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RELIGIONS IN MINDANAO

As diverse as the Mindanao Island Group can be, the same is true for the religions embraced by its populace. The island registered a total population of 24,135,775 as of the 2015 Census of Population.

Roman Catholic and Islam are the two religions most widely spread across Mindanao. These two denominations together cover the religious affiliation of more than half of the islands' population.

Around 57 percent of its citizens claim membership in the Roman Catholic Church and about 23.4 percent declared Islam as their religious preference.

Practiced Religions and their Number of Adherents	
Religion	Adherents
Roman Catholic, including Catholic Charismatic	13,757,936
Islam	5,646,010
Other Religious Affiliations	3,031,204
Evangelicals (Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches)	1,253,296
Iglesia ni Cristo	409,277
None/Not Reported	38,052

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population

Practiced Religions and their Number of Adherents, by Region						
Religion	Region 9 Zamboanga Peninsula	Region 10 Northern Mindanao	Region 11 Davao Region	Region 12 SOCCSKSAR GEN	Region 13 Caraga	Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)
Roman Catholic, including Catholic Charismatic	2,352,626	3,399,561	3,646,453	2,319,832	1,841,900	197,564
Islam	603,289	378,019	167,879	1,032,824	12,355	3,451,644
Other Religious Affiliations	410,190	690,768	638,032	676,382	523,121	92,711
Evangelicals (Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches)	203,168	145,066	329,510	420,772	139,032	15,748
Iglesia ni Cristo	53,291	74,236	107,297	88,368	79,667	6,418
None/Not Reported	7,219	1,652	4,147	7,098	634	17,302

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population

Among the six regions in Mindanao, Roman Catholic is the dominant belief except in ARMM. Davao Region has the highest proportion of Roman Catholics (26.50%), followed by Northern Mindanao (24.71%), Zamboanga Peninsula (17.10%), SOCCSKSARGEN (16.86%), and Caraga (13.39%).

Islam is the widespread religion in ARMM with 91% of the regions' residents practicing its dogma. It is notable that only 139,032 people in Caraga Region were registered to adhere to such credo.

Other religious affiliations (e.g. Seventh Day Adventists, Bible Baptist Church, Tribal Religions, etc) together comprise approximately 3.03 million, or 12.56 percent of Mindanao's population.

Other religions in the list are Evangelicals comprising 5.19% of Mindanao's population, and Iglesia ni Cristo at 1.70%.

Persons who did not designate a religious preference account for 0.16 percent of the population in Mindanao with the highest percentage in ARMM at 0.46 percent of the region's population.

