

# Philippine Marriages: 2015



## Explanatory Notes

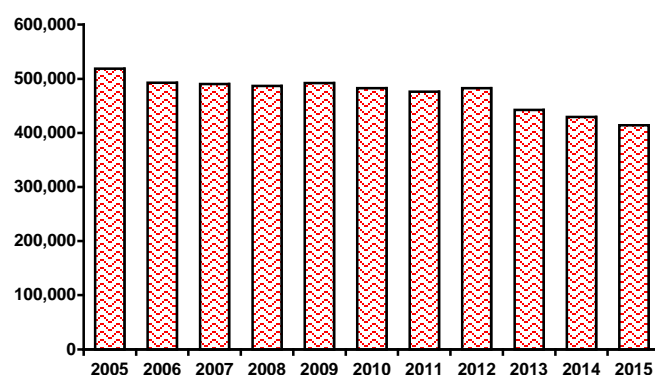
Data on marriages presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Marriage (Municipal Form No. 97) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars all throughout the country and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Information presented include registered marriages which occurred from January to December 2015. Figures presented are not adjusted for under-registration. Marriages of Filipinos abroad which were reported to the Philippine Foreign Service Posts are presented in a separate report.

## Continuous decline in marriages

The number of registered marriages showed an erratic trend for the past 10 years. The most notable change occurred in 2013 which recorded a decrease of 8.2 percent from 482,399 in 2012 to 442,603. It is also interesting to note that from that year up to 2015, the number of marriages declined continuously. Registered marriages declined by 2.9 percent in 2014 and 3.6 percent in 2015. (See Figure 1 and Table 1)

In a span of 10 years, the reported marriages decreased by 20.1 percent from 2005 to 2015.

Figure 1. Number and Percent Change of Marriages in the Philippines: 2005-2015



Percent Change (5.0) (0.5) (0.7) 1.2 (2.0) (1.3) 1.3 (8.2) (2.9) (3.6)

## NCR consistently had the highest record of marriages

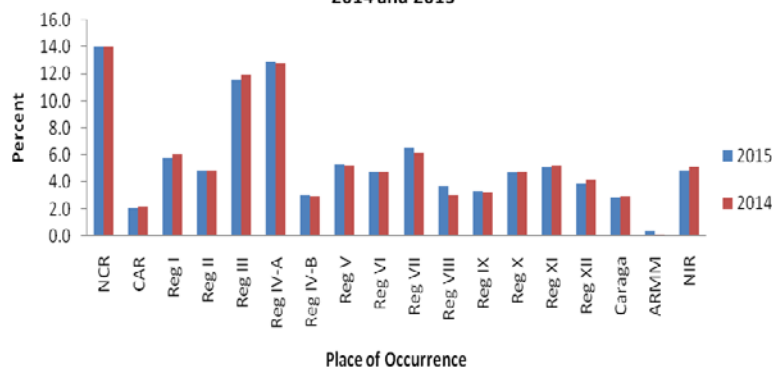
In 2015, the National Capital Region (NCR) recorded the highest number of registered marriages, which accounted for 14.0 percent of the total marriages. It was followed by Region IV-A (13.0%) and Region III (11.6%). These regions were consistently in the top three for the past five years in the same order.

Meanwhile, ARMM showed the highest percent change of increase in the number of registered marriages (87.2 %) from 2014 to 2015.

The newly created Negros Island Region (NIR) comprising the provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental recorded a total of 20,406 registered marriages in 2015, down by 7.8 percent in 2014.

Fifteen out of 18 regions had decreased in the number of registered marriages in 2015. (See Figure 2 and Table 2)

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Marriages by Place of Occurrence: 2014 and 2015





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## Most couples prefer to marry in May

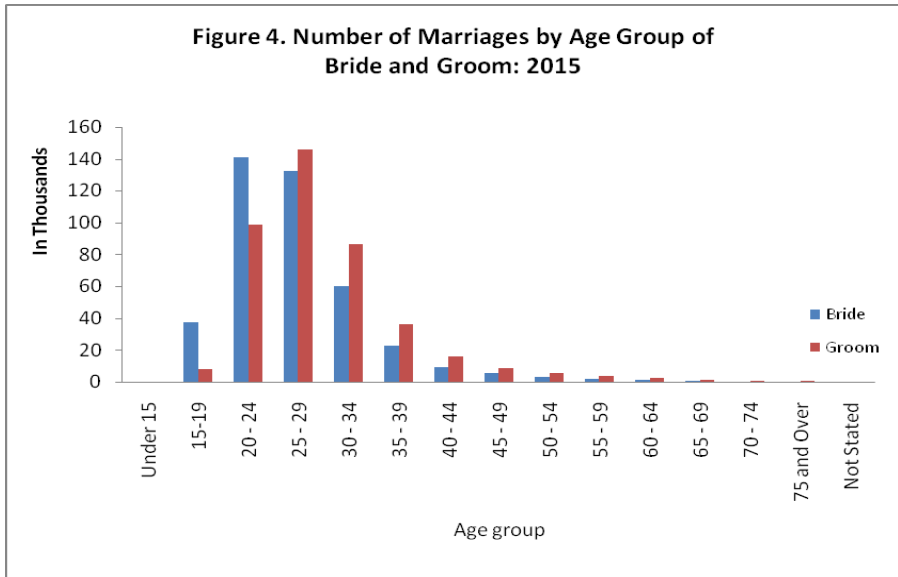
In 2015, the most preferred month to get married was May with 50,469 (12.2%) of the total marriages. It was followed by the months of February (11.1%) and April (10.4%).

The least number of marriages occurred in November with 21,352 or 5.2 percent of the total marriages.

An average of 1,135 couples married per day in 2015. (See Table 3)

## Women marry at an early age than men

The median age at marriage for brides and grooms are 26 and 28, respectively.



Most of the brides marry at ages 20-24 (140,738 or 34.0%). On the other hand, majority of the grooms preferred to marry between the ages of 25-29 (145,952 or 35.2%).

Marriages involving teenage brides were five times more than marriage with teenage grooms. It was also observed that there were marriages recorded involving adolescents aged under 15. (See Figure 4 and Table 4)

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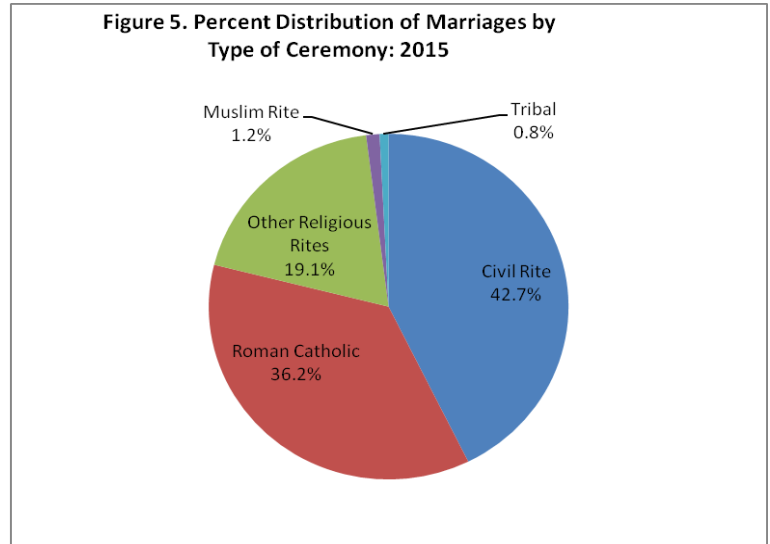


## ***Four out of ten marriages were solemnized through civil rites***

There were 1,135 marriages solemnized daily through different ceremonies in 2015. Of the total marriages, 42.7 percent were contracted through civil rites. Other matrimonial ceremonies were officiated in Roman Catholic churches (36.2%), other religious sect rites (19.1%), Muslim tradition (1.2%) and tribal wedding rite (0.8%). (See Figure 5)

While most brides preferred to marry between ages 20-24, those marriages which were solemnized in Muslim and other religious sect rites were older (25-29). On the other hand, regardless of preferences of wedding ceremony, most grooms preferred to marry between ages 25-29 through different ceremonies, except for those who marry in tribal rites, which involved younger grooms aged 20-24. (See Table 5a and 5b)

Figure 5. Percent Distribution of Marriages by Type of Ceremony: 2015



## ***Filipino brides with foreign grooms prefer American nationals***

Of the total number of marriages which occurred in the Philippines in 2015 about 3.6 percent involved foreign nationals. American nationals were preferred by Filipino brides (0.75%) and Australians (0.07%) by Filipino grooms.

Other common nationalities of the groom are Japanese (0.39%), Australian (0.23%) and Korean (0.22%). On the other hand, Filipino grooms also preferred to marry American (0.06%) and Canadian (0.04%). (See Table 6)

**Table 1. Number of Marriages and Percent Change, 2006-2015**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number	492,666	490,054	486,514	492,254	482,480	476,408	482,399	442,603	429,723	414,325
Percent Change		(0.5)	(0.7)	1.2	(2.0)	(1.3)	1.3	(8.2)	(2.9)	(3.6)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

Note: Figures are not adjusted for under-registration

**Table 2. Number of Marriages, Percent Distribution and Percent Change by Region by Place of Occurrence: 2014-2015**

Place of Occurrence	2015		2014		Percent Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Philippines	414,325	100.0	429,723	100.0	(3.6)
National Capital Region	57,965	14.0	60,238	14.0	(3.8)
Cordillera Administrative Region	8,570	2.1	9,377	2.2	(8.6)
Region I - Ilocos	24,048	5.8	26,155	6.1	(8.1)
Region II - Cagayan Valley	20,061	4.8	21,117	4.9	(5.0)
Region III - Central Luzon	48,023	11.6	51,408	12.0	(6.6)
Region IVA - CALABARZON	53,690	13.0	55,080	12.8	(2.5)
Region IVB - MIMAROPA	12,744	3.1	12,805	3.0	(0.5)
Region V - Bicol	22,013	5.3	22,602	5.3	(2.6)
Region VI - Western Visayas	19,936	4.8	20,475	4.8	(2.6)
Region VII - Central Visayas	27,152	6.6	26,515	6.2	2.4
Region VIII - Eastern Visayas	15,400	3.7	12,962	3.0	18.8
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	13,966	3.4	14,129	3.3	(1.2)
Region X - Northern Mindanao	19,554	4.7	20,605	4.8	(5.1)
Region XI - Davao Region	21,039	5.1	22,496	5.2	(6.5)
Region XII - SOCCKSARGEN	16,109	3.9	18,022	4.2	(10.6)
Region XIII - Caraga	12,146	2.9	12,786	3.0	(5.0)
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao	1,503	0.4	810	0.2	85.6
Negros Island Region	20,406	4.9	22,141	5.2	(7.8)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

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Negros Island Region comprises the provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental under Executive Order 183 signed by former President Benigno Aquino III on 29 May 2015. Said provinces were previously included in Regions VI and VII, respectively. Thus, the number of marriages in these regions recorded was also adjusted for 2014.

**Table 3. Number of Marriages, Daily Average and Index by Month of Occurrence: 2014-2015**

Month of Occurrence	Number		Daily Average		Daily Index	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Total	414,325	429,723	1,135	1,177	100.0	100.0
January	37,364	38,743	1,205	1,250	106.2	106.2
February	46,106	45,351	1,647	1,620	145.1	137.6
March	32,832	34,359	1,059	1,108	93.3	94.1
April	43,126	41,175	1,438	1,373	126.6	116.6
May	50,469	50,071	1,628	1,615	143.4	137.2
June	39,601	40,152	1,320	1,338	116.3	113.7
July	26,547	25,498	856	823	75.4	69.9
August	24,049	22,716	776	733	68.3	62.2
September	27,794	26,918	926	897	81.6	76.2
October	32,320	30,720	1,043	991	91.8	84.2
November	21,352	22,765	712	759	62.7	64.5
December	32,765	51,255	1,057	1,653	93.1	140.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

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**Table 4. Number and Percent Distribution of Marriages by Age Group of Bride and Groom: 2015**

Age Group	Number		Percent	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
Total	414,325	414,325	99.9	100.0
Under 15	19	1	*	*
15-19	37,281	8,059	9.0	1.9
20 - 24	140,738	98,665	34.0	23.8
25 - 29	132,370	145,952	31.9	35.2
30 - 34	59,792	86,264	14.4	20.8
35 - 39	22,835	36,389	5.5	8.8
40 - 44	9,423	15,690	2.3	3.8
45 - 49	5,385	8,496	1.3	2.1
50 - 54	3,026	5,382	0.7	1.3
55 - 59	1,694	3,711	0.4	0.9
60 - 64	973	2,717	0.2	0.7
65 - 69	445	1,532	0.1	0.4
70 - 74	170	769	*	0.2
75 and Over	136	679	*	0.2
Not Stated	38	19	*	*

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

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\* Percentages are less than 0.1

**Table 5a. Marriages by Age Group of Bride, by Type of Ceremony, 2015**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Roman Catholic</b>	<b>Civil</b>	<b>Muslim</b>	<b>Tribal</b>	<b>Others</b>
Bride	414,325	150,150	176,799	5,043	3,322	79,011
Under 15	19	-	1	14	4	-
15-19	37,281	13,264	16,221	550	788	6,458
20 - 24	140,738	53,093	60,719	1,186	1,188	24,552
25 - 29	132,370	51,176	53,749	1,330	585	25,530
30 - 34	59,792	21,382	24,921	946	304	12,239
35 - 39	22,835	6,681	10,463	532	185	4,974
40 - 44	9,423	2,289	4,507	280	86	2,261
45 - 49	5,385	1,085	2,776	115	73	1,336
50 - 54	3,026	540	1,621	56	37	772
55 - 59	1,694	288	900	17	35	454
60 - 64	973	163	532	7	21	250
65 - 69	445	92	229	1	6	117
70 - 74	170	49	78	1	9	33
75 and Over	136	36	64	5	1	30
Not Stated	38	12	18	3	-	5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

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**Table 5b. Marriages by Age Group of Groom, by Type of Ceremony, 2015**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Roman Catholic</b>	<b>Civil</b>	<b>Muslim</b>	<b>Tribal</b>	<b>Others</b>
Groom	414,325	150,150	176,799	5,043	3,322	79,011
Under 15	1	-	-	1	-	-
15-19	8,059	2,636	3,691	185	150	1,397
20 - 24	98,665	37,602	42,039	969	1,050	17,005
25 - 29	145,952	56,725	60,072	1,345	896	26,914
30 - 34	86,264	32,916	35,587	976	524	16,261
35 - 39	36,389	11,906	16,199	581	257	7,446
40 - 44	15,690	4,179	7,430	389	162	3,530
45 - 49	8,496	1,875	4,111	247	101	2,162
50 - 54	5,382	952	2,700	152	56	1,522
55 - 59	3,711	583	1,855	99	53	1,121
60 - 64	2,717	318	1,494	64	33	808
65 - 69	1,532	230	817	19	17	449
70 - 74	769	109	418	8	14	220
75 and Over	679	114	373	7	9	176
Not Stated	19	5	13	1	-	-

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics Division

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**Table 6. Number of Marriages by Nationality of Bride and Groom, Philippines: 2015**

Nationality of Groom	Nationality of Bride									
	All Nationalities	Filipino	American	Japanese	Australian	British	Korean	Canadian	Others	Not Stated
All Nationalities	414,325	412,095	309	90	353	63	30	192	1,165	28
Filipino	401,038	399,277	261	89	297	46	29	164	859	16
American	3,131	3,072	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	-
Japanese	1,590	1,587	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Australian	1,005	956	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	-
British	904	885	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-
Korean	914	912	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Canadian	757	736	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-
Others	4,926	4,623	47	1	56	17	1	28	153	-
Not Stated	60	47	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

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Marriages involving a Filipino which occurred abroad are not included in the table.