**TECHNICAL NOTES**

**Citizenship in the Philippines   
(2020 Census of Population and Housing)**

1. **Introduction**

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with   
01 May 2020 as the reference date.

The 2020 CPH was the 15th census of population and the 7th census of housing undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903.   
It was designed to take an inventory of the country's total population and housing units and collect information about their characteristics.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) as of   
March 2022 was used to disaggregate geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

1. **Data Collection**
2. Citizenship

Data on citizenship allows the classification of the population into   
(a) citizens and (b) aliens. These data are valuable in the study   
of problems relating to the legal status and civil rights of immigrants.

The list of countries that does not allow dual citizenship are provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

1. Data Limitations

The statistics presented in this report 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 all the household members; hence, it should be used with caution.

1. **Methodology**

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a “de jure” basis, wherein a person is counted in the usual place of residence or the place where the person usually resides. The enumeration of the population and collection of pertinent data in the   
2020 CPH referred to all living persons as of 01 May 2020.

For the 2020 CPH, data on the citizenship of all household members were collected by asking the respondents, *“Is \_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of the Philippines?”* This question determines who among the members of the household are citizens of the Philippines and who are not. For Filipino dual citizens and non-citizens, the question *“What country/other country is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a citizen of?”* was asked. This question determines who among the members of the household is a citizen of a foreign country.

**IV. Concepts and Definition of Terms**

**Household** is a social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.

**Household population** refers to all persons who are members of the household.

**Sex** is the biological and physiological reality of being a male or female.

**Citizenship** is defined as the legal nationality of a person. A person’s citizenship depends on the country to which he/she owes legal allegiance or where he/she exercises the right of suffrage.

**Filipino Dual Citizens** is classified as Natural-born Filipinos who are simultaneously citizens of the Philippines and another country.

**V. Dissemination of Results**

The 2020 CPH press release and statistical tables are publicly available at the PSA website, https://psa.gov.ph/population-and-housing.

**VI. Citation**

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