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Highlights of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) Municipality of Virac

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Virac is the most populous municipality in Catanduanes in 2020 at 76, 520 persons

Based on the results of 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Virac was the most populous municipality in Catanduanes with 76, 520 population count, accounting to 28.14 percent of the total population in the province.

The 2020 population of Virac is higher by 2, 870 persons from the population of 73, 650 in 2015. This is also more than 9, 569 persons compared with the population of 66, 951 in 2010.

(Table 1)

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	1 May 2000	57,067
2010	1 May 2010	66,951
2015	15 August 2015	73,650
2020	1 May 2020	76,520

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

Annual growth rate in Virac registers at 0.81% in 2020

Population of municipality of Virac increased by 0.81 percent annually from 2015-2020. By comparison, the rate at which the municipality's population grew from 2010 to 2015 was higher at 1.83 percent. (Table 2)

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000-2010	1.61
2010-2015	1.83
2015-2020	0.81

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

Household population in Virac records at 75, 716 persons in 2020

Household population in municipality of Virac was recorded at 75, 716 persons in 2020. This registered an increase of 3, 465 persons compared to recorded 72, 251 household population in 2015. (Table 3)

Number of households in municipality of Virac was recorded at 16, 951 in 2020 registering an increase of 1, 883 households from recorded 15, 068 households in 2015. (Table 3)

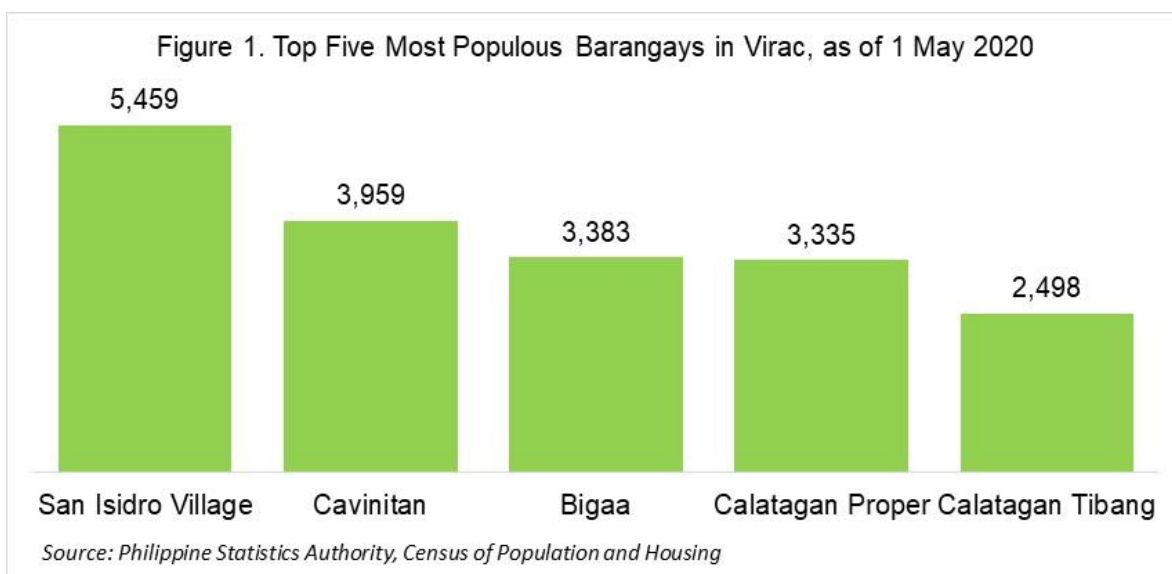
Average household size was registered at 4.5 persons per household in 202 which registered a decrease of 0.3 percent in recorded 4.8 persons per household in 2015. (Table 3)

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Household Population	Number of Households	Average Household Size
2015	15 August 2015	72,251	15,068	4.8
2020	1 May 2020	75,716	16,951	4.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

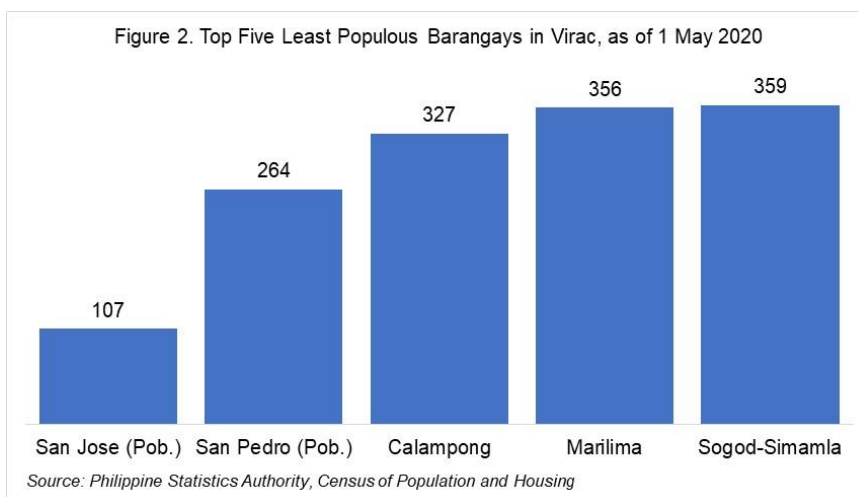
San Isidro Village is the most populous barangay in Virac in 2020

Of the 63 barangays in municipality of Virac, San Isidro Village had the biggest population with 5, 459 in 2020. This comprises about 7.13 percent out of the total population in Virac in 2020. It was followed by barangays Cavinitan, Bigaa, Calatagan Proper and Calatagan Tibang with 3, 959, 3, 383, 3, 335 and 2, 498 persons respectively in 2020. (Figure 1)



San Jose (Pob.) is the least populous barangay in Virac in 2020

Meanwhile, San Jose (Pob.) was the least populous barangay in municipality of Virac in 2020 with only 107. This comprises about only 0.14 percent out of the total population in Virac in 2020. It was followed by barangays San Pedro (Pob) with 264, Calampong with 327, Marilima with 356 and Sogod-Simamla with 359. (Figure 2)



Virac has the highest population density in Catanduanes in 2020

Municipality of Virac had the highest population density in Catanduanes in 2020 registered at 502 persons per square kilometer. It was followed by municipality of Bato with 447 persons per square kilometer and municipality of San Andres with 230 persons per square kilometer. (Table 4)

Province/Municipality	Population Density
Catanduanes	182
Bagamanoc	137
Baras	123
Bato	447
Caramoran	122
Gigmoto	48
Pandan	179
Panganiban	121
San Andres	230
San Miguel	121
Viga	145
Virac	502

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

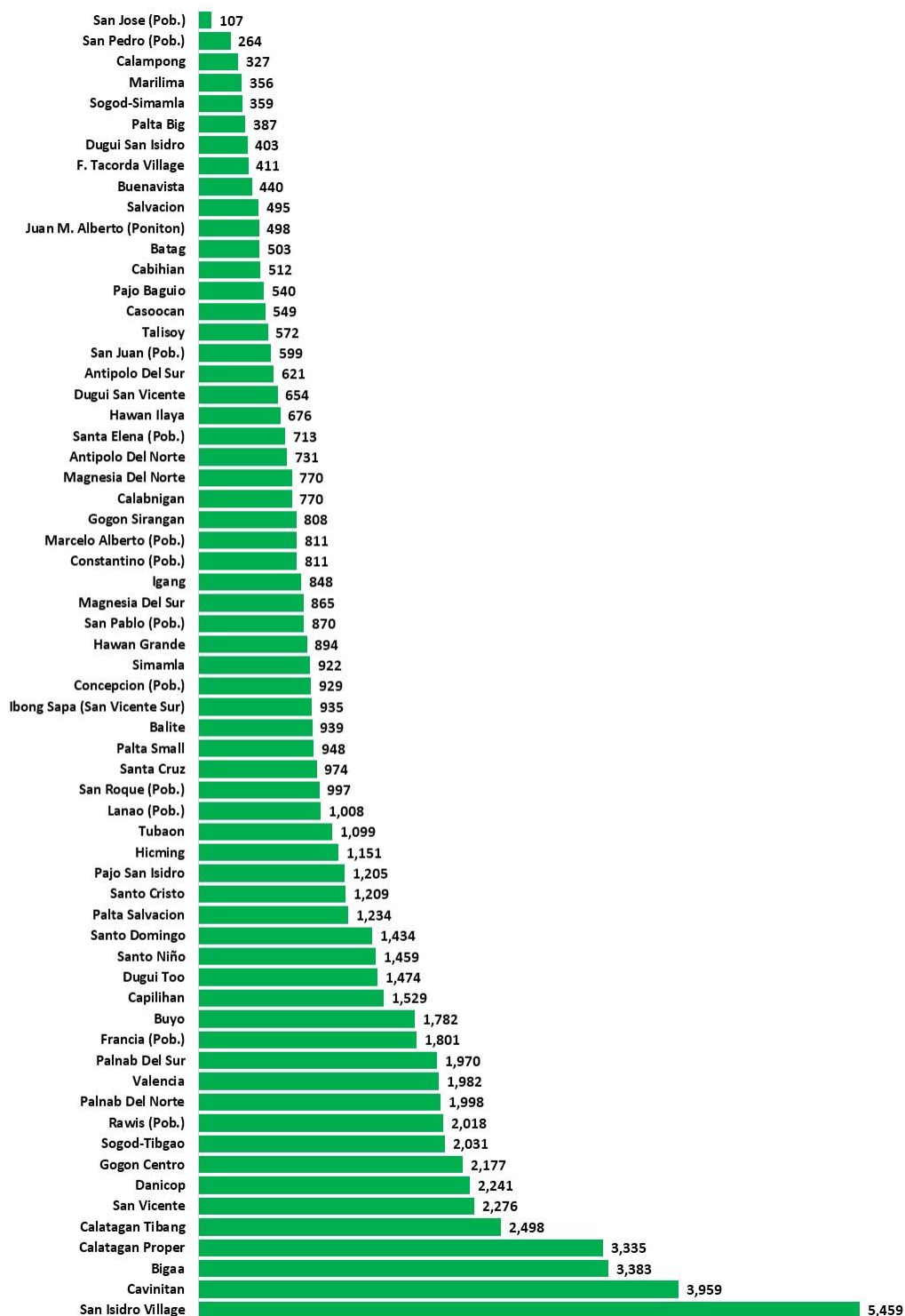
Notes: Population Density refers to the number of persons per unit of land area (usually in square kilometer). This measure is more meaningful if given as population per unit of arable land.

Table 5. Population, Land Area, Population Density, and Percent Change in Population Density, Virac: 2010, 2015, and 2020

Municipality	Population			Land Area (square kilometers)	Population Density (persons per square kilometer)			Percent Change in Population Density		
	2010	2015	2020		2010	2015	2020	2010-2015	2010-2020	2015-2020
Virac (Capital)	66,951	73,650	76,520	152.40	439	483	502	10.0	14.3	3.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

Figure 3. Total Population per Barangay in Virac, as of 1 May 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

Urban population in Virac reaches 24, 498 in 2020

Municipality of Virac registered an urban population of 16, 180 persons which comprises of about 32.0 percent of the total population of 76, 520 in 2020. It was higher by 8, 318 persons from the recorded 16, 180 urban population in 2015 where it comprises about 22.0 percent of the total population of 73, 650 in 2015. (Table 6)

Province	Total Population		Urban Population		Percent Urban	
	2020	2015	2020	2015	2020	2015
Virac	76,520	73,650	24,498	16,180	32.0	22.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Census of Population and Housing

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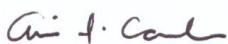
The 2020 CPH was undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority pursuant to Republic Act No. 10625, also known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, Executive Order No. 352 – Designation of Statistical Activities That Will Generate Critical Data for Decision-Making of the Government and the Private Sector, and Batas Pambansa (BP) Bilang 72, which provide the basis for the decennial conduct of the integrated census of population and housing.

May 2020 was declared as the National Census Month pursuant to Proclamation No. 928, s. 2020, which provided that the 2020 CPH be conducted in May 2020, with 01 May 2020 as the census reference date. Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

However, in light of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the census enumeration was moved to September 2020. Information on the count of the population was collected with 12:01 AM of 01 May 2020 as the reference time and date, in accordance with the provisions indicated under BP 72.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has declared official for all purposes the population counts by province, city/municipality, and barangay based on the 2020 CPH under Proclamation No. 1179 dated 06 July 2021. The population counts were based on census questionnaires administered by about 112,000 enumerators deployed during the nationwide census taking.

The successful completion of the census-taking amidst the COVID-19 pandemic would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of the census respondents and barangay officials nationwide. The PSA would also like to thank the members of the national and local census coordinating boards, officials of national government agencies and local government units, media practitioners, private agencies, non-government organizations, homeowners' associations, building administrators, and all other census stakeholders. Credits also go to the hundreds of enumerators, supervisors, and other census workers hired by the PSA for the 2020 CPH.



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