

## ISLAM IN MINDANAO

With a total of 6,064,744 followers or 6.01% of Philippines' total population, Islam is the second largest religion in Mindanao based on the result of the 2015 Census of Population (2015 POPCEN).

The Mindanao island group is home to majority of the Filipino Muslims in the Philippines. It is where 93% of the entire Islamic population resides.

Of Mindanao's 24,135,775 population, Muslims make up about 23.39% of the island's entire population with more than half of this percentage (14.30%) occupying the ARMM.

2015 Population of Muslims in the Regions of Mindanao

Region	Muslims	% from Mindanao's Population
Region 9 Zamboanga Peninsula	603,289	2.50%
Region 10 Northern Mindanao	378,019	1.57%
Region 11 Davao Region	167,879	0.70%
Region 12 SOCCSKSARGEN	1,032,824	4.28%
Region 13 Caraga	12,355	0.05%
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)	3,451,644	14.30%
<b>MINDANAO</b>	<b>5,646,010</b>	<b>23.39%</b>

In the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) alone where majority of the Muslims reside, 9 out of 10 of the regions' population are followers of Islam.

SOCCSKSARGEN is the second most populated with Muslims among the six regions in Mindanao.

Caraga has the least number of adherents of Islam with only 0.48% of the regions' population and a miniscule 0.05% of Mindanao's' entire population.

Islamic Population in the Regions of Mindanao

Region	Islam	Non-Islam	None/Not Reported
Region 9 Zamboanga Peninsula	603,289	3,019,275	7,219
Region 10 Northern Mindanao	378,019	4,309,631	1,652
Region 11 Davao Region	167,879	4,721,292	4,147
Region 12 SOCCSKSARGEN	1,032,824	3,505,354	7,098
Region 13 Caraga	12,355	2,583,720	634
ARMM	3,451,644	312,441	17,302
<b>MINDANAO</b>	<b>5,646,010</b>	<b>18,451,713</b>	<b>38,052</b>

Members of the Muslim community are concentrated in the five provinces of ARMM. Among the 28 provinces in Mindanao, Lanao del Sur has the largest percentage of Muslims with 94% of its population practicing Islam, contributing approximately 4.05% of the islands' total population.

It can be noted that there is no province from Caraga and Davao Region that landed in the top 10 list.

Among the cities in Mindanao, Zamboanga City from Region 9 tops the list of the most Muslim-populated area with 302,795 followers; this was trailed by Cotabato City (228,036 persons), City of Isabela (72,182 persons) Davao City (63,127 persons) and General Santos City (51,705 persons).

Top 10 Provinces in Mindanao in terms of Muslim Population

Region	Province	Population	% from Mindanao's Population
1	ARMM Lanao del Sur	978,573	4.05
2	ARMM Maguindanao	974,192	4.03
3	ARMM Sulu	816,273	3.38
4	R12 North Cotabato	405,686	1.68
5	ARMM Tawi-Tawi	377,585	1.56
6	ARMM Basilan	305,021	1.26
7	R10 Lanao del Norte	298,909	1.24
8	R12 Sultan Kudarat	239,537	0.99
9	R9 Zamboanga Sibugay	96,643	0.40
10	R9 Zamboanga del Norte	66,784	0.28