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Highlights of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) as of 01 May 2020 is 4,404,288 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 4.04 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 622,901 from the population of 3.78 million in 2015, and 1.15 million more than the population of 3.26 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 1.60 million from the population of 2.80 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	2,803,045
2010	May 1, 2010	3,256,140
2015	August 1, 2015	3,781,387
2020	May 1, 2020	4,404,288

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of BARMM increased by 3.26 percent annually from 2015 to 2020. By comparison, the rate at which the population of the region grew from 2010 to 2015 was lower at 2.89 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

Reference Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.51
2010 to 2015	2.89
2015 to 2020	3.26

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



- Among the five provinces comprising BARMM, Maguindanao (excluding the City of Cotabato) had the biggest population in 2020 with 1,342,179 persons, followed by Lanao del Sur with 1,195,518 persons, Sulu with 1,000,108 persons, and Tawi-Tawi with 440,276 persons. Basilan (excluding the City of Isabela) had the smallest population with 426,207 persons. (Table 3)

Table 3. Total Population by Province Based on Various Censuses: Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

Province	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Basilan *	259,796	293,322	346,579	426,207
Lanao del Sur	800,162	933,260	1,045,429	1,195,518
Maguindanao **	801,102	944,718	1,173,933	1,342,179
Sulu	619,668	718,290	824,731	1,000,108
Tawi-Tawi	322,317	366,550	390,715	440,276

* Excluding the City of Isabela

** Excluding the City of Cotabato

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Basilan (excluding the City of Isabela) was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 4.45 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Sulu with a PGR of 4.14 percent. Maguindanao (excluding the City of Cotabato) and Lanao del Sur each had a PGR of 2.86 percent. Tawi-Tawi posted the lowest provincial PGR of 2.54 percent. (Table 4)

Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province Based on Various Censuses: Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

Province	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Basilan *	1.22	3.23	4.45
Lanao del Sur	1.55	2.18	2.86
Maguindanao **	1.66	4.22	2.86
Sulu	1.49	2.66	4.14
Tawi-Tawi	1.29	1.22	2.54

* Excluding the City of Isabela

** Excluding the City of Cotabato

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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- BARMM is composed of two component cities, 116 municipalities, and 2,490 barangays.
- Among the cities (excluding the City of Isabela and the City of Cotabato) and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Marawi, Lanao del Sur with 207,010 persons. It was followed by Jolo, Sulu with 137,266 persons, and Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao with 116,768 persons. (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Marawi	Lanao del Sur	207,010
2	Jolo	Sulu	137,266
3	Datu Odin Sinsuat (Dinaig)	Maguindanao	116,768
4	Bongao	Tawi-Tawi	116,118
5	Sultan Kudarat (Nuling)	Maguindanao	105,121
6	Parang	Maguindanao	102,914
7	City of Lamitan	Basilan	100,150
8	Talipao	Sulu	100,088
9	Indanan	Sulu	93,168
10	Siasi	Sulu	81,689

* Excluding the City of Isabela and the City of Cotabato

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

- Turtle Islands in Tawi-Tawi is the least populous city/municipality in BARMM with 5,683 persons. It was followed by Hadji Panglima Tahil (Marunggas) in Sulu with 7,906 persons, and Lumbaca-Unayan in Lanao del Sur with 8,131 persons. The rest of the least populous cities/municipalities in the region are located in the Province of Lanao del Sur, except Datu Unsay in Maguindanao, which was ranked seventh with 12, 890 persons. (Table 6)

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Table 6. Ten Least Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Turtle Islands	Tawi-Tawi	5,683
2	Hadji Panglima Tahil (Marunggas)	Sulu	7,906
3	Lumbaca-Unayan	Lanao del Sur	8,131
4	Amal Manabilang (Bumbaran)	Lanao del Sur	12,124
5	Sultan Dumalondong	Lanao del Sur	12,500
6	Tagoloan II	Lanao del Sur	12,602
7	Datu Unsay	Maguindanao	12,890
8	Pualas	Lanao del Sur	14,526
9	Calanogas	Lanao del Sur	14,985
10	Pagayawan (Tatarikan)	Lanao del Sur	15,057

* Excluding the City of Isabela and the City of Cotabato

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

- Of the 2,490 barangays in BARMM, the largest in terms of population size is Bus-bus in Jolo, Sulu with 38,650 persons. It was followed by Poblacion in Buluan, Maguindanao with 29,702 persons, and Asturias in Jolo, Sulu with 26,997 persons. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Bus-bus	Jolo , Sulu	38,650
2	Poblacion	Buluan, Maguindanao	29,702
3	Asturias	Jolo, Sulu	26,997
4	Anuling	Patikul, Sulu	24,874
5	Kajatian	Indanan, Sulu	18,437
6	Poblacion	Maimbung, Sulu	18,213
7	Landasan	Parang, Maguindanao	17,596
8	San Raymundo	Jolo, Sulu	17,051
9	Dalican Poblacion	Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao	17,041
10	Bongao Poblacion	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	15,462

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

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