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2019 Philippine Marriage Statistics

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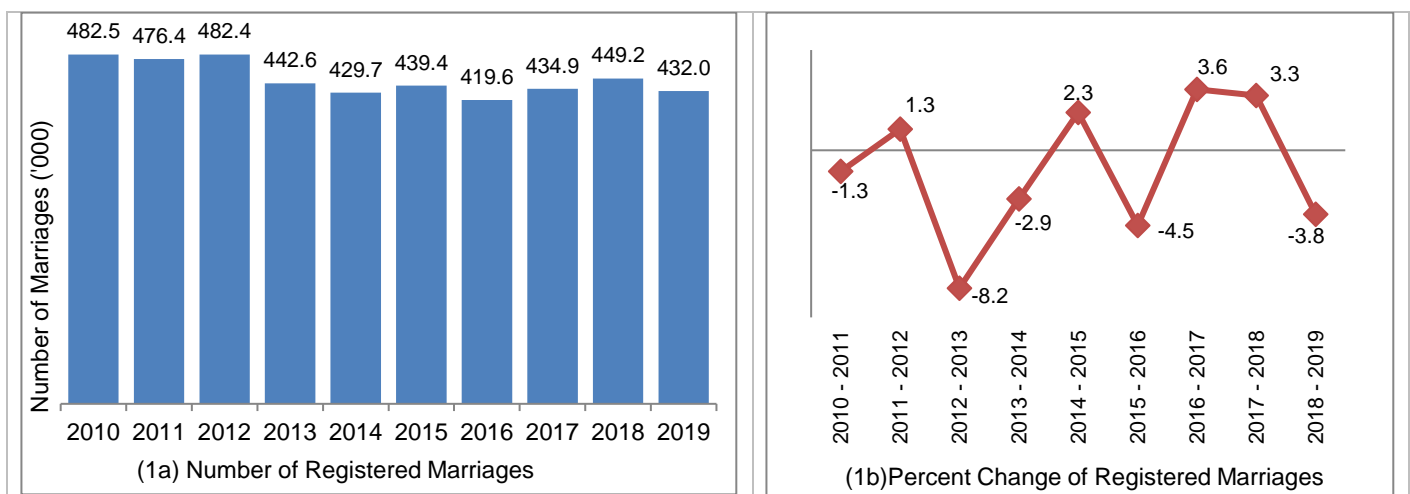
Explanatory Note

Data on marriages presented here were obtained from the Certificates of Marriage (Municipal Form No. 97) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars throughout the country and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Information presented includes registered marriages which occurred from January to December 2019. Figures presented 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.

Lower marriages registered in 2019 than the previous year

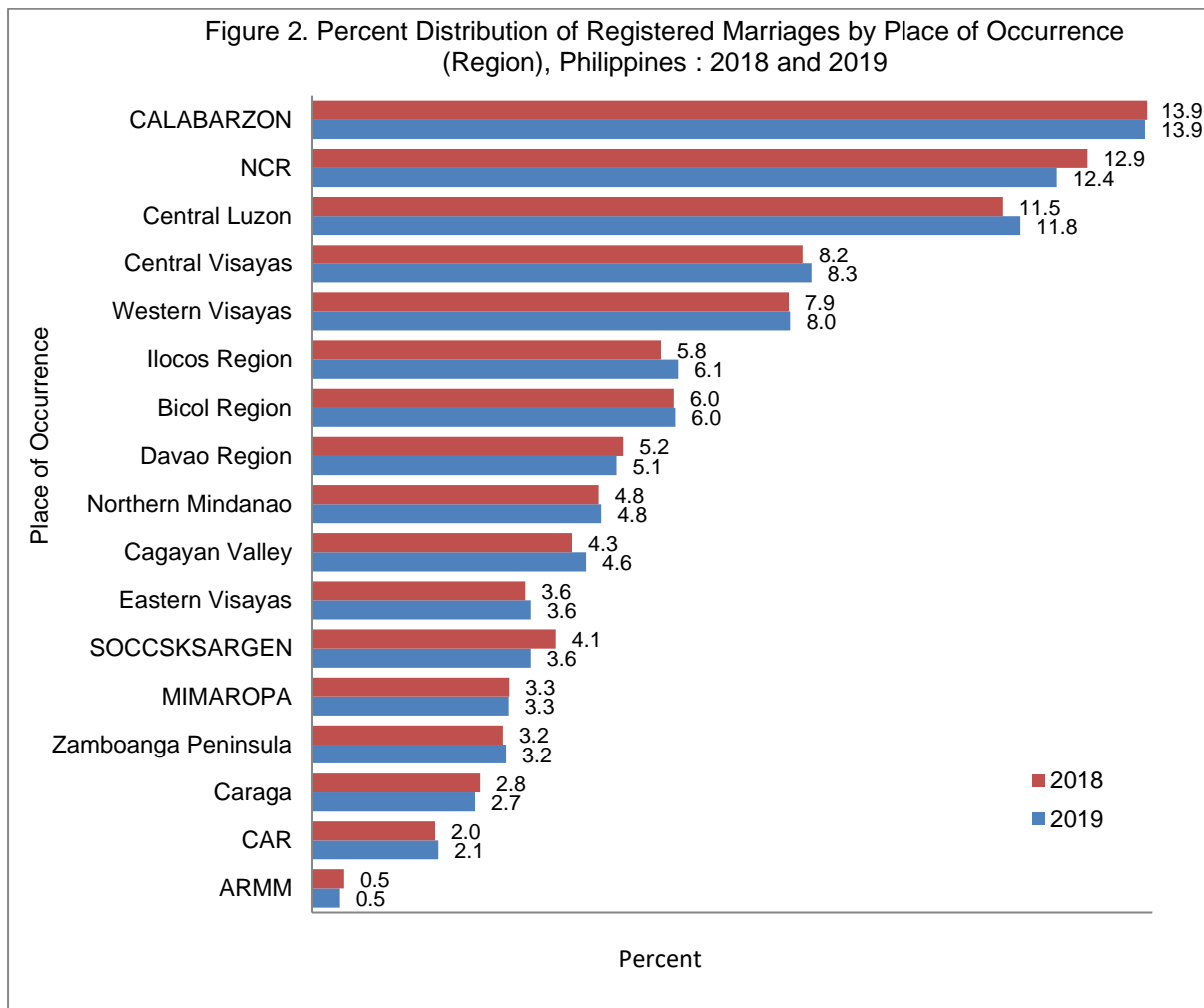
The number of registered marriages in 2019 reached 431,972, lower than the total registered marriages of 449,169 in 2018. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. Number and Percent Change of Registered Marriages, Philippines: 2010- 2019



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

In 2019, CALABARZON recorded the highest number of registered marriages which accounted for 13.9 percent of the total. It was followed by the National Capital Region (NCR) (12.4%) and Central Luzon (11.8%). These regions were consistently held the same positions since 2016. (Figure 2 and Table 2)

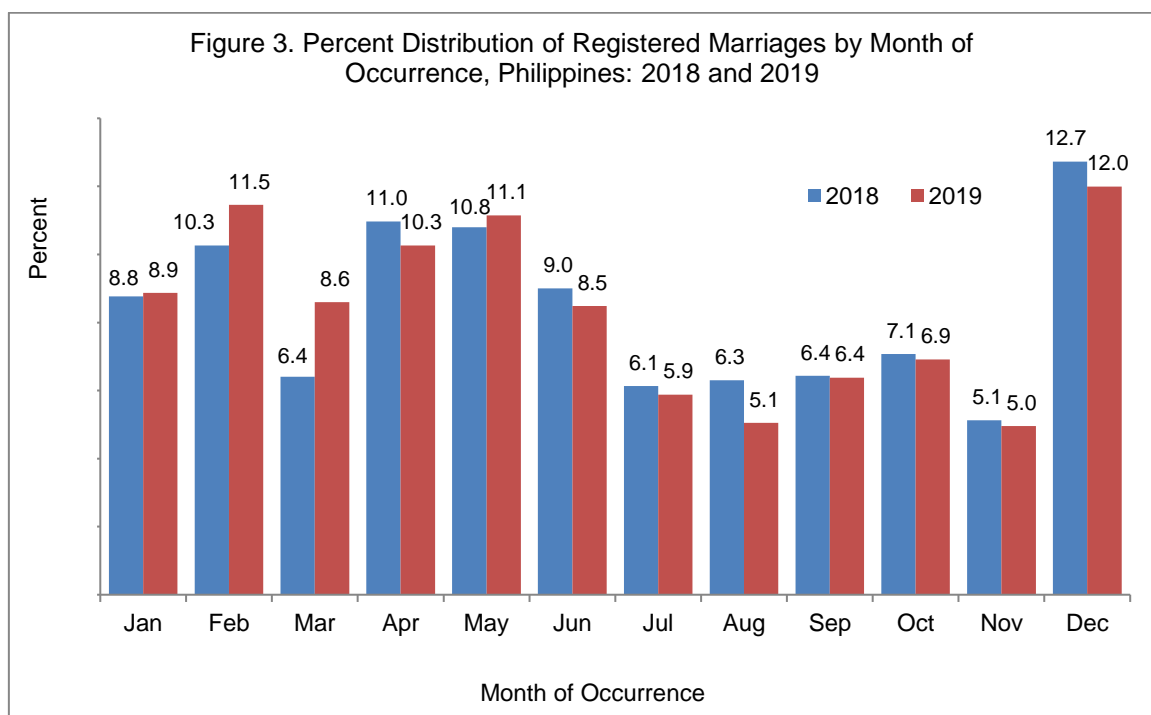


Among all regions, only two (2) regions recorded an increase in registered marriages: Cagayan Valley (1.3%) and Ilocos Region (1.0%).

Meanwhile, declines in the registered marriages during the period were noted in 15 regions, wherein the highest decrease of -17.0 percent was observed in ARMM, followed by SOCCSKSARGEN (-13.7%), and NCR (-7.6%). (Table 2)

Most couples married in December

Almost half or 44.9 percent of the total number of marriages in 2019 occurred in December (12.0%), February (11.5%), May (11.1%), and April (10.3%). Meanwhile, other months contributed less than 10.0 percent each to the total registered marriages, with November having the least contribution of only 5.0 percent of the total. (Figure 3 and Table 3)

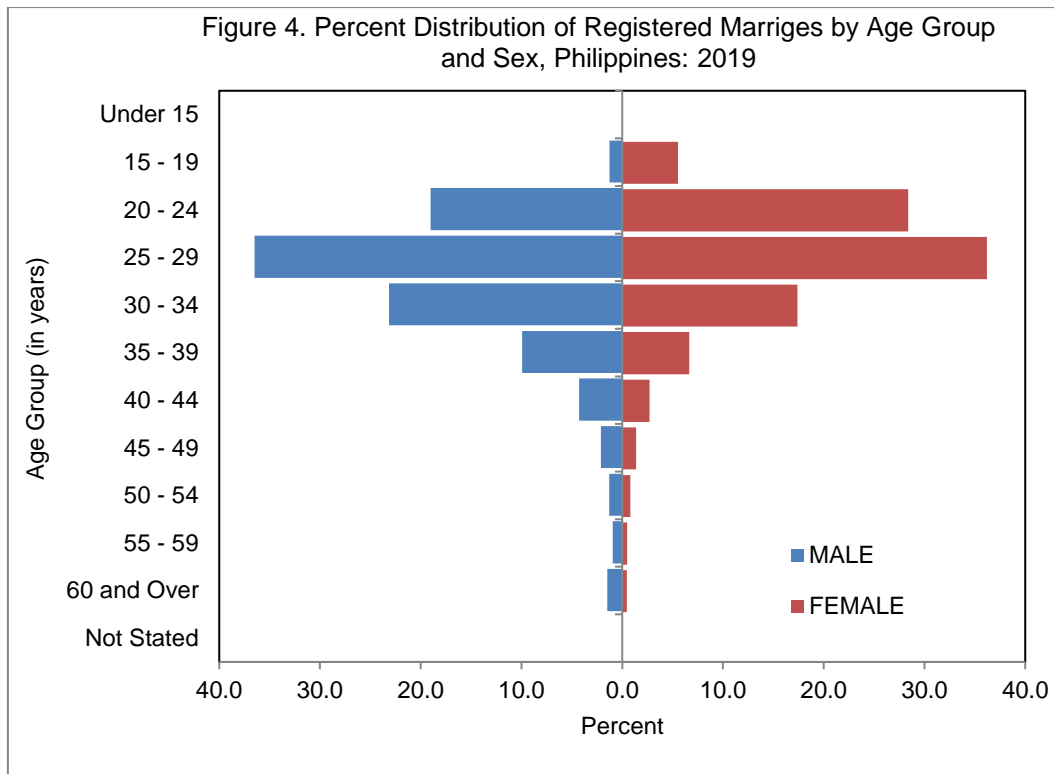


Women married younger than men

In 2019, 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. Moreover, median age of marriage for both sexes were the same since 2017.

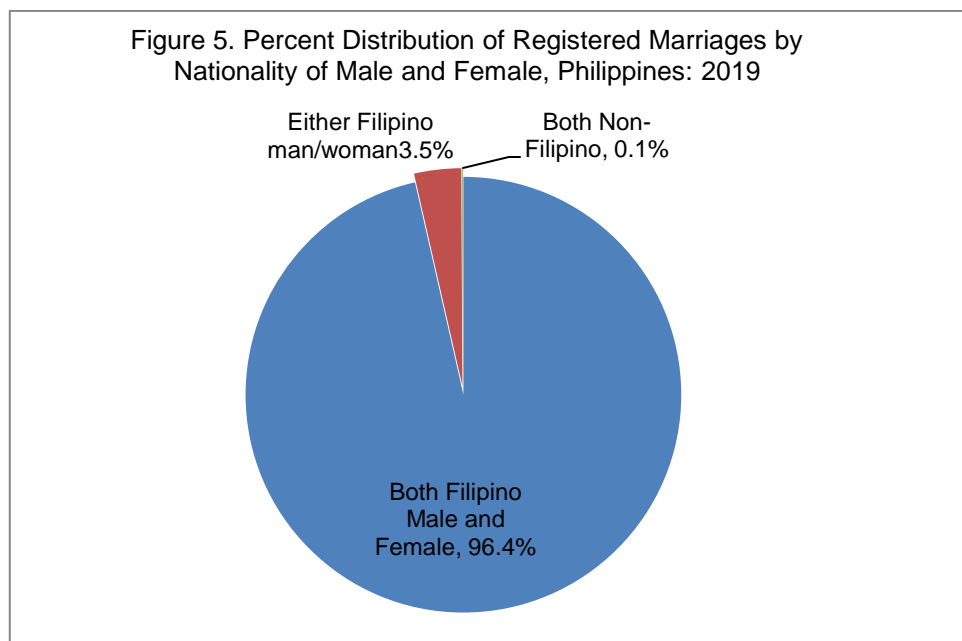
Most men and women in the Philippines married between ages 25-29 years old

In 2019, about one in every three married between ages 25-29 years old, in which men and women comprise of 36.5 percent and 36.2 percent, respectively, of the total number of recorded marriages. (Figure 4 and Table 4)

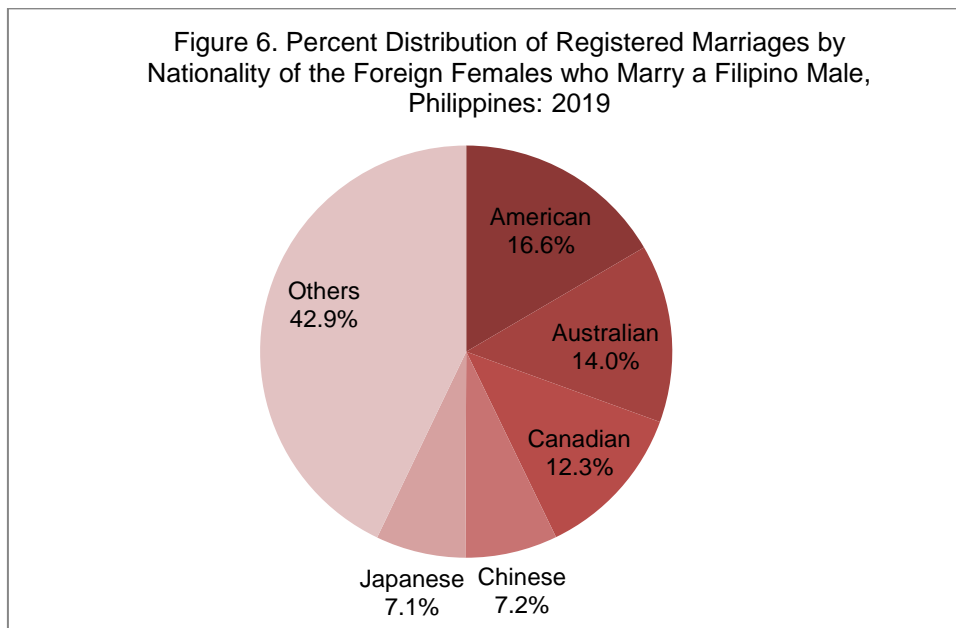


Filipino men and women marry other nationalities

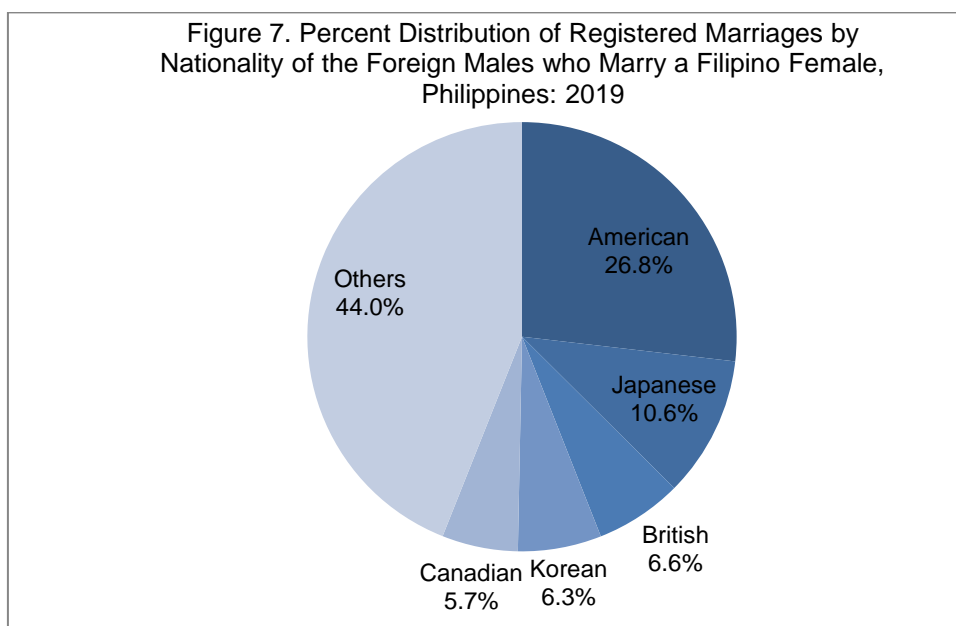
There were 416,542 marriages (96.4%) between Filipino men and women. On the other hand, 15,047 marriages (3.5%) were Filipino nationals married to foreign nationals composed of 89.3 percent men and 10.7 percent foreign women. (Figure 5 and Table 5)



Among foreign nationals, the highest number of intermarriages that involved Filipino men were marriages with American women (16.6%), followed by Australian (14.0%), Canadian (12.3%), Chinese (7.2%) and Japanese(7.1%). (Figure 6 and Table 5)



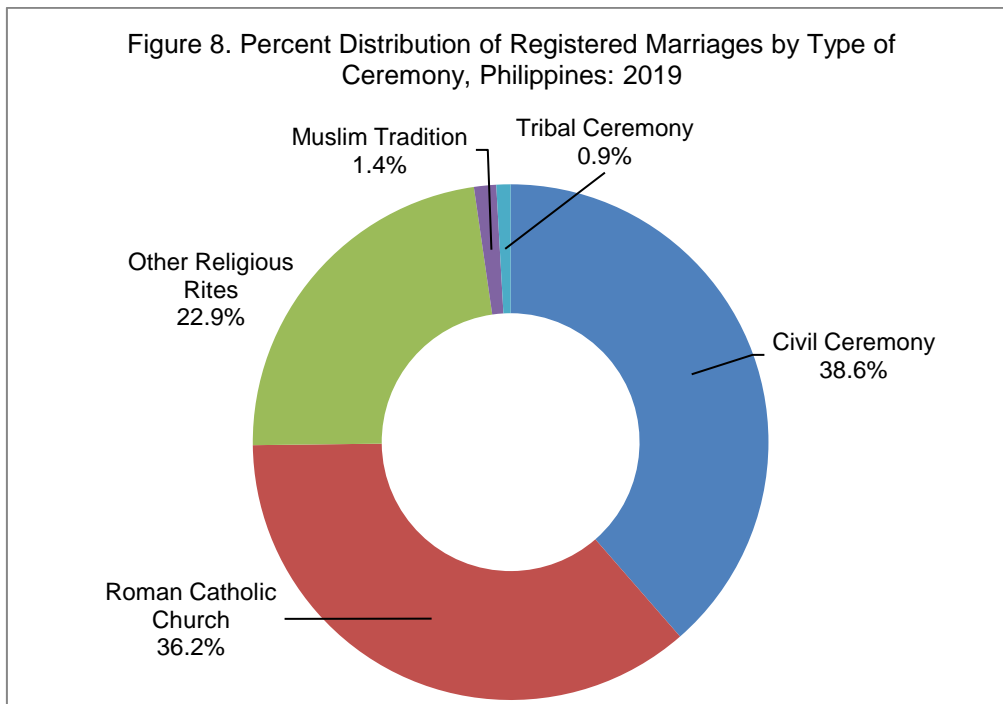
On the other hand, the highest number of intermarriages with Filipino women were marriages with American men (26.8%), followed by Japanese (10.6%), British (6.6%), Korean (6.3%), and Canadian (5.7%) men. (Figure 7 and Table 5)




Four out of ten marriages contracted through civil ceremony

There were 1,183 marriages solemnized daily through different types of ceremony in 2019. Of the total marriages in 2019, 38.6 percent were contracted through civil ceremonies. Others were either officiated in Roman Catholic Church (36.2%), performed in other religious rites (22.9%), Muslim tradition (1.4%), or Tribal ceremony (0.9%). (Figure 8)

Moreover, more males and females aged 25-34 years old who got married were solemnized in the Roman Catholic Church compared to any other types of marriage ceremony. (Table 6)




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Table 1. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Annual Change and Crude Marriage Rate, Philippines: 2010 to 2019

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Marriages	482,480	476,408	482,399	442,603	429,723	439,424	419,628	434,932	449,169	431,972
Percent Change		-1.3	1.3	-8.2	-2.9	2.3	-4.5	3.6	3.3	-3.8
Crude Marriage Rate		5.0	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (Data on marriages are those registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Registrars throughout the country and submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar General; Certificate of Marriage – Municipal Form 97)

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Table 2. Number, Percent Distribution and Percent Change of Registered Marriages, by Place of Occurrence (Region), Philippines: 2018 - 2019

Place of Occurrence	2019		2018		Percent Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Philippines	431,972	100.0	449,169	100.0	-3.8
National Capital Region	53,596	12.4	58,018	12.9	-7.6
Cordillera Administrative Region	9,086	2.1	9,189	2.0	-1.1
Region I - Ilocos Region	26,324	6.1	26,076	5.8	1.0
Region II - Cagayan Valley	19,694	4.6	19,434	4.3	1.3
Region III - Central Luzon	50,969	11.8	51,712	11.5	-1.4
Region IVA - CALABARZON	59,943	13.9	62,507	13.9	-4.1
MIMAROPA REGION	14,135	3.3	14,746	3.3	-4.1
Region V - Bicol Region	26,121	6.0	27,044	6.0	-3.4
Region VI - Western Visayas	34,396	8.0	35,662	7.9	-3.5
Region VII - Central Visayas	35,924	8.3	36,690	8.2	-2.1
Region VIII - Eastern Visayas	15,728	3.6	15,947	3.6	-1.4
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	13,948	3.2	14,276	3.2	-2.3
Region X - Northern Mindanao	20,790	4.8	21,416	4.8	-2.9
Region XI - Davao Region	21,901	5.1	23,275	5.2	-5.9
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	15,721	3.6	18,222	4.1	-13.7
Region XIII - Caraga	11,716	2.7	12,569	2.8	-6.8
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	1,980	0.5	2,386	0.5	-17.0

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Table 3. Number, Percent Distribution and Daily Average of Registered Marriages, by Month of Occurrence, Philippines: 2018 - 2019

Month of Occurrence	Total				Daily Average	
	2019		2018		2019	2018
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Number
TOTAL	431,972	100.0	449,169	100.0	1,183	1,231
January	38,306	8.9	39,381	8.8	1,236	1,270
February	49,506	11.5	46,087	10.3	1,768	1,646
March	37,159	8.6	28,769	6.4	1,199	928
April	44,319	10.3	49,276	11.0	1,477	1,643
May	48,157	11.1	48,491	10.8	1,553	1,564
June	36,651	8.5	40,424	9.0	1,222	1,347
July	25,390	5.9	27,532	6.1	819	888
August	21,830	5.1	28,321	6.3	704	914
September	27,554	6.4	28,905	6.4	918	964
October	29,846	6.9	31,777	7.1	963	1,025
November	21,424	5.0	23,035	5.1	714	768
December	51,830	12.0	57,171	12.7	1,672	1,844

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Table 4. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Age Group of Male and Female, Philippines: 2019

Age Group (in years)	Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	431,972	100.0	431,972	100.0
Under 15	2	*	45	*
15 - 19	5,477	1.3	23,883	5.5
20 - 24	82,143	19.0	122,604	28.4
25 - 29	157,599	36.5	156,332	36.2
30 - 34	100,022	23.2	75,192	17.4
35 - 39	42,940	9.9	28,759	6.7
40 - 44	18,481	4.3	11,673	2.7
45 - 49	9,112	2.1	5,934	1.4
50 - 54	5,640	1.3	3,502	0.8
55 - 59	4,106	1.0	2,039	0.5
60 and over	6,449	1.5	2,008	0.5
Not Stated	1	*	1	*

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

Nationality of Male	All Nationalities	Nationality of Female							
		Filipino	American	Australian	Canadian	Chinese	Japanese	Others	Not Stated
Marriages in number									
All Nationalities	431,972	429,977	310	251	219	238	114	832	31
Filipino	418,154	416,542	263	222	195	115	112	681	24
American	3,648	3,582	37	3	1	5	-	19	1
Japanese	1,417	1,417	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British	891	876	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Korean	842	840	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Canadian	790	764	-	-	20	-	-	6	-
Others	6,138	5,869	10	25	3	118	2	110	1
Not Stated	92	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages in percent distribution									
All Nationalities	100.0	99.5	0.1	0.1	*	0.1	*	0.2	*
Filipino	96.8	96.4	16.6	14.0	12.3	7.2	7.1	42.9	77.4
American	0.8	26.8	56.9	4.6	1.5	7.7	-	29.2	3.2
Japanese	0.3	10.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British	0.2	6.6	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	-
Korean	0.2	6.3	-	50.0	-	-	-	50.0	-
Canadian	0.2	5.7	-	-	76.9	-	-	23.1	-
Others	1.4	44.0	3.7	9.3	1.1	44.0	0.7	41.0	3.2
Not Stated	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.1

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Table 6. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony and Age Group of Male and Female, Philippines: 2019

Age Group (in years)	Total		Roman Catholic Church		Civil Ceremony		Muslim Tradition		Tribal Ceremony		Other Religious Rites	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Male	431,972	100.0	156,481	100.0	166,691	100.0	5,993	100.0	3,848	100.0	98,959	100.0
Under 15	2	*	-	-	-	-	1	*	1	*	-	-
15 - 19	5,477	1.3	1,588	1.0	2,112	1.3	314	5.2	236	6.1	1,227	1.2
20 - 24	82,143	19.0	30,250	19.3	31,519	18.9	1,311	21.9	1,142	29.7	17,921	18.1
25 - 29	157,599	36.5	62,245	39.8	56,889	34.1	1,702	28.4	1,015	26.4	35,748	36.1
30 - 34	100,022	23.2	38,706	24.7	37,186	22.3	1,114	18.6	583	15.2	22,433	22.7
35 - 39	42,940	9.9	14,402	9.2	18,015	10.8	574	9.6	319	8.3	9,630	9.7
40 - 44	18,481	4.3	5,045	3.2	8,439	5.1	367	6.1	195	5.1	4,435	4.5
45 - 49	9,112	2.1	1,921	1.2	4,435	2.7	234	3.9	129	3.4	2,393	2.4
50 - 54	5,640	1.3	991	0.6	2,747	1.6	147	2.5	80	2.1	1,675	1.7
55 - 59	4,106	1.0	585	0.4	2,000	1.2	103	1.7	64	1.7	1,354	1.4
60 and over	6,449	1.5	748	0.5	3,348	2.0	126	2.1	84	2.2	2,143	2.2
Not Stated	1	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Female	431,972	100.0	156,481	100.0	166,691	100.0	5,993	100.0	3,848	100.0	98,959	100.0
Under 15	45	*	1	*	2	*	23	0.4	19	0.5	-	-
15 - 19	23,883	5.5	7,612	4.9	9,254	5.6	732	12.2	903	23.5	5,382	5.4
20 - 24	122,604	28.4	45,437	29.0	48,167	28.9	1,533	25.6	1,268	33.0	26,199	26.5
25 - 29	156,332	36.2	61,896	39.6	55,767	33.5	1,548	25.8	731	19.0	36,390	36.8
30 - 34	75,192	17.4	27,820	17.8	28,682	17.2	1,038	17.3	343	8.9	17,309	17.5
35 - 39	28,759	6.7	8,496	5.4	12,620	7.6	592	9.9	219	5.7	6,832	6.9
40 - 44	11,673	2.7	2,830	1.8	5,449	3.3	275	4.6	126	3.3	2,993	3.0
45 - 49	5,934	1.4	1,159	0.7	2,906	1.7	136	2.3	106	2.8	1,627	1.6
50 - 54	3,502	0.8	596	0.4	1,751	1.1	66	1.1	57	1.5	1,032	1.0
55 - 59	2,039	0.5	326	0.2	1,039	0.6	26	0.4	36	0.9	612	0.6
60 and over	2,008	0.5	308	0.2	1,053	0.6	24	0.4	40	1.0	583	0.6
Not Stated	1	*	-	-	1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

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