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Highlights of the Davao Region's Population based on the 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN)

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The total population of Davao Region as of 01 July 2024 was 5,389,422 persons. This population count is based on the 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN) which has been declared official for all purposes by the President of the Philippines through Proclamation No. 973 dated 11 July 2025. The conduct of periodic censuses aims to provide government planners, policymakers, and administrators with essential data for crafting social and economic development plans and programs.

The population of Davao Region in 2024 is higher by 145,886 compared with the population of 5,243,536 in 2020, and by 496,104 compared with the population of 4,893,318 in 2015. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population of Davao Region
(Based on the 2010, 2015, 2020, 2024 Censuses)

Census Year	Reference Date	Total Population
2010	1 May 2010	4,468,563
2015	1 August 2015	4,893,318
2020	1 May 2020	5,243,536
2024	1 July 2024	5,389,422

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The region's population growth rate (PGR) slowed to 0.66 percent annually from 2020 to 2024. In comparison, the rate at which the region's population grew annually from 2015 to 2024 was higher at 1.09 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate of Davao Region
(Based on 2010, 2015, 2020, 2024 Censuses)

Reference Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2010 – 2015	1.74
2015 – 2020	1.46
2015 – 2024	1.09
2020 – 2024	0.66

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Davao Region is composed of five provinces, one highly urbanized city, five component cities, 43 municipalities, and 1,162 barangays.

Among the five provinces comprising the region, Davao del Norte had the biggest population in 2024 with 1,143,931 persons, followed by Davao de Oro with 783,775 persons, Davao del Sur with 705,129 persons, and Davao Oriental with 590,042 persons. Meanwhile, Davao Occidental had the smallest population with 317,159 persons. (Table 3)

The City of Davao, the only highly urbanized city in the region, posted a population of 1,848,947 persons.

Table 3. Total Population by Province/Highly Urbanized City: Davao Region
(Based on 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2024 Censuses)

Province/ Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2010	2015	2020	2024
Davao de Oro	687,195	736,107	767,547	783,775
Davao del Norte	945,764	1,106,332	1,125,057	1,143,931
Davao del Sur	574,910	632,588	680,481	705,129
City of Davao	1,449,296	1,632,991	1,776,949	1,848,947
Davao Occidental	293,780	316,342	317,159	317,598
Davao Oriental	517,618	558,958	576,343	590,042

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Davao del Sur was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 0.86 percent from 2020 to 2024. It was followed by Davao Oriental with a PGR of 0.56 percent, Davao de Oro with 0.50 percent, and Davao del Norte with 0.40 percent. Davao Occidental posted the lowest provincial PGR of 0.03 percent. (Table 4)

The City of Davao posted a PGR of 0.96 percent.

Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province/Highly Urbanized City: Davao Region
(Based on 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2024 Censuses)

Province/ Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)			
	2010-2015	2015-2020	2015-2024	2020-2024
Davao de Oro	1.32	0.88	0.71	0.50
Davao del Norte	1.38	2.16	1.33	0.40
Davao del Sur	1.84	1.55	1.22	0.86
City of Davao	2.30	1.79	1.40	0.96
Davao Occidental	1.42	0.05	0.04	0.03
Davao Oriental	1.47	0.65	0.61	0.56

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Among the component cities and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Tagum, Davao del Norte with 300,042 persons. It was followed by the City of Panabo, Davao del Norte with 211,242 persons, and the City of Digos, Davao del Sur with 192,063 persons. (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities*/Municipalities: Davao Region, 2024

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Tagum	Davao del Norte	300,042
2	City of Panabo	Davao del Norte	211,242
3	City of Digos	Davao del Sur	192,063
4	City of Mati	Davao Oriental	148,672
5	Santo Tomas	Davao del Norte	131,100
6	Island Garden City of Samal	Davao del Norte	119,701
7	Malita	Davao Occidental	118,438
8	Santa Cruz	Davao del Sur	104,793
9	Monkayo	Davao de Oro	96,405
10	Pantukan	Davao de Oro	91,312

*Excluding the City of Davao

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 Census of Population

Meanwhile, Boston in Davao Oriental is the least populous municipality in Davao Region with 15,074 persons. It was followed by Sarangani (22,041 persons) in Davao Occidental, and Tarragona (27,349 persons) in Davao Oriental. (Table 6)

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Municipalities: Davao Region, 2024

Rank	Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Boston	Davao Oriental	15,074
2	Sarangani	Davao Occidental	22,041
3	Tarragona	Davao Oriental	27,349
4	San Isidro	Davao del Norte	27,552
5	Talaingod	Davao del Norte	28,665
6	Padada	Davao del Sur	29,888
7	San Isidro	Davao Oriental	35,984
8	Braulio E. Dujali	Davao del Norte	36,092
9	Manay	Davao Oriental	39,271
10	Caraga	Davao Oriental	39,630

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 Census of Population

Of the 1,162 barangays in Davao Region, the largest in terms of population size is Bucana in the City of Davao with 83,192 persons. It was followed by Buhangin (Pob.) with 70,979 persons, and Talomo (Pob.) with 65,379 persons, both in the City of Davao. The rest of the top ten most populous barangays in the region are all located in the City of Davao, except Tibal-og (Pob.) in Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte and Mankilam in the City of Tagum, Davao del Norte, which were ranked eighth and tenth, respectively. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays: Davao Region, 2024

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Bucana	City of Davao	83,192
2	Buhangin	City of Davao	70,979
3	Talomo	City of Davao	65,379
4	Ma-a	City of Davao	61,565
5	Sasa	City of Davao	52,702
6	Tibungco	City of Davao	50,466
7	Cabantian	City of Davao	48,805
8	Tibal-og	Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte	48,520
9	Catalunan Grande	City of Davao	42,868
10	Mankilam	City of Tagum, Davao del Norte	42,540

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 Census of Population

On the other hand, the smallest barangay in terms of population size is Tagaytay in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur with a population of 17 persons. This was followed by Kibongbong in Kiblawan, Davao del Sur (292 persons), Lapla in Sulop, Davao del Sur (317 persons), Lantawan in Lupon Davao Oriental (338 persons), and Pagsabangan in New Bataan, Davao de Oro (348 persons). (Table 7)

Table 7. Ten Least Populous Barangays: Davao Region, 2024

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Tagaytay	Magsaysay, Davao del Sur	17
2	Kibongbong	Kiblawan, Davao del Sur	292
3	Lapla	Sulop, Davao del Sur	317
4	Lantawan	Lupon, Davao Oriental	338
5	Pagsabangan	New Bataan, Davao de Oro	348
6	Carre	Sulop, Davao del Sur	381
7	Mabugnao	Maragusan, Davao de Oro	426
8	Barangay 35-D	City of Davao	431
9	Bagong Silang	Kiblawan, Davao del Sur	439
10	Barangay 13-B	City of Davao	443

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 Census of Population

The 2024 POPCEN marks the 16th Census of Population in the Philippines since the first census in 1903.

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