

## TECHNICAL NOTES

# Migration and Overseas Workers 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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## I. Introduction

The Philippine Statistics Authority conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with 01 May 2020 as reference date.

The 2020 CPH aims to provide government planners, policy makers, and administrators with population and housing data on which to base their social and economic development plans, policies, and programs

The 2020 CPH was the 15<sup>th</sup> census of population and 7<sup>th</sup> census of housing that was undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take inventory of the total population and housing units in the country and collect information about their characteristics.

The enumeration units for the 2020 CPH are the households, housing units, and institutional living quarters (ILQs). Thus, all these units in all barangays nationwide will be listed and enumerated. Filipinos residing in Philippine embassies, missions, and consulates abroad, as well as homeless population will be enumerated.

### **Persons to be Included in the Enumeration**

All living persons as of 12:01 a.m. of 01 May 2020 will be enumerated. Specifically, these are the following:

1. Filipino national permanently residing in the Philippines;
2. Filipino national who, as of 01 May 2020, is temporarily at Philippine Sea or on vacation or business/pleasure trip somewhere in the Philippines and is expected to be back within six (6) months from the date of departure

3. Filipino national who, as of 01 May 2020, is temporarily on vacation, business/pleasure trip or studying/training abroad and is expected to be back within a year from the date of departure;
4. Filipino overseas worker, including those on-board an oceangoing vessel, who is away as of 01 May 2020 but is expected to be back within five (5) years from the date of his/her last departure;
5. Philippine government official, military or civilian, including a Philippine diplomatic personnel and his/her family, assigned abroad; and
6. Civilian citizen of foreign country who has his/her usual residence in the Philippines, or a foreign visitor who has stayed or is expected to stay for at least a year from the date of his/her arrival in the country.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Codes as of April 2022 was used for the disaggregation of geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

## II. Data Collection/Registration System

The 2020 CPH listed buildings, housing units, households, and ILQs using CPH Form 1 (Listing Booklet). Data on the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the population as well as selected household-level and housing characteristics, on the other hand, were collected using CPH Form 2 (Common Household Questionnaire) or CPH Form 3 (Sample Household Questionnaire).

For this Special Release, listed below are data items used:

For all persons 5 years old and over:

P14 – Residence of mother at the time of birth of the household member

P15 – Residence five (5) years ago

For all persons 15 years old and over:

P20 – Overseas worker

### III. Methodology

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a “de jure” basis, wherein a person is counted in the usual place of residence or the place where the person usually resides. The enumeration of the population and collection of pertinent data in the 2020 CPH referred to all living persons as of 01 May 2020.

For Migration and Overseas Workers, respondents were asked for all members of the household, “*In what province and city/municipality did \_\_\_\_\_’s mother reside at the time of \_\_\_\_\_’s birth?*”, “*In what province and city/municipality did \_\_\_\_\_ reside on May 1, 2015?*”, and “*Is \_\_\_\_\_ an overseas worker?*”

### IV. Definition of Terms and Concepts

**Household** is a social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.

**Household population** refers to all persons who are members of the household.

**Sex** is the biological and physiological reality of being a male or female.

**Age** refers to interval of time between the person’s date of birth and his/her last birthday prior to the census reference date. It is expressed in completed years or whole number.

**Working Age population** refers to population of ages 15 to 64 years old.

**Residence 5 years ago** pertains to the city/municipality where a person was residing 5 years ago or on 01 May 2015.

**Non-movers** are persons whose city/municipality of residence as of the census date, that is, 01 May 2020, is the same as their city/municipality of residence five years ago prior to the census, that is, 01 May 2015.

**Movers** are persons whose city/municipality of residence in May 2020 is different from their city/municipality of residence in May 2015.

**Long-distance movers** are persons who, in May 2020, resided in a province which is different from the province where they were residing in May 2015.

**Short-distance movers** are persons who, in May 2020, were residing in a province which is the same as where they resided in May 2015, but in a different city/municipality.

**Immigrants** refer to persons who were residing in the Philippines during the census, that is 01 May 2020, but were residing in a foreign country in 2015.

**Migrant** refers to person who moves from one place to another, especially in order to find work or better living conditions.

**Lifetime migrants** refers to individuals who reside in an administrative entity other than his or her place of birth.

**Migration stream** refers to the total number of moves made during a given migration interval that have a common area of origin and a common area of destination.

**Interregional migration** is defined as the movement of people from one region of a nation to another.

**Intraregional migration** is defined as the movement of people within the same region of a nation

## V. Dissemination of Results and Revision

The 2020 CPH press release and statistical tables are publicly available at the PSA website, <https://psa.gov.ph/population-and-housing>.

## VI. Citation

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