



SPECIAL RELEASE

Religious Affiliation in Bicol Region (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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Roman Catholics account for 78.8 percent of the household population

Of the 6,067,290 household population in 2020, about nine-tenths or 5,670,993 persons (93.5%) reported Roman Catholic as their religious affiliation. It was followed by Iglesia ni Cristo with 95,693 persons (1.6%), and Seventh Day Adventist with 23,730 persons (0.4%). Completing the top ten religious affiliations in 2020 are Aglipay (0.4%); Jehovah’s Witness and Iglesia Filipina Independiente (0.3% each), Bible Baptist Church, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, and Assemblies of God (0.2% each) (Table 1).

Table 1. Religious Affiliation in Bicol Region: 2020

| Religious Affiliation | Number | Percent | Rank |
|---|------------------|---------|------|
| Bicol Region | 6,067,290 | | |
| Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics | 5,670,993 | 93.5 | 1 |
| Iglesia ni Cristo | 95,693 | 1.6 | 2 |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 23,730 | 0.4 | 3 |
| Aglipay | 21,715 | 0.4 | 4 |
| Jehovah’s Witness | 17,152 | 0.3 | 5 |
| Iglesia Filipina Independiente | 15,217 | 0.3 | 6 |
| Bible Baptist Church | 12,229 | 0.2 | 7 |
| United Church of Christ in the Philippines | 12,196 | 0.2 | 8 |
| Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints | 11,741 | 0.2 | 9 |
| Assemblies of God | 9,574 | 0.2 | 10 |
| Other religious affiliations | 176,322 | 2.9 | |
| None | 671 | 0.0 | |
| Not reported | 57 | 0.0 | |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Note: Details may not add up to total due to rounding

Bicol Region has the highest proportion of household population with Roman Catholic as religion

Of the 17 regions in the country, Region V - Bicol Region posted the highest proportion of Roman Catholics, comprising 93.5 percent of its household population. It was followed by Region VIII - Eastern Visayas with 92.3 percent, and Region VII- Central Visayas with 90.5 percent (Table 2).



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Table 2. Number and Proportion of the Household Population Who Reported Roman Catholic as Their Religious Affiliation by Region: Philippines, 2020

| Region | Household Population | Roman Catholic | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | Number | Percent |
| Philippines | 108,667,043 | 85,645,362 | 78.8 |
| National Capital Region (NCR) | 13,403,551 | 11,846,408 | 88.4 |
| Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) | 17,911,211 | 1,106,409 | 6.18 |
| I - Ilocos Region | 5,292,297 | 4,338,887 | 82.0 |
| II - Cagayan Valley | 3,679,748 | 2,729,449 | 74.2 |
| III - Central Luzon | 12,387,811 | 10,529,269 | 85.0 |
| IV-A - CALABARZON | 16,139,770 | 14,390,095 | 89.2 |
| MIMAROPA Region | 3,212,287 | 2,330,206 | 72.5 |
| V - Bicol Region | 6,067,290 | 5,670,993 | 93.5 |
| VI - Western Visayas | 7,935,531 | 6,800,439 | 85.7 |
| VII - Central Visayas | 8,046,285 | 7,278,290 | 90.5 |
| VIII - Eastern Visayas | 4,531,512 | 4,183,529 | 92.3 |
| IX - Zamboanga Peninsula | 3,862,588 | 2,451,044 | 63.5 |
| X - Northern Mindanao | 5,007,798 | 3,599,614 | 71.9 |
| XI - Davao Region | 5,223,802 | 3,828,290 | 73.3 |
| XII - SOCCSKSARGEN | 4,351,773 | 2,352,437 | 54.1 |
| XIII - CARAGA | 2,795,340 | 1,948,040 | 69.7 |
| Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) | 4,938,539 | 261,963 | 5.3 |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Albay leads the provinces in Bicol with the highest proportion of Roman Catholics

Among the provinces in the region, Albay had the highest proportion of household population who reported Roman Catholic as their religious affiliation with 1.32 million persons or 96.2 percent of the 1.37 million household population in the province. It was followed by Catanduanes (95.6%) and Sorsogon (94.0%) (Table 3).

Table 3. Number and Proportion of the Household Population Who Reported Roman Catholic as Their Religious Affiliation by Province: Bicol Region, 2020

| Province | Household Population | Roman Catholic | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Number | Percent |
| Region V (Bicol Region) | 6,067,290 | 5,670,993 | 93.5 |
| Albay | 1,372,550 | 1,320,194 | 96.2 |
| Camarines Norte | 628,807 | 583,793 | 92.8 |
| Camarines Sur | 2,062,277 | 1,921,306 | 93.2 |
| Catanduanes | 270,775 | 258,818 | 95.6 |
| Masbate | 906,731 | 809,971 | 89.3 |
| Sorsogon | 826,150 | 776,911 | 94.0 |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

The statistics presented in this Special Release were based on the information provided by the respondent pertaining to all members of the household.

In the 2020 Census of Population and Housing, data on the Religious Affiliation of all household members were collected by asking the respondent, "What is _____'s religious affiliation?".



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