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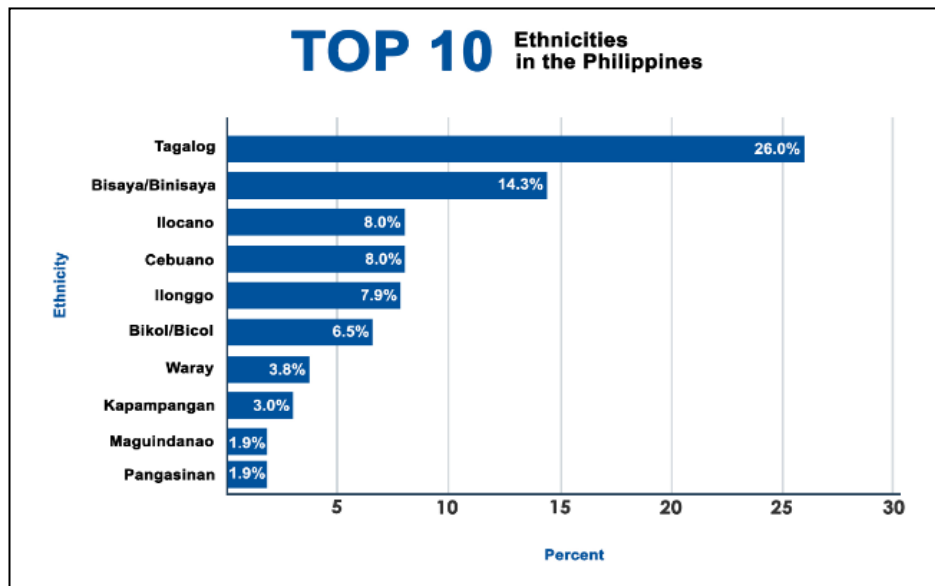
Ethnicity in the Philippines (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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About one in every four household population has Tagalog as ethnicity

1. About one in every four (26.0%) of the 108.67 million household population in 2020 reported Tagalog as their ethnicity. Other major ethnicities were Bisaya/Binisaya (14.3%), Ilocano and Cebuano (8.0% each), Ilonggo (7.9%), Bikol/Bicol (6.5%), Waray (3.8%), Kapampangan (3.0%), and Maguindanao and Pangasinan (1.9% each). (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. Top 10 Ethnicities in the Philippines: 2020



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

Table 1. Ethnicities in the Philippines: 2020

Ethnicity	Number	Percent to Total
Total	108,667,043	100.0
Tagalog	28,273,666	26.0
Bisaya/Binisaya	15,522,998	14.3
Ilocano	8,746,169	8.0
Cebuano	8,683,525	8.0
Ilonggo	8,608,191	7.9
Bicol/Bicol	7,079,814	6.5
Waray	4,106,539	3.8
Kapampangan	3,209,738	3.0
Maguindanao	2,021,099	1.9
Pangasinan	2,012,496	1.9
Other Local ethnicities	20,153,301	18.5
Foreign ethnicities	230,917	0.2
Not reported	18,590	0.0

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

Bicol is the most homogenous region in terms of ethnicity

2. Among the 17 regions, Region V-Bicol Region was the most homogenous in terms of ethnicity, as almost eight out of 10 residents in the region (78.8%) reported themselves having Bicol ethnicity. Next was Region IV-A-CALABARZON with 74.4 percent Tagalogs. Tagalog was also the top ethnicity in Region III-Central Luzon (52.4%) and MIMAROPA Region (42.2%). (Table 2)
3. In the other regions in Luzon, Ilocano was the most common ethnicity in Region II-Cagayan Valley (61.8%), Region I-Ilocos Region (58.3%), and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) (22.1%). (Table 2)
4. Moreover, Ilonggo was the most common ethnicity in Region VI-Western Visayas (67.6%) and Region XII-SOCCSKSARGEN (32.0%), Cebuano in Central Visayas (61.4%), and Waray in Region VIII-Eastern Visayas (64.2%). (Table 2)
5. In the remaining regions in Mindanao, Bisaya/Binisaya was the top ethnicity in Region XI-Davao Region (48.8%), Region X-Northern Mindanao (46.5%), Region IX-Zamboanga Peninsula (41.7%), and Region XIII-Caraga (39.1%). In Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the top three ethnicities were Maguindanao (26.4%), Tausog/Tausug (23.3%), and Maranao (22.7%). (Table 2)

Table 2. Proportion to the Household Population of the Top Three Ethnicities by Region: 2020

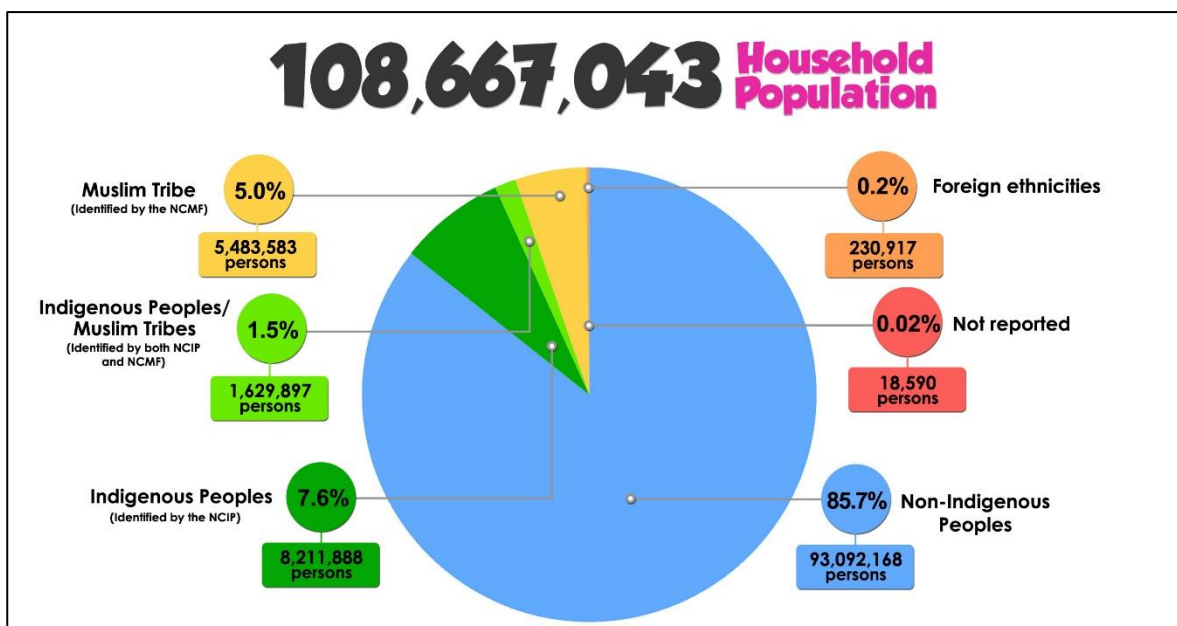
Region	Top Three Ethnicities in the Region and Corresponding Proportion to Household Population (Percent)					
	Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3	
	Ethnicity	Percent	Ethnicity	Percent	Ethnicity	Percent
National Capital Region	Tagalog	56.1	Bisaya/ Binisaya	13.3	Bikol/Bicol	7.5
Cordillera Administrative Region	Ilocano	22.1	Kankanaey	18.8	Ibaloy	8.9
I-Ilocos Region	Ilocano	58.3	Pangasinan	29.7	Tagalog	4.1
II-Cagayan Valley	Ilocano	61.8	Ibanag	10.2	Itawes	7.0
III-Central Luzon	Tagalog	52.4	Kapampangan	23.4	Ilocano	10.8
IV-A-CALABARZON	Tagalog	74.4	Bisaya/ Binisaya	7.5	Bikol/Bicol	5.5
MIMAROPA Region	Tagalog	42.2	Cuyonen/ Cuyunon	9.6	Bisaya/ Binisaya	9.5
V-Bicol Region	Bikol/Bicol	78.8	Masbateño/ Masbatenon	10.5	Bisaya/ Binisaya	2.7
VI-Western Visayas	Ilonggo	67.6	Capizeño	9.6	Other Local Ethnicity	6.9
VII-Central Visayas	Cebuano	61.4	Bisaya/ Binisaya	19.3	Boholano	16.2
VIII-Eastern Visayas	Waray	64.2	Bisaya/ Binisaya	32.2	Cebuano	2.0
IX-Zamboanga Peninsula	Bisaya/ Binisaya	41.7	Subanen/ Subanon	16.3	Zamboangeño	10.7
X-Northern Mindanao	Bisaya/ Binisaya	46.5	Cebuano	20.4	Higaonon/ Higa-onon	8.2
XI-Davao Region	Bisaya/ Binisaya	48.8	Cebuano	11.3	Mandaya	7.9
XII-SOCCSKSARGEN	Ilonggo	32.0	Cebuano	16.7	Maguindanao	13.3
XIII-Caraga	Bisaya/ Binisaya	39.1	Surigaonon	18.9	Manobo	13.1
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	Maguindanao	26.4	Tausog/ Tausug	23.3	Maranao	22.7

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

Majority of the Household Population are Non-Indigenous Peoples

6. Among the 108.67 million household population, 93.09 million or 85.7 percent were classified as non-Indigenous Peoples (non-IPs). The remaining 15.56 million household population were IPs identified by National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) with 8.21 million (7.6%), Muslim tribes identified by National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCFM) with 5.48 million (5.0%), IPs and Muslim tribes identified by both NCIP and NCFM with 1.63 million persons (1.5%), and foreign ethnicities with 230,917 persons (0.2%). (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Number and Percent Distribution of Ethnic Groups in the Philippines: 2020



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

Indigenous Peoples comprise 9.1 percent of the Philippine household population

- In 2020, IPs identified by NCIP comprised 9.84 million or 9.1 percent of the 108.67 million household population. The top 10 IP groups in the Philippines accounted for about 48.3 percent of the total IPs. Subanens/Subanon ranked first with 758,499 persons (7.7%), followed by Manobos with 644,904 persons (6.6%), and Mandayas with 523,475 persons (5.3%). (Table 3)

Table 3. Top Ten Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines: 2020

Rank	Indigenous Peoples	Number	Percent to Total IPs
	Total IPs	9,841,785	100.0
	Total of Top Ten IPs	4,754,694	48.3
1	Subanen/Subanon	758,499	7.7
2	Manobo	644,904	6.6
3	Mandaya	523,475	5.3
4	Kankanaey	466,970	4.7
5	Ibanag	463,390	4.7
6	Higaonon/Higa-onon	452,338	4.6
7	Sama/Samal*	398,666	4.1
8	Blaan	373,392	3.8
9	Cuyonen/Cuyunon	339,606	3.5
10	Iranun/Iraynun*	333,454	3.4

Note: *Identified also as a Muslim Tribe by the NCMF

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

Muslim tribes make up 6.5 percent of the Philippine household population

8. Muslim tribes identified by NCMF, including the tribes that were also identified as IPs by the NCIP, accounted for 7.11 million or 6.5 percent of the 108.67 million household population in 2020. Among Muslim tribes, Maguindanao accounted for 2.02 million persons (28.4%). They were followed by the Maranao with 1.80 million persons (25.3%), Tausog/Tausug with 1.62 million persons (22.7%), Sama/Samal with 398,666 persons (5.6%), Iranun/Iraynun with 333,454 (4.7%), and Yakan with 282,715 persons (4.0%). The remaining Muslim tribes accounted for less than 2.0 percent each. (Table 4)

Table 4. Muslim Tribes in the Philippines: 2020

Rank	Muslim Tribes	Number	Percent to Total Muslim Tribes
	Total	7,113,480	100.0
1	Maguindanao	2,021,099	28.4
2	Maranao	1,800,130	25.3
3	Tausog/Tausug	1,615,823	22.7
4	Sama/Samal*	398,666	5.6
5	Iranun/Iraynun*	333,454	4.7
6	Yakan*	282,715	4.0
7	T'duray/Teduray*	138,646	1.9
8	Sama Bangingi*	124,635	1.8
9	Kagan/Kalagan*	87,327	1.2
10	Sama Badjao*	69,644	1.0
11	Badjao*	67,902	1.0
12	Kolibugan*	51,647	0.7
13	Jama Mapun*	48,967	0.7
14	Palawani	26,302	0.4
15	Sangir/Sangil	20,229	0.3
16	Molbog*	19,331	0.3
17	Sama Dilaut/Sama Laut*	6,963	0.1

Note: *Identified as IP by the NCIP

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

Two fifths of the household population with foreign ethnicity are of Chinese descent

9. Of the 108.67 million household population, 230,917 persons or 0.2 percent were reported to have foreign ethnicity. The top 10 foreign ethnicities accounted for 189,023 or 81.9 percent of the foreign ethnicity. Chinese ranked first with 102,577 persons (44.4%), followed by those with Indian ethnicity with 23,464 persons (10.2%), American ethnicity with 13,946 persons (6.0%), and Swiss ethnicity with 13,777 persons (6.0%). (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Foreign Ethnicities in the Philippines: 2020

Rank	Foreign Ethnicity	Number	Percent to Total Foreign Ethnicity
	Total	230,917	100.0
	Total Top Ten Foreign Ethnicity	189,023	81.9
1	Chinese	102,577	44.4
2	Indian	23,464	10.2
3	American	13,946	6.0
4	Swiss	13,777	6.0
5	Japanese	9,278	4.0
6	South Korean	6,646	2.9
7	British	6,330	2.7
8	Spanish	4,952	2.1
9	Indonesian	4,322	1.9
10	German	3,731	1.6

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

The statistics presented in this Press Release were based on the information provided by the respondent pertaining to all members of the household.

The categories of ethnicity were provided by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos.

In the 2020 CPH, data on the ethnicity of all household members were collected by asking the respondent, “What is _____'s ethnicity by descent/blood relation/consanguinity?”.

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