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Highlights of the Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula as of 01 May 2020 is 3,875,576 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 3.55 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 245,793 from the population of 3.63 million in 2015, and 468,223 more than the population of 3.41 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 1,044,164 compared with the population of 2.83 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	2,831,412
2010	May 1, 2010	3,407,353
2015	August 1, 2015	3,629,783
2020	May 1, 2020	3,875,576

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region IX increased by 1.39 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 1.21 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.87
2010 to 2015	1.21
2015 to 2020	1.39

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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- Among the three provinces comprising Region IX, Zamboanga del Sur had the biggest population in 2020 with 1,050,668 persons, followed closely by Zamboanga del Norte with 1,047,455 persons. Zamboanga Sibugay had the smallest population with 669,840 persons. (Table 3)
- The City of Zamboanga, the only highly urbanized city in the region, posted a population of 977,234 persons.
- The City of Isabela, on the other hand, had a population of 130,379 persons. This city is a component city in Region IX whose province, Basilan, is under the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Table 3. Total Population by Province/Highly Urbanized City Based on Various Censuses: Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Zamboanga del Norte	823,130	957,997	1,011,393	1,047,455
Zamboanga del Sur	836,217	959,685	1,010,674	1,050,668
<i>City of Zamboanga</i>	601,794	807,129	861,799	977,234
Zamboanga Sibugay	497,239	584,685	633,129	669,840
<i>City of Isabela*</i>	73,032	97,857	112,788	130,379

* Component City of the Province of Basilan, BARMM

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Zamboanga Sibugay was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.19 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Zamboanga del Sur with 0.82 percent, and Zamboanga del Norte with 0.74 percent. (Table 4)
- The City of Zamboanga posted a PGR of 2.68 percent.
- The City of Isabela, meanwhile, had a PGR of 3.10 percent.

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Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province/Highly Urbanized City
Based on Various Censuses: Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Zamboanga del Norte	1.53	1.04	0.74
Zamboanga del Sur	1.39	0.99	0.82
<i>City of Zamboanga</i>	2.98	1.26	2.68
Zamboanga Sibugay	1.63	1.53	1.19
<i>City of Isabela*</i>	2.97	2.74	3.10

* Component City of the Province of Basilan

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Region IX is composed of one highly urbanized city, four component cities (including the City of Isabela), 67 municipalities, and 1,904 barangays.
- Among the cities and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur with 210,452 persons. It was followed by the City of Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte with 138,141 persons, and the City of Isabela in Basilan with 130,379 persons. (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Pagadian	Zamboanga del Sur	210,452
2	City of Dipolog	Zamboanga del Norte	138,141
3	City of Isabela	Basilan	130,379
4	Sindangan	Zamboanga del Norte	103,952
5	Ipil	Zamboanga Sibugay	89,401
6	City of Dapitan	Zamboanga del Norte	85,202
7	Titay	Zamboanga Sibugay	53,994
8	Molave	Zamboanga del Sur	53,140
9	Aurora	Zamboanga del Sur	52,995
10	Dumingag	Zamboanga del Sur	48,881

* Excluding the City of Zamboanga

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

- La Libertad in Zamboanga del Norte is the least populous city/municipality in Region IX with 8,119 persons. It was followed by Mutia in Zamboanga del Norte with 11,726 persons, and Josefina in Zamboanga del Sur with 12,205 persons. (Table 6)

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	La Libertad	Zamboanga del Norte	8,119
2	Mutia	Zamboanga del Norte	11,726
3	Josefina	Zamboanga del Sur	12,205
4	Rizal	Zamboanga del Norte	15,052
5	Sibutad	Zamboanga del Norte	17,453
6	Godod	Zamboanga del Norte	17,510
7	Sominot (Don Mariano Marcos)	Zamboanga del Sur	19,061
8	San Miguel	Zamboanga del Sur	19,838
9	Piñan (New Piñan)	Zamboanga del Norte	20,221
10	Lakewood	Zamboanga del Sur	21,559

* Excluding the City of Zamboanga

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

- Of the 1,904 barangays in Region IX, the largest in terms of population size is Talon-talon in the City of Zamboanga with 37,350 persons. It was followed by Calarian with 33,563 persons, and Tumaga with 33,399 persons, both in the City of Zamboanga. The rest of the top ten most populous barangays in the region are all located in the City of Zamboanga. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality	Total Population
1	Talon-talon	City of Zamboanga	37,350
2	Calarian	City of Zamboanga	33,563
3	Tumaga	City of Zamboanga	33,399
4	Mampang	City of Zamboanga	31,975
5	Tetuan	City of Zamboanga	29,621
6	San Roque	City of Zamboanga	28,829
7	Kasanyangan	City of Zamboanga	28,819
8	Pasonanca	City of Zamboanga	27,215
9	Sangali	City of Zamboanga	26,758
10	Ayala	City of Zamboanga	26,658

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

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