



PRESS RELEASE

Highlights of the Region VI (Western Visayas) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

Date of Release: 20 August 2021
Reference No. 2021-322

- The population of Region VI - Western Visayas as of 01 May 2020 is 7,954,723 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 7.30 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 total population of the region is higher by 418,340 from the population of 7.54 million in 2015, and 852,285 more than the population of 7.10 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 1.74 million compared with the population of 6.21 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Region VI - Western Visayas

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	6,211,038
2010	May 1, 2010	7,102,438
2015	August 1, 2015	7,536,383
2020	May 1, 2020	7,954,723

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region VI increased by 1.14 percent annually from 2015 to 2020. By comparison, the rate at which the population of the region grew from 2010 to 2015 was slightly lower at 1.13 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region VI - Western Visayas

Reference Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.35
2010 to 2015	1.13
2015 to 2020	1.14

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



Management System
ISO 9001:2015
www.tuv.com
ID 9108640981



PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1101
Telephone: (632) 8938-5267
www.psa.gov.ph

- Among the six provinces comprising Region VI, Negros Occidental had the biggest population in 2020 with 2,623,172 persons, followed by Iloilo with 2,051,899 persons, Capiz with 804,952 persons, Aklan with 615,475 persons, and Antique with 612,974 persons. Guimaras had the smallest population with 187,842 persons. (Table 3)
- The region has two highly urbanized cities. The City of Bacolod posted a population of 600,783 persons, while the City of Iloilo had a population of 457,626 persons.

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

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Aklan	451,314	535,725	574,823	615,475
Antique	472,822	546,031	582,012	612,974
Capiz	654,156	719,685	761,384	804,952
Guimaras	141,450	162,943	174,613	187,842
Iloilo	1,559,182	1,805,576	1,936,423	2,051,899
<i>City of Iloilo</i>	366,391	424,619	447,992	457,626
Negros Occidental	2,136,647	2,396,039	2,497,261	2,623,172
<i>City of Bacolod</i>	429,076	511,820	561,875	600,783

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Guimaras was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.55 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by Aklan with a PGR of 1.45, Iloilo (1.23 percent), Capiz (1.18 percent), and Antique (1.10 percent). Negros Occidental posted the lowest PGR of 1.04 percent among the provinces. (Table 4)
- The City of Bacolod posted a PGR of 1.42 percent, while the population of the City of Iloilo grew by 0.45 percent.

CSF

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

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Aklan	1.73	1.35	1.45
Antique	1.45	1.22	1.10
Capiz	0.96	1.08	1.18
Guimaras	1.42	1.33	1.55
Iloilo	1.48	1.34	1.23
<i>City of Iloilo</i>	1.49	1.02	0.45
Negros Occidental	1.15	0.79	1.04
<i>City of Bacolod</i>	1.78	1.79	1.42

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Region VI is composed of two highly urbanized cities, 14 component cities, 117 municipalities, and 4,051 barangays.
- Among the cities (excluding the City of Bacolod and the City of Iloilo) and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental with 200,198 persons. It was followed by the City of Bago, Negros Occidental with 191,210 persons, and the City of Roxas, Capiz with 179,292 persons. The rest of the top ten most populous cities/municipalities in the region are all located in the Province of Negros Occidental. (Table 5)

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

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Kabankalan	Negros Occidental	200,198
2	City of Bago	Negros Occidental	191,210
3	City of Roxas	Capiz	179,292
4	City of Cadiz	Negros Occidental	158,544
5	City of Sagay	Negros Occidental	148,894
6	City of San Carlos	Negros Occidental	132,650
7	City of Silay	Negros Occidental	130,478
8	City of Himamaylan	Negros Occidental	116,240
9	City of Talisay	Negros Occidental	108,909
10	Cauayan	Negros Occidental	108,480

* Excluding the City of Iloilo and the City of Bacolod

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

- Belison in Antique is the least populous city/municipality in Region VI with 14,129 persons. It was followed by Lezo in Aklan with 15,639 persons, and Bingawan in Iloilo with 16,164 persons. (Table 6)

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

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Belison	Antique	14,129
2	Lezo	Aklan	15,639
3	Bingawan	Iloilo	16,164
4	Libertad	Antique	17,507
5	San Rafael	Iloilo	17,795
6	Sebaste	Antique	18,816
7	Madalag	Aklan	18,890
8	Buruanga	Aklan	19,357
9	Valderrama	Antique	19,971
10	Anini-Y	Antique	22,018

* Excluding the City of Iloilo and the City of Bacolod

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

- Of the 4,051 barangays in Region VI, the largest in terms of population size is Mansilingan in the City of Bacolod, Negros Occidental with 51,863 persons. It was followed by Estefania with 48,323 persons and Tangub with 44,742 persons, both in the City of Bacolod. The rest of the top ten most populous barangays in the region are all located in the City of Bacolod. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Region VI - Western Visayas, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Mansilingan	City of Bacolod	51,863
2	Estefania	City of Bacolod	48,323
3	Tangub	City of Bacolod	44,742
4	Taculing	City of Bacolod	42,052
5	Villamonte	City of Bacolod	34,988
6	Singcang-Airport	City of Bacolod	33,501
7	Vista Alegre	City of Bacolod	32,399
8	Granada	City of Bacolod	31,867
9	Handumanan	City of Bacolod	29,396
10	Bata	City of Bacolod	27,357

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

DENNIS S. MAPA, Ph.D.

Undersecretary

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General