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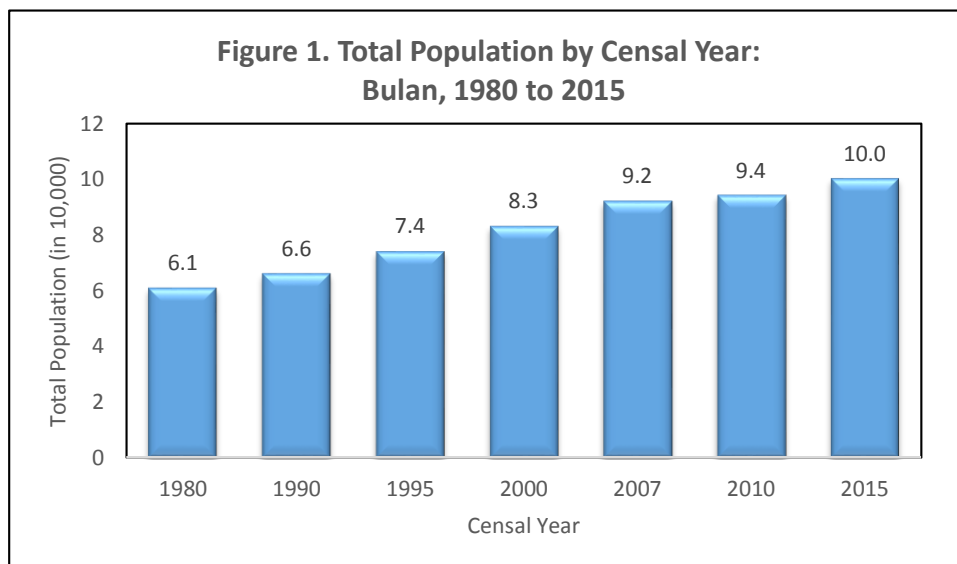
BULAN, SORSOGON Highlights on Population (Based on the 2015 Census of Population)

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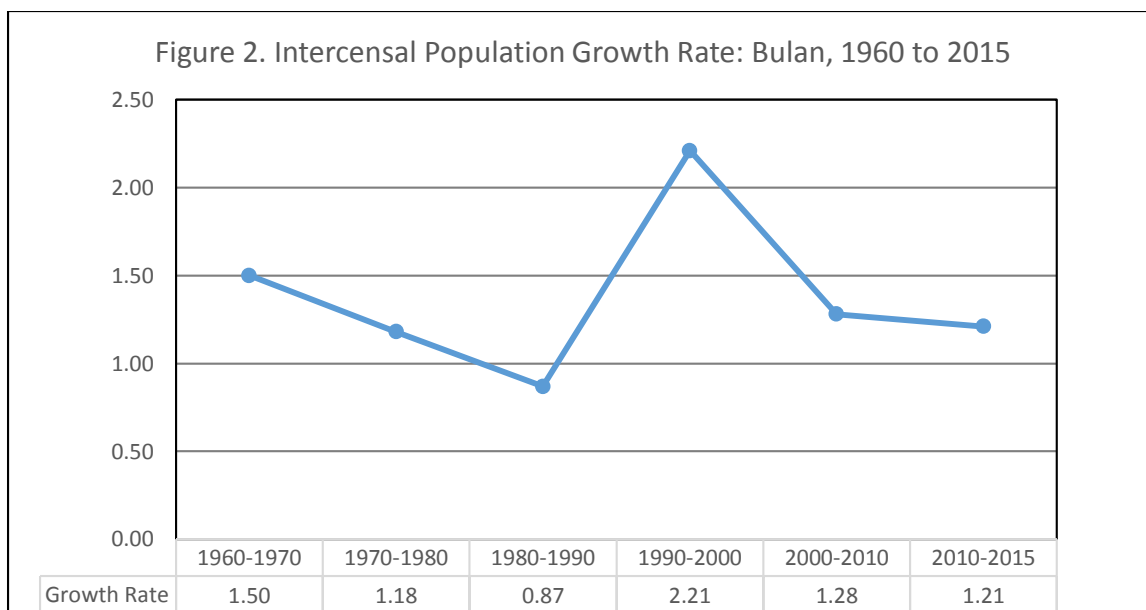
Population of Bulan increased at the rate of 1.21 percent annually

Based on the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015), the municipality of Bulan posted a total population of 100,076 persons as of August 1, 2015. The 2015 population of the municipality is higher by 6,133 compared with the population of 93,943 in 2010, and by 17,388 in 2000. Refer to Figure 1.



Population increased by 12 persons per year for every 1,000 persons

The increase in the population count from 2010 to 2015 translated to an average annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.21 percent. This is slightly lower than the 1.28 percent annual PGR of the municipality between the census years 2000 to 2010. This means that there were about 12 persons added per year for every 1,000 persons in the population. Refer to Figure 2.



The total population of Bulan was 235 persons higher than the household population recorded in 2015. This is due to the existence of institutional population or those residing in collective or institutional living quarters such as hospitals, orphanages, and military camps; and Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

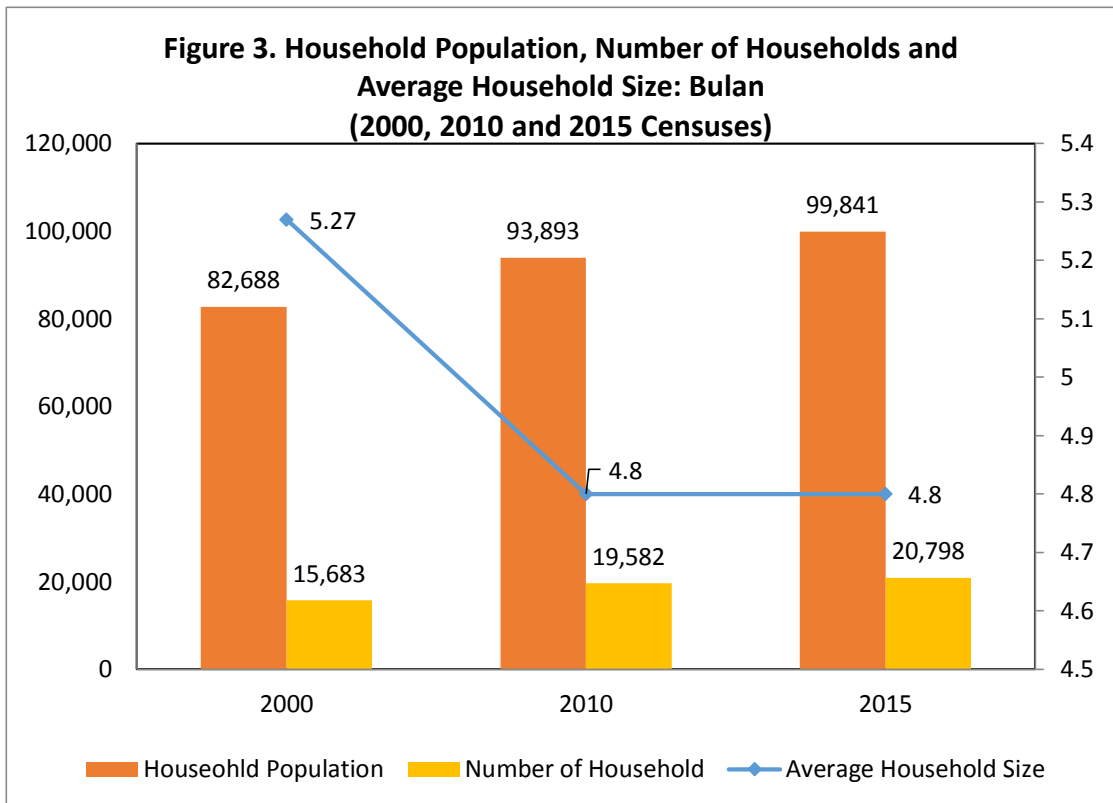
The total household population in Bulan in 2015 posted at 99,841, higher by 5,948 household population compared with 93,893 in 2010 and by 11,205 household population compared with 82,688 in 2000. See Figure 3.

Number of households increased by six percent

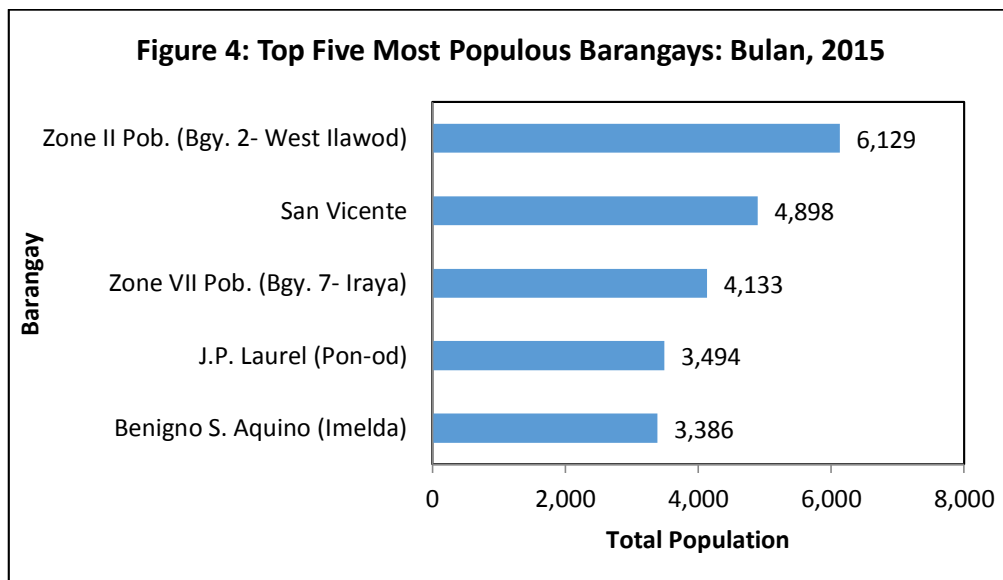
The number of households reported in 2015 in Bulan was 20,798. This is 6.2 percent higher than the number of households reported in 2010 which was 19,582 and 32.6 percent higher in 2000. See Figure 3.

Average household size was 4.8 persons

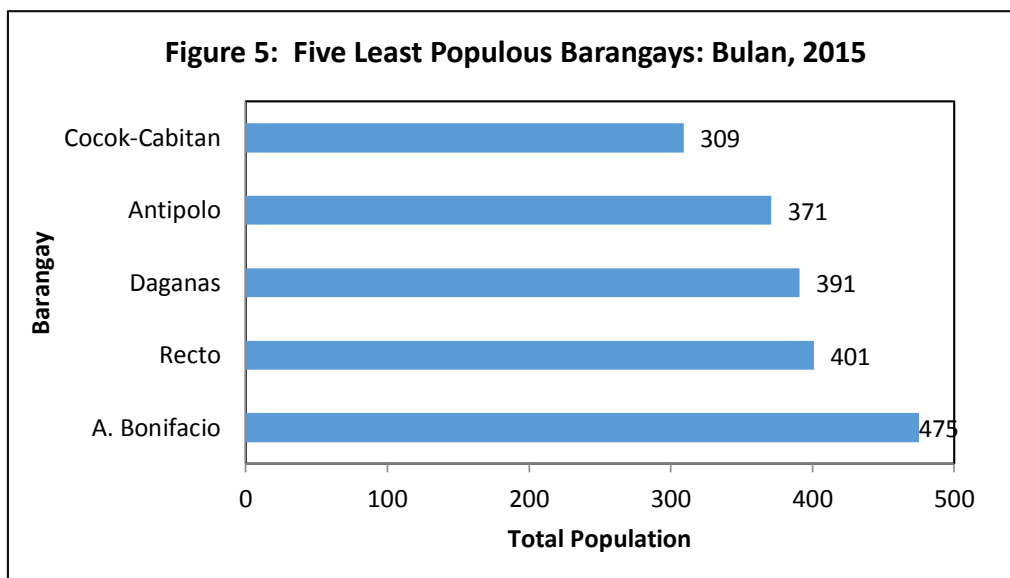
The municipality's average household size (AHS) was 4.8 same with AHS in 2010. This means that on the average there were approximately 5 persons per household. In 2000, AHS was 5.27, which also means that there were, on the average, approximately 5 persons per household. See Figure 3.



Among the top five most populous barangays in the municipality of Bulan, the barangay Zone II Pob. (Bgy.2-West Ilawod) was the most populous with a total population of 6,129 followed by San Vicente with 4,898, Zone VII Pob. (Bgy. 7-Iraya) with 4,133, J.P. Laurel (Pon-od) with 3,494 and Benigno S. Aquino (Imelda) with 3,386.



Meanwhile, the least populous barangay was Cocok-Cabitan with 309, followed by Antipolo with 371, Daganas with 391, Recto with 401 and Jibong with 475.



The barangay of Bonga was the fastest growing barangay in the municipality with an average annual population growth rate (PGR) of 4.56 percent during the period 2010-2015. It was followed by A.Bonifacio (4.44 percent), Taramata (4.11 percent), Fabrica (2.94 percent) and Sta. Remedios (2.92 percent). Daganas posted the lowest PGR of -2.56 percent. See Table 1.

**Table 1. Annual Population Growth Rate by Barangay:
Bulan, Sorsogon
(Based on the 2000, 2010, and 2015 Censuses)**

Barangay	Population Growth Rate	
	2010-2015	2000-2010
A. Bonifacio	4.44	0.19
Abad Santos	0.06	1.77
Aguinaldo	0.62	3.18
Antipolo	-1.98	2.92
Zone I Pob. (Bgy. 1- South Ilawod)	1.83	2.89
Zone II Pob. (Bgy. 2- West Ilawod)	1.26	0.73
Zone III Pob. (Bgy. 3- East Ilawod)	-0.46	-0.08
Zone IV Pob. (Bgy. 4- West Central)	0.74	-1.15
Zone V Pob. (Bgy. 5- Lanipan)	1.59	-0.83
Zone VI Pob. (Bgy. 6- Baybay)	0.19	-0.19
Bical	-1.14	4.03
Beguín	1.13	0.63
Bonga	4.56	2.58
Butag	0.10	0.90
Cadandanan	2.71	1.92
Calomagon	2.04	1.22
Calpi	2.03	2.30
Cocok-Cabitan	0.69	-1.19
Daganas	-2.56	4.92
Danao	0.97	0.87
Dolos	-1.76	2.10
E. Quirino	-0.66	1.05

Fabrica	2.94	1.48
Gate	2.29	1.33
Benigno S. Aquino (Imelda)	1.45	0.63
Inararan	1.42	2.57
J. Gerona	1.00	1.06
Jamorawon	1.05	2.81
Libertad	-2.54	1.92
Lajong	2.22	2.94
Magsaysay	1.99	2.46
Managanaga	1.29	2.26
Marinab	1.08	1.77
Nasuje	2.79	2.10
Montecalvario	1.85	1.59
N. Roque (Rizal)	0.33	1.81
Namo	1.15	2.20
Obrero	0.56	1.20
Osmeña	0.06	-0.08
Otavi	1.25	1.12
Padre Diaz	1.70	-0.52
Palale	0.71	1.90
J.P. Laurel (Pon-od)	0.59	1.85
Quezon	0.76	-0.25
R. Gerona	-0.93	1.10
Recto	1.08	3.80
M. Roxas	1.41	1.29
Sagrada	-0.23	2.53
San Francisco	1.87	1.04
San Isidro	2.76	2.10
San Juan Bag-o	1.44	0.20
San Juan Daan	2.10	0.79
San Rafael	2.73	1.63
San Ramon	0.25	1.73
San Vicente	0.51	1.94
Santa Remedios	2.92	1.75
Santa Teresita	1.98	1.44
Sigad	-0.87	0.62
Somagongsong	0.60	2.33
G. Del Pilar (Tanga)	2.24	1.33
Taromata	4.11	-0.91
Zone VII Pob. (Bgy. 7- Iraya)	0.03	0.60
Zone VIII Pob. (Bgy. 8- Loyo)	1.34	0.31

With a total land area of approximately 197 square kilometers, the population density of the municipality of Bulan in 2015 posted at 508 persons per square kilometer. This represents an increase of 31 persons per square kilometer (6.5 percent) from the population density of 477 persons per square kilometer in 2010. In 2000, there were 420 persons residing in every square kilometer of land.

Sex ratio was 103 males per 100 females

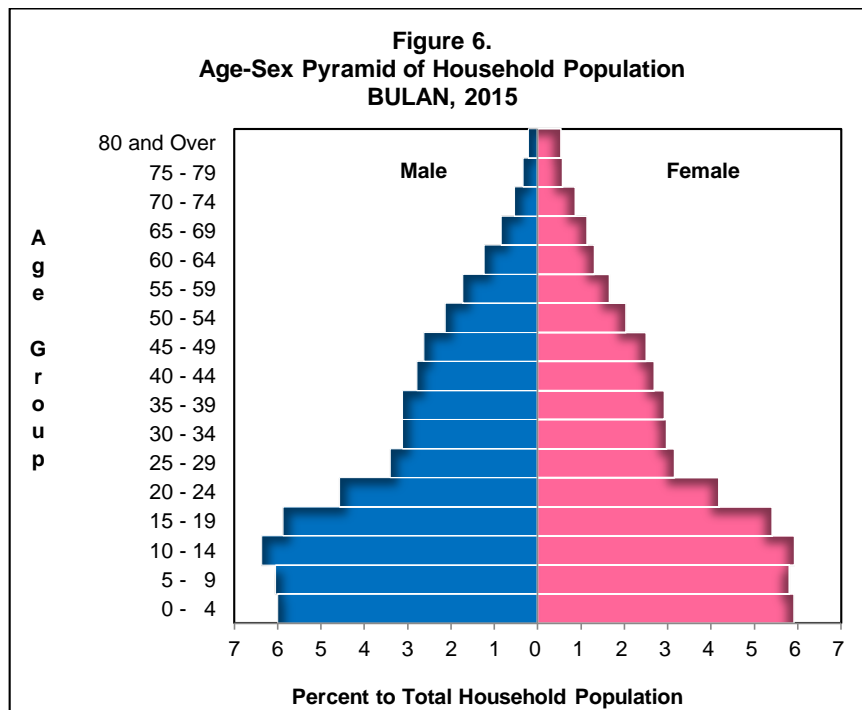
Of the 99,841 household population in 2015, male population accounted for 51.0 percent while 49.0 percent comprised the female population. These figures resulted to a sex ratio of 103 males for every 100 females. The sex ratio in 2010 posted also 105 males per 100 females while in 2000 it was 107 males per 100 females.

Median age increased to 22 years

In 2015, the median age of the population of Bulan was 22 years. This means that half of the population was younger than 22 years. This was higher than the median age reported in 2010 which was 21 years and 19 years in 2000.

Children aged 10 to 14 years comprised the largest age group

Children aged 10 to 14 years comprised the largest age group with 12.3 percent of the household population in Bulan. This was followed by 5 to 9 age group with 11.8 percent and 0 to 4 age group with 11.4 percent. Males outnumbered females in the age groups 0 to 59 years while more females outnumbered males in the older age groups (60 years and over). See Figure 6.



More than half of the population were of voting age

The voting-age population (18 years and over) accounted for 57.3 percent of the household population in Bulan in 2015, lower than the voting-age population posted in 2010 which was 51,773 or 62.6 percent of the household population. Among the voting-age population, male and female had approximately equal percent sharing with only 210 more males.

More females were senior citizens

Senior citizens comprised 7.6 percent of the household population in 2015. Of the household population 60 years old and over, there were more females (58.4 percent) than males (41.6 percent).

Reproductive women comprised 24 percent

Of the household population recorded in 2015 in Bulan, reproductive women comprised 24 percent or 23,791 were women at age 15 to 49 years old. This was higher by one and three percentage points in 2010 and 2000 respectively.

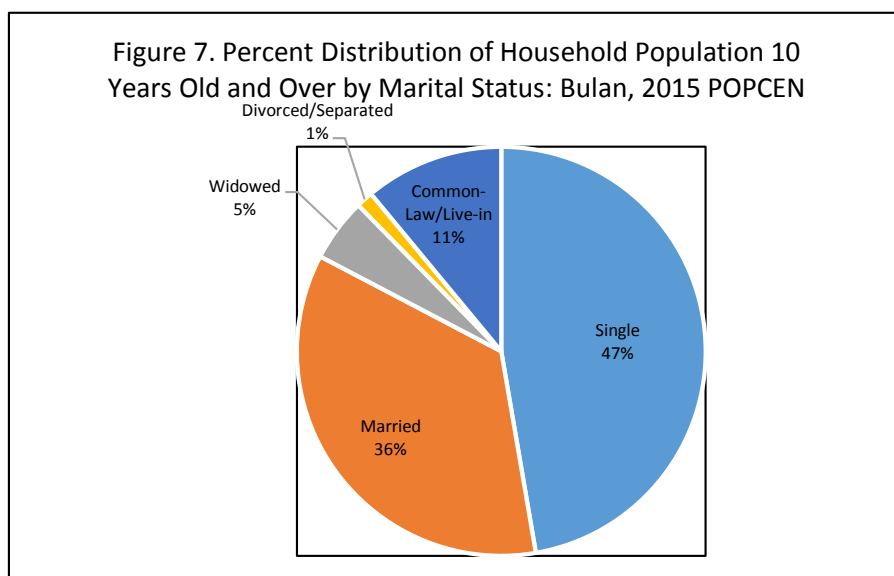
Dependency ratio decreased to 68 dependents per 100 persons in the working age group

The young dependents (0-14 years) in 2015 comprised 35.6 percent of the household population while the old dependents (65 years old and over) posted a share of 5.0 percent. The working-age population (15 to 64 years) accounted for the remaining 59.4 percent.

The overall dependency ratio was 68, which indicates that for every 100 working-age population, there were about 68 dependents (60 young dependents and 8 old dependents). This ratio was lower than the dependency ratio in 2010, which was recorded at 73 dependents per 100 working-age population (65 young dependents and 8 old dependents).

There were more males than females among the never-married persons

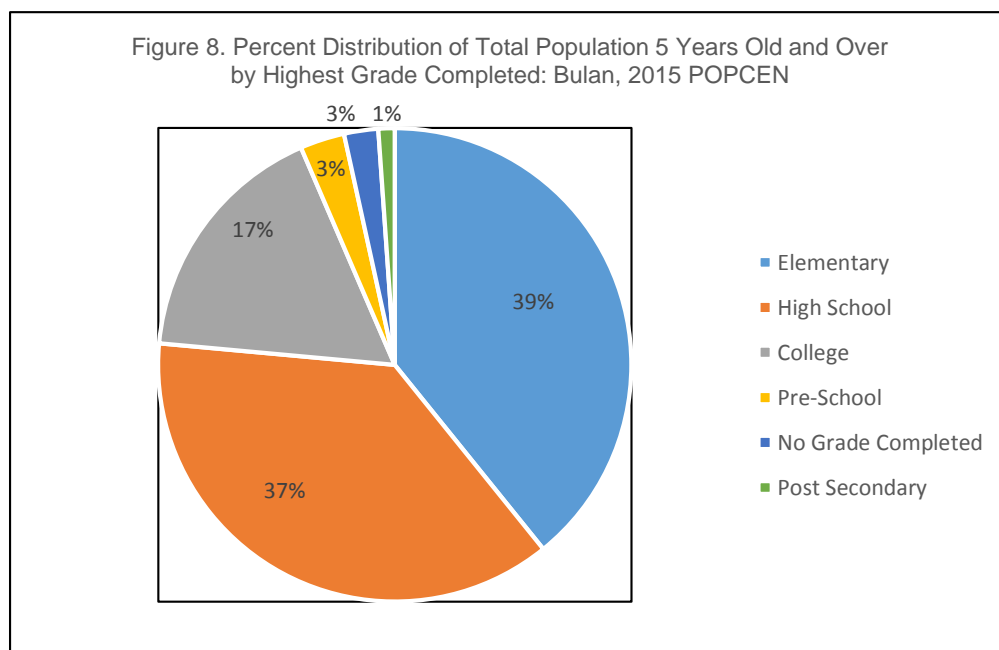
In 2015, of the household population 10 years old and over in Bulan, 47.3 percent were never married while 35.4 percent were married. The rest of the household population 10 years old and over were categorized as follows: common-law/live-in marital arrangement (11.0 percent), widowed (5.0 percent), and divorced/separated (1.3 percent).



Among the never-married persons, 55.7 percent were males while 44.3 percent were females. For the rest of the categories for marital status, females outnumbered the males. See Figure 7.

More females had attained higher level of education

Of the total population aged 5 years and over, 39.3 percent had attended or completed elementary education, 37.2 percent had reached or finished high school, 17.0 percent had reached or finished college, 1.1 percent had reached or graduated post secondary. Moreover, there were 3.0 percent who had reached or finished pre-school and there were 2.3 percent who had no grade completed. Among those with academic degree, the females (58 percent) outnumbered the males (42 percent). Similarly, more females (52 percent) than males (48 percent) had pursued post baccalaureate courses. See Figure 8.

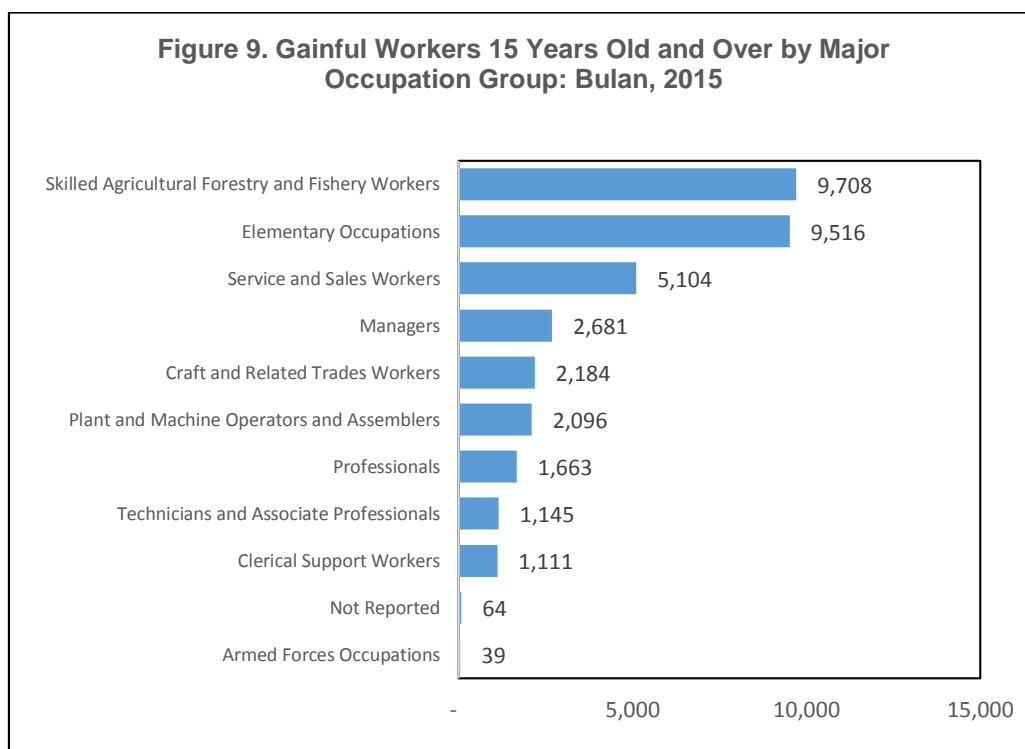


Most of the population were literate

Most of the household population 10 years old and over in Bulan were literate. This was 99.2 percent which comprised 51 percent males and 49 percent females.

Most occupation in Bulan were under skilled agricultural forestry and fishery workers group

In 2015, of the total population 15 years old and over, top five major occupation group in Barcelona were: skilled agricultural forestry and fishery workers (27.5 percent), elementary occupations (26.9 percent), service and sales workers (14.4 percent), managers (7.6 percent) and craft and related trade workers (6.2 percent). Among the managers and professional, women outnumbered men. For the managers, 65.3 percent were females while 34.7 percent were males. Among professionals, 76.2 percent were females while 23.8 percent were males. Refer to Figure 9.



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