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Highlights of the Region VII (Central Visayas) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of Region VII - Central Visayas as of 01 May 2020 is 8,081,988 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 7.41 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 685,090 from the population of 7.40 million in 2015, and 1.28 million more than the population of 6.80 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 2.38 million compared with the population of 5.71 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Region VII - Central Visayas

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	5,706,953
2010	May 1, 2010	6,800,180
2015	August 1, 2015	7,396,898
2020	May 1, 2020	8,081,988

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region VII increased by 1.88 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 1.61 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region VII - Central Visayas

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.77
2010 to 2015	1.61
2015 to 2020	1.88

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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- Among the four provinces comprising Region VII, Cebu had the biggest population in 2020 with 3,325,385 persons, followed by Negros Oriental with 1,432,990 persons, and Bohol with 1,394,329 persons. Siquijor had the smallest population with 103,395 persons. (Table 3)
- The region has three highly urbanized cities (HUCs). Among these HUCs, the City of Cebu was the most populous with 964,169 persons, followed by the City of Lapu-Lapu with 497,604 persons, and the City of Mandaue with 364,116 persons.

Table 3. Total Population by Province/Highly Urbanized City Based on Various Censuses: Region VII - Central Visayas

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Bohol	1,139,130	1,255,128	1,313,560	1,394,329
Cebu	2,160,569	2,619,362	2,938,982	3,325,385
<i>City of Cebu</i>	718,821	866,171	922,611	964,169
<i>City of Lapu-Lapu</i>	217,019	350,467	408,112	497,604
<i>City of Mandaue</i>	259,728	331,320	362,654	364,116
Negros Oriental	1,130,088	1,286,666	1,354,995	1,432,990
Siquijor	81,598	91,066	95,984	103,395

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Cebu was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 2.63 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Siquijor (1.58 percent) and Bohol (1.26 percent). Negros Oriental posted the lowest provincial PGR of 1.18 percent. (Table 4)
- The City of Lapu-Lapu was the fastest growing HUC in the province with a PGR of 4.26 percent, followed by the City of Cebu (0.93 percent), and the City of Mandaue (0.08 percent).

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Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province/Highly Urbanized City:
Based on Various Censuses: Region VII - Central Visayas

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Bohol	0.97	0.87	1.26
Cebu	1.94	2.22	2.63
<i>City of Cebu</i>	1.88	1.21	0.93
<i>City of Lapu-Lapu</i>	4.91	2.94	4.26
<i>City of Mandaue</i>	2.46	1.73	0.08
Negros Oriental	1.31	0.99	1.18
Siquijor	1.10	1.01	1.58

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Region VII is composed of three HUCs, 13 component cities, 116 municipalities, and 3,003 barangays.
- Among the cities (excluding the three HUCs) and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Talisay, Cebu with 263,048 persons. It was followed by the City of Toledo with 207,314 persons, and Danao City with 156,321 persons, both in the Province of Cebu. The rest of the ten most populous cities/municipalities in the region are located either in the Province of Cebu or in the Province of Negros Oriental (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region VII - Central Visayas, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Talisay	Cebu	263,048
2	City of Toledo	Cebu	207,314
3	Danao City	Cebu	156,321
4	Liloan	Cebu	153,197
5	Minglanilla	Cebu	151,002
6	Consolacion	Cebu	148,012
7	City of Carcar	Cebu	136,453
8	City of Dumaguete	Negros Oriental	134,103
9	City of Naga	Cebu	133,184
10	City of Bayawan	Negros Oriental	122,747

* Excluding the City of Cebu, City of Lapu-Lapu, and City of Mandaue

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

- Enrique Villanueva in Siquijor is the least populous city/municipality in Region VII with 6,790 persons. It was followed by Sikatuna with 6,906 persons and Corella with 9,479 persons, both in the Province of Bohol. The rest of the ten least populous cities/municipalities in the region in 2020 are located either in the Province of Bohol or in the Province of Cebu (Table 6)

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region VII - Central Visayas, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Enrique Villanueva	Siquijor	6,790
2	Sikatuna	Bohol	6,906
3	Corella	Bohol	9,479
4	San Isidro	Bohol	9,909
5	Albuquerque	Bohol	11,246
6	Tudela	Cebu	11,304
7	Sevilla	Bohol	11,376
8	Lila	Bohol	12,240
9	Pilar	Cebu	12,506
10	Batuan	Bohol	13,845

* Excluding the City of Cebu, City of Lapu-Lapu, and City of Mandaue

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

- Of the 3,003 barangays in Region VII, the largest in terms of population size is Basak in the City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon) with 71,990 persons. It was followed by Guadalupe in the City of Cebu with 70,039 persons, and Mactan in the City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon) with 50,964 persons. Three other barangays in the City of Cebu and one each in the City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon) and Liloan were among the top ten most populous barangays in the region in 2020. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Region VII - Central Visayas, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Basak	City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon)	71,990
2	Guadalupe	City of Cebu	70,039
3	Mactan	City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon)	50,964
4	Tisa	City of Cebu	47,364
5	Lahug (Pob.)	City of Cebu	45,853
6	Basak San Nicolas	City of Cebu	38,965
7	Gun-ob	City of Lapu-Lapu (Opon)	37,989
8	Yati	Liloan, Cebu	37,046
9	Talamban	City of Cebu	33,382
10	Labangon	City of Cebu	32,825

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

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