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Highlights of the Region III (Central Luzon) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of Region III - Central Luzon as of 01 May 2020 is 12,422,172 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 11.39 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 1,203,995 from the population of 11.22 million in 2015, and 2,284,435 more than the population of 10.14 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 4,217,430 compared with the population of 8.20 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Region III - Central Luzon

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	8,204,742
2010	May 1, 2010	10,137,737
2015	August 1, 2015	11,218,177
2020	May 1, 2020	12,422,172

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region III increased by 2.17 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 1.95 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region III - Central Luzon

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	2.14
2010 to 2015	1.95
2015 to 2020	2.17

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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- Among the seven provinces comprising Region III, Bulacan had the biggest population in 2020 with 3,708,890 persons, followed by Pampanga with 2,437,709 persons, Nueva Ecija with 2,310,134 persons, Tarlac with 1,503,456 persons, Bataan with 853,373 persons, and Zambales with 649,615 persons. Aurora had the smallest population among the provinces, with 235,750 persons. (Table 3)
- The region has two highly urbanized cities. The City of Angeles posted a population of 462,928 persons, while the City of Olongapo had a population of 260,317 persons.

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

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Aurora	173,797	201,233	214,336	235,750
Bataan	557,659	687,482	760,650	853,373
Bulacan	2,234,088	2,924,433	3,292,071	3,708,890
Nueva Ecija	1,659,883	1,955,373	2,151,461	2,310,134
Pampanga	1,614,942	2,014,019	2,198,110	2,437,709
<i>City of Angeles</i>	267,788	326,336	411,634	462,928
Tarlac	1,068,783	1,273,240	1,366,027	1,503,456
Zambales	433,542	534,443	590,848	649,615
<i>City of Olongapo</i>	194,260	221,178	233,040	260,317

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Bulacan was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 2.54 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Bataan (2.45 percent), Pampanga (2.20 percent), Tarlac (2.04 percent), Aurora (2.02 percent), and Zambales (2.01 percent). Nueva Ecija posted the lowest PGR of 1.51 percent among the provinces. (Table 4)
- The City of Angeles posted a PGR of 2.50 percent, while the City of Olongapo had a PGR of 2.36 percent.

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

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Aurora	1.48	1.21	2.02
Bataan	2.11	1.94	2.45
Bulacan	2.73	2.28	2.54
Nueva Ecija	1.65	1.84	1.51
Pampanga	2.23	1.68	2.20
<i>City of Angeles</i>	2.00	4.52	2.50
Tarlac	1.76	1.35	2.04
Zambales	2.11	1.93	2.01
<i>City of Olongapo</i>	1.31	1.00	2.36

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Region III is composed of two highly urbanized cities (HUCs), 12 component cities, 116 municipalities, and 3,102 barangays.
- Among the cities (excluding the City of Angeles and the City of Olongapo) and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan with 651,813 persons. It was followed by the City of Tarlac, Tarlac with 385,398 persons, and the City of San Fernando, Pampanga with 354,666 persons. (Table 5)

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

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of San Jose del Monte	Bulacan	651,813
2	City of Tarlac	Tarlac	385,398
3	City of San Fernando	Pampanga	354,666
4	City of Cabanatuan	Nueva Ecija	327,325
5	Mabalacat City	Pampanga	293,244
6	Santa Maria	Bulacan	289,820
7	City of Malolos	Bulacan	261,189
8	City of Olongapo	Zambales	260,317
9	Marilao	Bulacan	254,453
10	City of Meycauayan	Bulacan	225,673

* Excluding the City of Angeles and the City of Olongapo

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

- Anao in Tarlac is the least populous city/municipality in Region III with 12,208 persons. It was followed by Dinalungan in Aurora with 12,508 persons, and San Clemente in Tarlac with 13,181 persons. (Table 6)

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

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Anao	Tarlac	12,208
2	Dinalungan	Aurora	12,508
3	San Clemente	Tarlac	13,181
4	Nampicuan	Nueva Ecija	14,471
5	Dilasag	Aurora	17,102
6	Ramos	Tarlac	22,879
7	San Felipe	Zambales	25,033
8	Talugtug	Nueva Ecija	25,236
9	Pura	Tarlac	25,781
10	Casiguran	Aurora	26,564

* Excluding the City of Angeles and the City of Olongapo

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

- Of the 3,102 barangays in Region III, the largest in terms of population size is Muzon in the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan with 127,506 persons. It was followed by Loma de Gato in Marilao, Bulacan with 71,258 persons, and Dau in Mabalacat City, Pampanga with 62,378 persons. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Region III - Central Luzon, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Muzon	City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan	127,506
2	Loma de Gato	Marilao, Bulacan	71,258
3	Dau	Mabalacat City, Pampanga	62,378
4	Gaya-gaya	City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan	56,896
5	Santo Cristo	City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan	49,579
6	Lambakin	Marilao, Bulacan	48,184
7	Santa Rita	City of Olongapo	47,034
8	Minuyan Proper	City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan	46,171
9	Kaypian	City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan	46,045
10	Calulut	City of San Fernando, Pampanga	42,528

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

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