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## Age and Sex Distribution in the Philippine Population (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

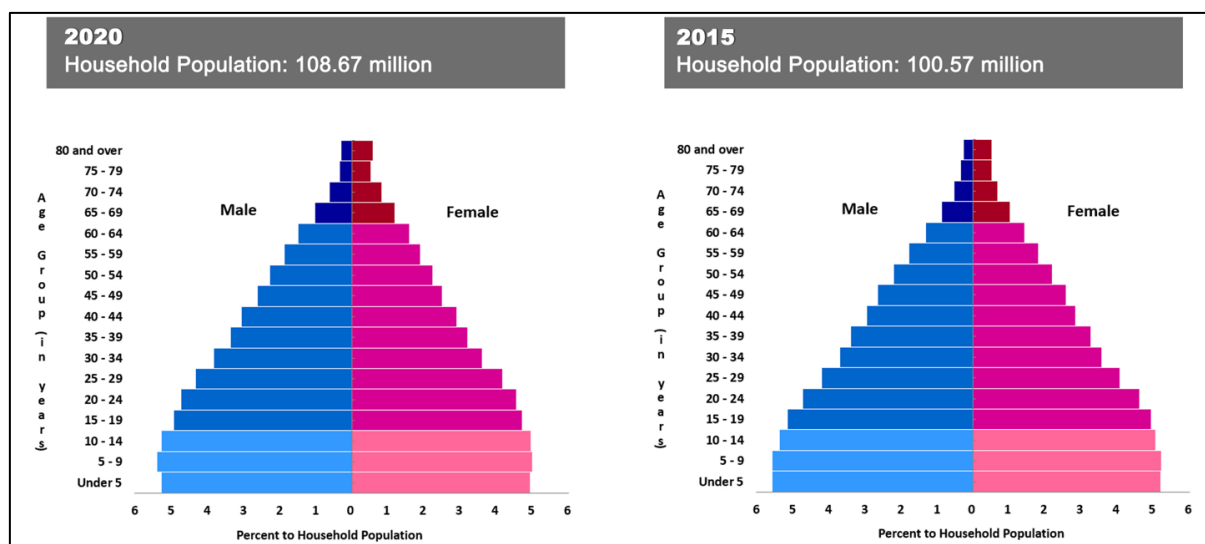
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Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), the Philippines had a total population of 109,035,343 persons. Of this total, the household population comprised 99.7 percent or 108,667,043 persons.

Of the 108.67 million household population in 2020, 55.02 million (50.6%) were males while 53.65 million (49.4%) were females. By age group, 33.4 million (30.7%) were under 15 years of age (young dependents). On the other hand, persons aged 15 to 64 years (working-age or economically-active population) totaled to 69.40 million (63.9%) while those in age groups 65 years and over (old dependents) comprised the remaining 5.86 million (5.4%). In 2015, persons aged 0 to 14 years, 15 to 64 years, and 65 years and over accounted for 32.0, 63.3, and 4.8 percent, respectively, of the household population.

Figure 1. Age-Sex Pyramid of the Philippines: 2020 and 2015



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

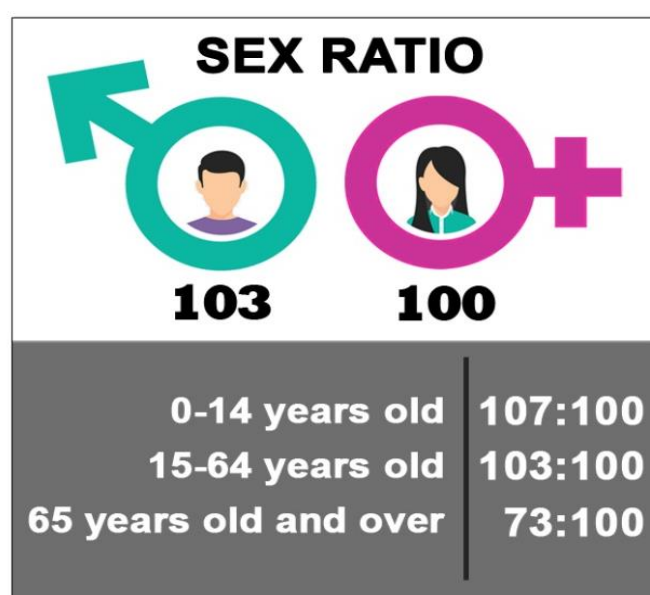
Moreover, there were more males (88.8%) than females (86.6%) among the 0 to 54 age group. Meanwhile, among the older age group (55 years

and over), females (13.4%) outnumbered the males (11.2%). The same trend was also observed in 2015.

### Sex ratio stands at 103 males per 100 females

1. The sex ratio in the Philippines was computed at 103 in 2020. This means that there were 103 males for every 100 females. The sex ratio in 2015 was slightly lower at 102 males per 100 females. (Figure 2)
2. In 2020, children aged below 15 years had a sex ratio of 107 males per 100 females, while those aged 15 to 64 years had a sex ratio of 103 males per 100 females. Moreover, among those aged 65 years and over, the sex ratio was 73 males per 100 females. This depicts a longer life expectancy among females than males or a higher mortality rate among males than females in the older age groups. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Sex Ratio by Selected Age Group: Philippines, 2020

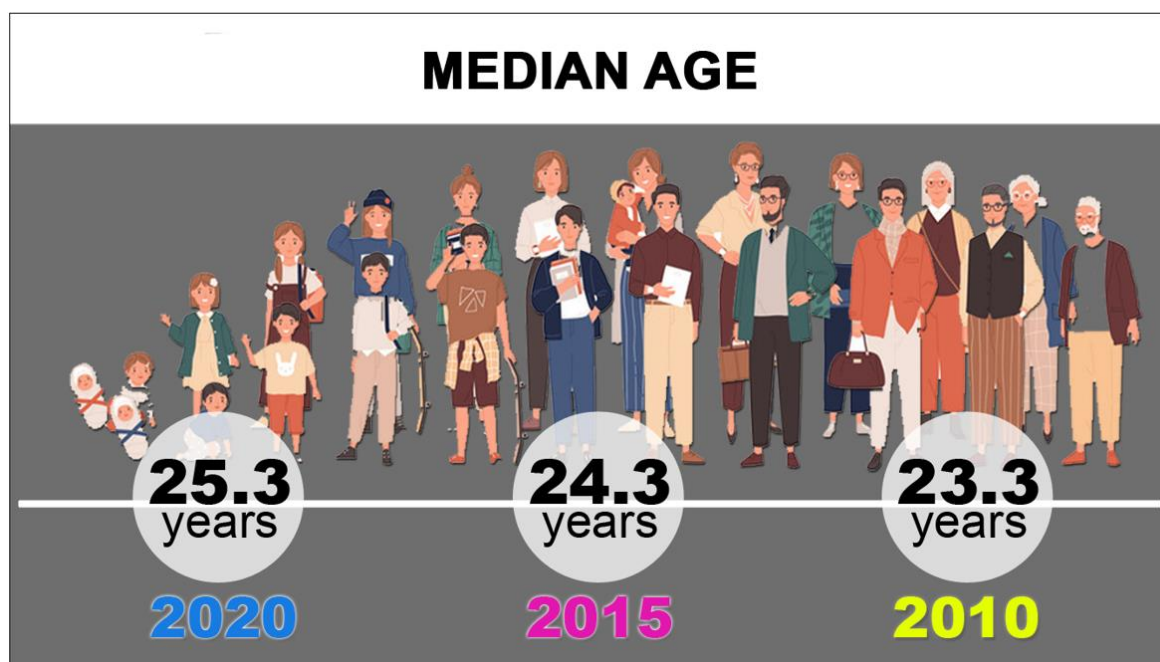


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

### Median age increases to 25.3 years

3. The median age of the Philippine population continues to rise during the past three decades. In 2020, the median age was computed at 25.3 years, which means that half of the household population was younger than 25.3 years, while the other half is older than 25.3 years. This is higher than the median ages of 24.3 years and 23.3 years that were posted in 2015 and 2010, respectively. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Median Age of the Philippine Population: 2020, 2015, and 2010



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2010 and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

## Dependency ratio declines to 57 dependents per 100 persons in the working-age group

- The overall dependency ratio of the Philippines was computed at 57, which indicates that for every 100 working-age or economically-active population, there were about 57 dependents (48 young dependents and 8 old dependents). This is lower than the dependency ratio in 2015, which was recorded at 58 dependents per 100 working-age population (50 young dependents and 8 old dependents). (Table 1)

Table 1. Age Dependency Ratio of the Household Population by Sex: Philippines, 2020 and 2015

Age Dependency	2020			2015		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Overall	57	56	57	58	58	58
Young	48	49	47	50	52	49
Old	8	7	10	8	6	9

Sources: **Philippine Statistics Authority**, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

**Note:** Details may not add up to total due to rounding.

## There are more males than females in children under five years old

5. Children below five years old comprised 10.2 percent (11.07 million) of the household population which is slightly lower than the 10.8 percent (10.82 million) posted in 2015. The sex ratio remained at 107 males per 100 females in 2015 and 2020. (Table 2)

Table 2. Number and Percent to All Ages of Household Population and Sex Ratio by Selected Age Group: Philippines, 2020 and 2015

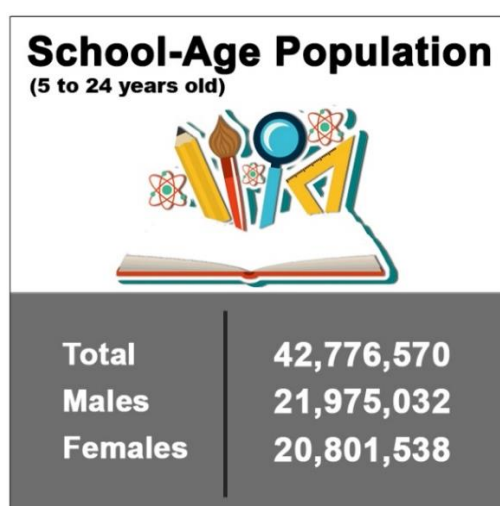
Age Group and Year	Number			Percent to All Ages (%)			Sex Ratio
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
<u>2020</u>							
All ages	108,667,043	55,017,643	53,649,400				
0 - 4 years	11,066,707	5,712,817	5,353,890	10.2	10.4	10.0	107
0 - 14 years	33,414,245	17,269,436	16,144,809	30.7	31.4	30.1	107
5 - 24 years	42,776,570	21,975,032	20,801,538	39.4	39.9	38.8	106
15 - 30 years	31,401,973	16,013,645	15,388,328	28.9	29.1	28.7	104
15 - 49 years	56,964,296	29,110,071	27,854,225	52.4	52.9	51.9	105
15 - 64 years	69,397,349	35,273,073	34,124,276	63.9	64.1	63.6	103
18 years and over	68,945,888	34,515,980	34,429,908	63.4	62.7	64.2	100
60 years and over	9,222,672	4,102,594	5,120,078	8.5	7.5	9.5	80
65 years and over	5,855,449	2,475,134	3,380,315	5.4	4.5	6.3	73
<u>2015</u>							
All ages	100,573,715	50,774,021	49,799,694				
0 - 4 years	10,815,998	5,588,896	5,227,102	10.8	11.0	10.5	107
0 - 14 years	32,135,285	16,581,131	15,554,154	32.0	32.7	31.2	107
5 - 24 years	40,835,754	20,903,363	19,932,391	40.6	41.2	40.0	105
15 - 30 years	29,390,687	14,920,799	14,469,888	29.2	29.4	29.1	103
15 - 49 years	52,891,561	26,872,533	26,019,028	52.6	52.9	52.2	103
15 - 64 years	63,659,732	32,188,641	31,471,091	63.3	63.4	63.2	102
18 years and over	62,263,325	31,022,193	31,241,132	61.9	61.1	62.7	99
60 years and over	7,534,306	3,326,177	4,208,129	7.5	6.6	8.5	79
65 years and over	4,778,698	2,004,249	2,774,449	4.8	3.9	5.6	72

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

## About two in every five household population are of school age

6. In 2020, the school-age population (5 to 24 years old) accounted for 42.78 million (39.4%) of the 108.67 million household population compared to the 40.84 million (40.6%) school-age population that was reported in 2015. (Table 2 and Figure 4)

Figure 4. School-age Population by Sex: Philippines, 2020



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

### Youth accounts for less than a third of the household population

7. Youth or persons whose age ranges from 15 to 30 years totaled to 31.40 million or about 28.9 percent of the household population in 2020, higher than the 29.39 million (29.2%) recorded in 2015. In the Philippines, individuals belonging to this age group are considered of voting age for the *Sangguniang Kabataan* in accordance with Republic Act No. 8044 (*Sangguniang Kabataan Act of 2015*). (Table 2)

### About 63 percent of the household population is of voting age

8. The voting-age population (18 years old and over) accounted for 63.4 percent (68.95 million) of the household population in 2020, up from 61.9 percent (62.26 million) in 2015. (Table 2 and Figure 5)

Figure 5. Voting-age Population by Sex: Philippines, 2020

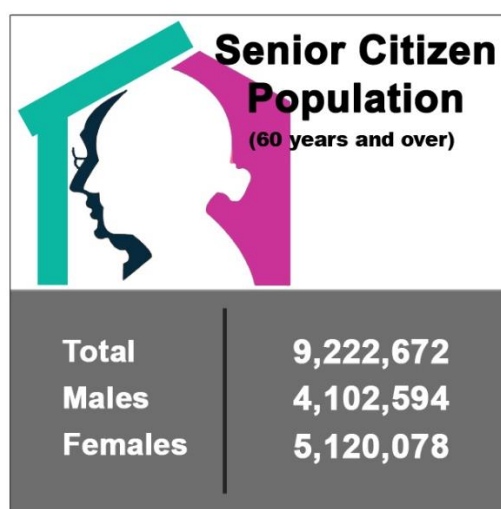


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

## Senior citizens constitute 8.5 percent of the household population

9. In the Philippines, people aged 60 years old and over are regarded as senior citizens. They made up 8.5 percent (9.22 million) of the household population in 2020, higher than the 7.5 percent (7.53 million) recorded in 2015. There were more females (55.5%) than males (44.5%) among the senior citizens, in 2020. The same trend was observed in 2015. (Table 2 and Figure 6)

Figure 6. Senior Citizen by Sex: Philippines, 2020

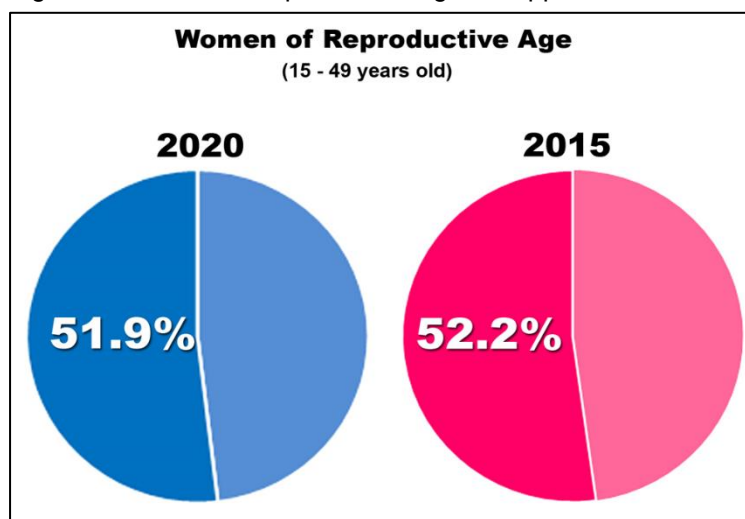


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

## More than half of the female population are of reproductive age

10. Women of reproductive age (15 to 49 years old) totaled to 27.85 million or 51.9 percent of the 53.65 million female household population in 2020. These figures were lower compared with the 52.2 percent (26.02 million) posted in 2015. (Table 2 and Figure 7)

Figure 7. Women of Reproductive Age: Philippines: 2020 and 2015

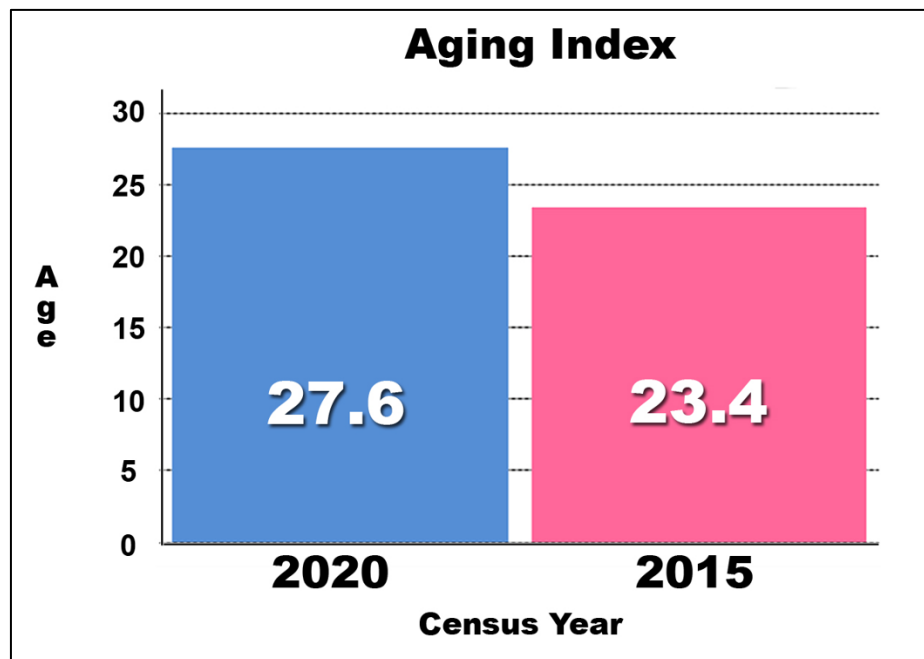


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## **Aging index increases by 4.2 points from 23.4 in 2015 to 27.6 in 2020**

11. In the Philippines, the aging index or the proportion of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 persons under the age of 15 years was computed at 27.6 percent in 2020. This means that there is one person aged 60 years and over for every four children under 15 years old. In 2015, the aging index was 4.2 points lower at 23.4. (Table 2 and Figure 8)

Figure 8. Aging Index: Philippines, 2020 and 2015



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

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