

What is the Census of Population and Housing?

The Census of Population and Housing (CPH) refers to the entire process of collecting, compiling, evaluating, analyzing, publishing, and disseminating data about the population and living quarters in a country. It entails the listing and recording of the characteristics of each individual and each living quarter as of a specified time and within a specified territory. The 2020 CPH will be the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing to be undertaken in the country since the first census in 1903.



What is the main objective of the 2020 CPH?

It aims to provide government executives, policy and decision makers, and planners with updated population and housing data as bases to their social and economic development plans, policies, and programs.

What are the basic uses of the statistics that will be derived from the 2020 CPH?

In government:

- formulation of policies and programs concerning various segments of the population (infants, children, youth, elderly, women of reproductive age, voting age, and working age);
- formulation of policies and programs relative to the delivery of basic services, such as on health, education, employment, housing, infrastructure, disaster relief, and other socio-economic concerns;
- allocation of resources and revenues;
- creation/conversion of political and administrative units; and
- redistricting and apportionment of congressional seats.



In business and industry:

- identification of sites for establishing businesses;
- determination of consumer demands for various goods and services; and
- improvement of supply of labor for the production of goods and services.



In research and academic institutions:

- conduct of researches on population and related disciplines; and
- study of population growth and geographic distribution as bases in preparing population projections at the national and subnational levels.



What are the legal bases of the PSA in conducting the 2020 CPH?

Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 (*Philippine Statistical Act of 2013*)



- PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of administrative recording system, and compilation of national accounts.
- Section 6(b) mandates the PSA “to prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy”.

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- PSA is accorded the authority to conduct population censuses every ten (10) years beginning in 1980.

What are the obligations of the respondents in this census?

Paragraph 1 Section 27 of RA 10625 states that “respondents of primary data collection activities such as censuses and sample surveys are obliged to give *truthful and complete answers* to statistical inquiries. The gathering, consolidation, and analysis of such data shall likewise be done in the most *truthful and credible manner*”.

Paragraph 2 of Section 27 of RA 10625 further states that “any individual who refuses or fails to give truthful and complete answers to statistical inquiries will be imposed a penalty of one (1) year *imprisonment* and a *fine* of one hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00)”.

What is the assurance of the public that the information given to the census enumerator will not be used for other purposes?

All personnel involved in the 2020 CPH are required to keep in **STRICT CONFIDENCE** any information obtained during the census that pertains to any particular household or person.



- **Section 26 of RA No. 10625** stipulates that “individual data furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys, and censuses conducted by the PSA shall be considered **PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION** and as such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding”.
- **Section 26** further stipulates that the PSA “release aggregated information from statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses in the form of summaries or statistical tables, in which *no reference to*

an individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business enterprise shall appear”.

- **Section 27 of RA 10625** states that “a person, including parties within the PSA Board and the PSA, who breach the confidentiality of information, whether by carelessness, improper behavior, behavior with malicious intent, and use of confidential information for profit shall be liable to a *fine* of five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) to not more than ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) and/or *imprisonment* of three (3) months but not to exceed one (1) year, subject to the degree of breach of information”.

Is census collection a violation of the Data Privacy Act?



No. As stipulated in **RA No. 10173** or the *Data Privacy Act of 2012*, it is the policy of the state to protect the fundamental human right of privacy, of communication while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth, and recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected.

The collection of personal information of individuals during the CPH does not violate the law. Specifically stated in the Act thereto:

- **Section 4(e)** states that this act does not apply to “information necessary in order to carry out the functions of public authority, which includes the processing of personal data for the performance by the independent, central monetary authority and the law enforcement and regulatory agencies of their constitutionally and statutorily mandated functions”.
- **Section 12(e)** states that the processing of personal information shall be permitted only if not otherwise prohibited by law, and when the processing is necessary in order to fulfill functions of public authority, which necessarily includes the processing of personal data for the fulfillment of its mandate.
- **Section 19** provides for the non-applicability of the rights of the data subject if the processed personal information are used only for the needs of scientific and statistical research and on the basis of such, no activities are carried out and no decision are taken regarding the data.

What are the questionnaires to be used in the 2020 CPH?

CPH Form 2 (Common Household Questionnaire) gathers information on selected demographic, socio-economic, and housing/household characteristics of the household population.

CPH Form 3 (Sample Household Questionnaire) gathers additional information on demographic, socio-economic, and housing/household characteristics of the household population, aside from those already included in CPH Form 2.

CPH Form 4 (Institutional Population Questionnaire) gathers information on selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics of persons residing in institutional living quarters (ILQ).

CPH Form 5 (Barangay Schedule) gathers information on selected physical characteristics/facilities, number of establishments by type, informal settlers, and in-movers/out-movers to/from the barangay.

Who shall be the respondents in the census?

For CPH Form 2 and CPH Form 3

- head of the household or his/her spouse or
- any responsible member of the household who can provide accurate information about the household and all its members.

For CPH Form 4

- manager/administrator or
- individual members of the institution or ILQ

For CPH Form 5

- Punong Barangay or
- any incumbent barangay official

When will the census enumeration be conducted?

- The 2020 CPH will be conducted in **September 2020**.
- All persons to be enumerated as members of a household or as residents of an ILQ will be those alive as of **12:01 a.m. of 01 May 2020**.

Who will act as census enumerators and supervisors?

The PSA will hire enumerators and supervisors. They will be supervised by PSA personnel during the census operations. All personnel that will be involved in the 2020 CPH shall be provided with proper identification cards duly signed by the PSA National Statistician or his authorized representative.

What are the data items included in the 2020 CPH?

Data Items	CPH Form 2	CPH Form 3	CPH Form 4
<i>Population census questions</i>			
Name of the household head/members/persons living in ILQ	✓	✓	✓
Relationship to the household head/residence status of IQ members	✓	✓	✓
Sex	✓	✓	✓
Date of birth	✓	✓	✓
Age	✓	✓	✓
Birth registration	✓	✓	✓
Marital status	✓	✓	✓
Religious affiliation	✓	✓	✓
Citizenship	✓	✓	✓
Ethnicity	✓	✓	✓
Functional difficulty	✓	✓	✓
Residence of mother at the time of birth of the household member	✓	✓	
Residence five (5) years ago	✓	✓	
Literacy	✓	✓	✓
Highest grade/year completed	✓	✓	✓
School attendance	✓	✓	
Place of school	✓	✓	
Overseas worker	✓	✓	
Usual activity/occupation	✓	✓	
Kind of business or industry	✓	✓	
Class of worker	✓	✓	
Place of work	✓	✓	
Fertility indicators	✓	✓	
<i>Housing/Household Census Questions</i>			
Type of building	✓	✓	
Number of floors of the building	✓	✓	
Construction materials of the roof of the building	✓	✓	
Construction materials of the outer walls	✓	✓	
Finishing materials of the floor	✓	✓	
Construction materials of the floor	✓	✓	
State of repair of the building	✓	✓	
Year building was built	✓	✓	
Floor area of the housing unit	✓	✓	
Tenure status of the housing unit/lot	✓	✓	
Acquisition of the housing unit	✓	✓	
Source of financing of the housing unit	✓	✓	
Monthly rental of the housing unit	✓	✓	
Usual manner of kitchen garbage disposal	✓	✓	
Kind of toilet facility	✓	✓	
Fuel for lighting	✓	✓	
Fuel for cooking	✓	✓	
Source of water supply for drinking	✓	✓	
Source of water supply for cooking	✓	✓	
Land ownership	✓	✓	
Presence of operator in crop farming, livestock and poultry raising, aquaculture and fishery	✓	✓	
Language generally spoken at home	✓	✓	
Residence five (5) years from now	✓	✓	
Presence of household conveniences/information and communication technology (ICT) devices/vehicles	✓	✓	
Internet access	✓	✓	
Internet use	✓	✓	

CPH Form 5 (Barangay Schedule)

- Barangay facilities/characteristics
- Number of establishments by types
- Informal settlers
- Presence of relocation area
- In-movers to the barangay
- Out-movers from the barangay

For more inquiries, write or call:

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