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Tagalog is the Most Widely Spoken Language at Home (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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Tagalog is the language generally spoken in 10.52 million households in the country

1. Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), Tagalog is spoken in 10,522,507 households or 39.9 percent of the total 26,388,654 households in the country. Bisaya/Binisaya was the second most generally spoken language at home with 4.21 million households (16.0%), followed by Hiligaynon/Ilonggo with 1.93 million households (7.3%), Ilocano with 1.86 million households (7.1%), Cebuano with 1.72 million households (6.5%), Bicol/Bicol with 1.03 million households (3.9%), Waray with 698,745 households (2.6%), Kapampangan with 639,687 households (2.4%), Maguindanao with 365,032 households (1.4%), and Pangasinan/Pangalato with 334,759 households (1.3%). (Table 1 and Figure 1)
2. Other languages/dialects such as Boholano, Tausug/Bahasa Sug, Maranao, Karay-a/Kinaray-a, Bukidnon/Binukid-Akeanon/Aklanon, Masbateño/Masbatenon, Surigaonon, and Zamboagueño-Chavacano were generally spoken in 2.95 million households (11.2%). (Table 1)



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**Table 1. Ten Leading Languages/Dialects Generally Spoken at Home:
Philippines, 2020**

Rank	Language/Dialect	Number of Households	Percent
	Total	26,388,654	100.0
1	Tagalog	10,522,507	39.9
2	Bisaya/Binisaya	4,214,122	16.0
3	Hiligaynon/Ilonggo	1,933,512	7.3
4	Ilocano	1,863,409	7.1
5	Cebuano	1,716,080	6.5
6	Bikol/Bicol	1,033,457	3.9
7	Waray	698,745	2.6
8	Kapampangan	639,687	2.4
9	Maguindanao	365,032	1.4
10	Pangasinan/Panggalato	334,759	1.3
	Other languages/dialects	2,950,009	11.2
	Not Reported	117,335	0.4

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

**Figure 1. Ten Leading Languages/Dialects Generally Spoken at Home:
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

The statistics presented in this Press Release 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 the household. Moreover, the number of households cited in this release, which totals to 26,388,654, excludes those enumerated as homeless.

The data on the language/dialect generally spoken at home were collected by asking the respondent, *“What is the language/dialect generally spoken at home by the members of this household?”*.

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