

TECHNICAL NOTES

Language/Dialect Generally Spoken at Home (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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 15th census of population and the 7th census of housing undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take an inventory of the total population and housing units in the country and collect information about their characteristics.

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

II. Data Limitations

The number of households in this Press Release may not be equal to the reported number in Report No. 1, as the Special Release on Household Characteristics excludes households found as homeless. In Report No.1, the total number of households is 26,393,906, while the coverage of this Press Release includes only 26,388,654 households.

The statistics presented in this release were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who may provide accurate answers to the questions and give correct information about all the household members.

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 the 2020 CPH, data on the language/dialect generally spoken at home were collected by asking the respondent, “*What is the language/dialect generally spoken at home by members of this household?*”

IV. Definition of Terms and Concepts

Household is a social unit consisting of a 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.

Language/dialect generally spoken at home refers to the language or dialect generally used or spoken by the members of the household most of the time at home. It provides a measure of the linguistic homogeneity or difference in the population. Specifically, it measures the extent of the actual use of a language/dialect within a household. The Philippines' official languages are Filipino and English.

V. Dissemination of Results

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

VI. Citation

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