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Highlights of the Region V (Bicol Region) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of Region V - Bicol as of 01 May 2020 is 6,082,165 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 5.58 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 285,176 from the population of 5.80 million in 2015, and 661,754 more than the population of 5.42 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 1,395,496 compared with the population of 4.69 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses: Region V - Bicol

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	4,686,669
2010	May 1, 2010	5,420,411
2015	August 1, 2015	5,796,989
2020	May 1, 2020	6,082,165

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region V increased by 1.02 percent annually from 2015 to 2020. By comparison, the rate at which the population of the region grew from 2010 to 2015 was higher at 1.29 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region V - Bicol

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.46
2010 to 2015	1.29
2015 to 2020	1.02

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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- Among the six provinces comprising Region V, Camarines Sur had the biggest population in 2020 with 2,068,244 persons, followed by Albay with 1,374,768 persons, Masbate with 908,920 persons, Sorsogon with 828,655 persons, and Camarines Norte with 629,699 persons. Catanduanes had the smallest population with 271,879 persons. (Table 3)

Table 3. Total Population by Province Based Various Censuses:
Region V - Bicol

Province	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Albay	1,090,907	1,233,432	1,314,826	1,374,768
Camarines Norte	470,654	542,915	583,313	629,699
Camarines Sur	1,551,549	1,822,371	1,952,544	2,068,244
Catanduanes	215,356	246,300	260,964	271,879
Masbate	707,668	834,650	892,393	908,920
Sorsogon	650,535	740,743	792,949	828,655

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Camarines Norte was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.62 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Camarines Sur with a PGR of 1.22 percent, Albay (0.94 percent), Sorsogon (0.93 percent), and Catanduanes (0.87 percent). Masbate posted the lowest PGR of 0.39 percent. (Table 4)

Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province
Based on Various Censuses: Region V – Bicol

Province	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Albay	1.23	1.22	0.94
Camarines Norte	1.44	1.38	1.62
Camarines Sur	1.62	1.32	1.22
Catanduanes	1.35	1.11	0.87
Masbate	1.66	1.28	0.39
Sorsogon	1.31	1.30	0.93

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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- Region V is composed of one independent component city, six component cities, 107 municipalities, and 3,471 barangays.
- Among the cities and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Legazpi, Albay with 209,533 persons. It was followed by the City of Naga, an independent component city in Camarines Sur with 209,170 persons, and the City of Sorsogon, Sorsogon with 182,237 persons. (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities/Municipalities: Region V - Bicol, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Legazpi	Albay	209,533
2	City of Naga	Camarines Sur	209,170
3	City of Sorsogon	Sorsogon	182,237
4	City of Tabaco	Albay	140,961
5	Daraga (Locsin)	Albay	133,893
6	City of Ligao	Albay	118,096
7	City of Iriga	Camarines Sur	114,457
8	Libmanan	Camarines Sur	112,994
9	Daet	Camarines Norte	111,700
10	Labo	Camarines Norte	109,245

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Gigmoto in Catanduanes is the least populous city/municipality in Region V with 8,712 persons. It was followed by Panganiban (Payo) with 9,713 persons, and Bagamanoc with 11,086 persons, both in the Province of Catanduanes. (Table 6)

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Cities/Municipalities: Region V - Bicol, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Gigmoto	Catanduanes	8,712
2	Panganiban (Payo)	Catanduanes	9,713
3	Bagamanoc	Catanduanes	11,086
4	Gainza	Camarines Sur	11,584
5	San Vicente	Camarines Norte	12,579
6	Baras	Catanduanes	13,484
7	Batuan	Masbate	14,610
8	San Miguel	Catanduanes	15,680
9	San Lorenzo Ruiz (Imelda)	Camarines Norte	15,757
10	Santa Magdalena	Sorsogon	17,096

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

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- Of the 3,471 barangays in Region V, the largest in terms of population size is Concepcion Pequeña in the City of Naga, Camarines Sur with 25,139 persons. It was followed by San Felipe, also in the City of Naga, Camarines Sur with 21,098 persons, and Bibincahan in the City of Sorsogon, Sorsogon with 20,618 persons. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays: Region V - Bicol, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Concepcion Pequeña	City of Naga, Camarines Sur	25,139
2	San Felipe	City of Naga, Camarines Sur	21,098
3	Bibincahan	City of Sorsogon, Sorsogon	20,168
4	Cararayan	City of Naga, Camarines Sur	19,692
5	Bgy. 56-Taysan (Bgy. 68)	City of Legazpi, Albay	15,189
6	Pacol	City of Naga, Camarines Sur	14,747
7	San Jose	Pili, Camarines Sur	13,339
8	Anislag	Daraga (Locsin), Albay	12,877
9	Nursery	City of Masbate, Masbate	12,654
10	Alawihao	Daet, Camarines Norte	11,782

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

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