-	-	-	1
American	1,134	0.5	1,125	-	7	-	-	-	2
Indian	289	0.1	264	-	-	24	-	-	1
Japanese	305	0.1	305	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canadian	294	0.1	291	-	-	-	-	3	-
Others	2,275	0.9	2,223	4	1	1	1	2	43

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Table 6b. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Between Filipinos and Non-Filipinos by Citizenship of Foreign National, Philippines: 2020

Citizenship of Foreign Nationals	Number			Percent		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	4,837	4,500	337	100.0	100.0	100.0
American	1,193	1,125	68	24.7	25.0	20.2
Japanese	353	305	48	7.3	6.8	14.2
Canadian	336	291	45	6.9	6.5	13.4
Chinese	317	292	25	6.6	6.5	7.4
Indian	267	264	3	5.5	5.9	0.9
Others	2,371	2,223	148	49.0	49.4	43.9

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Table 7. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony, Philippines: 2019-2020

Type of Ceremony	2020		2019	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	240,775	100.0	431,972	100.0
Roman Catholic Church	67,233	27.9	156,481	36.2
Civil Ceremony	119,903	49.8	166,691	38.6
Muslim Tradition	3,212	1.3	5,993	1.4
Tribal Ceremony	2,272	0.9	3,848	0.9
Other Religious Rites	48,155	20.0	98,959	22.9

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