



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Highlights of the Davao Oriental Population based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH)

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### Davao Oriental's population was recorded at 576,343 persons

The population of Davao Oriental as of 01 May 2020 was 576,343 persons. This population count is based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH).

The population in 2020 is higher by 17,385 compared with the population of 558,958 in 2015, and by 58,725 compared with the population of 517,618 in 2010. Refer to Table 1.

**Table 1. Population of Davao Oriental**  
(Based on the 2000, 2010, 2015, and 2020 Census)

Census Year	Reference Date	Population
2000	1 May 2000	446,191
2010	1 May 2010	517,618
2015	1 August 2015	558,958
2020	1 May 2020	576,343

### The province's population grew by 0.65 percent

Davao Oriental population increased by 0.65 percent annually, on average, during the period 2015 to 2020. This is the lowest growth rate since the 1960 census. By comparison, the rate at which the province's population grew during the period 2010 to 2015 was higher at 1.47 percent. See Table 2.

**Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate of Davao Oriental**  
(Based on 2000, 2010, 2015, and 2020 Censuses)

Reference Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (in percent)
2000-2010	1.50
2010-2015	1.47
2010-2020	1.08
2015-2020	0.65

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If the province's current annual population growth rate (APGR) of 0.65 percent continues, the population of Davao Oriental is expected to double in 107.7 years.

### One in every four persons in the province resided in City of Mati

The population of City of Mati, the province's capital and lone city, was recorded at 147,547 persons which accounted for about 25.6 percent of the Davao Oriental's population in 2020.

Davao Oriental has 10 municipalities. In 2020, municipality of Lupon had the biggest population of 66,979 persons or 11.62 percent. This was followed by the municipality of Governor Generoso with 59,891 persons or 10.39 percent, and the municipality of Baganga with 58,714 persons or 10.19 percent. The combined population of these three municipalities accounted for about 32.20 percent of the Davao Oriental population. See *Table 3*.

**Table 3. Population of Davao Oriental by City/Municipality**  
(Based on the 2010, 2015, and 2020 Censuses)

City/Municipality	Total Population			APGR (in percent)
	01-May-10	01-Aug-15	01-May-20	
Baganga	53,426	56,241	58,714	0.91
Banaybanay	39,121	41,117	44,451	1.65
Boston	12,670	13,535	14,618	1.63
Caraga	36,912	40,379	39,704	-0.35
Cateel	38,579	40,704	44,207	1.75
Governor Generoso	50,372	55,109	59,891	1.77
Lupon	61,723	65,785	66,979	0.38
Manay	40,577	42,690	39,572	-1.58
City of Mati (Capital)	126,143	141,141	147,547	0.94
San Isidro	32,424	36,032	33,664	-1.42
Tarragona	25,671	26,225	26,996	0.61

The municipality of Boston was the smallest municipality in 2020, in terms of population size, with 14,618 persons. This population accounted for only 2.54 percent of the province's population.

The municipality of Governor Generoso was the fastest growing political subdivision with an average APGR of 1.77 percent. The municipality of Lupon, on the other hand, was the slowest with an annual PGR of 0.38 percent only. Additionally, three municipalities posted negative APGR, as follows: Manay (-1.58 percent), San Isidro (-1.42 percent), and Caraga (-0.35 percent).

### Barangay Central in City of Mati was the largest barangay

There are 183 barangays in the province. The largest barangay in terms of population size is Central (Pob.) in City of Mati with 34,947 persons. It was followed

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by Dahican, also in City of Mati, with 18,253 persons and Poblacion in Lupon with 17,362 persons. Three other barangays posted a population size of more than ten thousand persons, namely: Matiao (City of Mati) with 16,234 persons, Sainz (City of Mati with 10,377 persons, and Tibanban (Governor Generoso) with 10,016 persons. *See Table 4.*

Table 4. Top 10 Most Populous Barangays in Davao Oriental: 2020


City/Municipality	Barangay	Population
City of Mati	Central (Pob.)	34,947
City of Mati	Dahican	18,253
Lupon	Poblacion	17,362
City of Mati	Matiao	16,234
City of Mati	Sainz	10,377
Governor Generoso	Tibanban	10,016
Manay	Central (Pob.)	9,676
Banaybanay	Poblacion	9,193
Cateel	Poblacion	9,064
San Isidro	Batobato (Pob.)	7,984

Meanwhile, Lantawan in Lupon was the smallest barangay in terms of population size with 396 persons. It was followed by Mabini in Manay (478) and Maputi in San Isidro (575). Two other barangays posted a population size of less than seven hundred persons. *See Table 5.*

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City/Municipality	Barangay	Population
Lupon	Lantawan	396
Manay	Mabini	478
San Isidro	Maputi	575
Manay	Capasnan	646
Caraga	Alvar	688
Lupon	New Visayas	703
Lupon	San Jose	716
Baganga	Batawan	717
Manay	Manreza	719
City of Mati	Danao	722

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### TECHNICAL NOTES

- The 2020 CPH was undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority in September 2020 pursuant to Republic Act No. 10625, also known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 and B.P. Blg. 72 further accorded the PSA the authority to conduct population censuses every ten (10) years beginning in 1980.
- Information on the count of the population were collected with 12:01 a.m. of August 1, 2015 as the census reference time and date.
- The 2020 CPH is the country's 15th Census of Population and 7th Census of Housing since 1903.
- Doubling time is the amount of time it takes for a given quantity to double in size or value at a constant growth rate. We can find the doubling time for a population undergoing exponential growth by using the Rule of 70. To compute for doubling time, we divide 70 by the growth rate ( $r$ ).
- His Excellency President Rodrigo R. Duterte declared as 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 accomplished by about 90,000 enumerators deployed during the nationwide census taking.
- The successful completion of the census-taking was made possible with the support of the local and national officials, government agencies, local government units, media, private agencies, and non-government organizations.