

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Religious Affiliation in the Philippines (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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#### I. Introduction

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

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

The Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC), as of March 2022 was used to disaggregate geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

#### II. Data Collection

##### Data Limitations

The statistics presented in this report were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who were expected to provide accurate answers to the questions and give correct information about all the household members; hence, it should be used with caution.

### III. Methodology

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a “*de jure*” basis, that is, 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 the 2020 CPH, data on the Religious Affiliation of all household members were collected by asking the respondents, “*What is \_\_\_\_’s religious affiliation?*”.

### IV. Concepts and Definition of Terms

**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.

**Religious affiliation** refers to a particular system of beliefs, attitudes, emotions, and behaviors constituting man’s relationship with the powers and principalities of the universe. Moreover, **religion** is either defined as: (a) religious or spiritual belief of preference, regardless of whether or not this belief is represented by an organized group or (b) affiliation with an organized group having specific religious or spiritual tenets.

### V. Dissemination of Results

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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