



SPECIAL RELEASE

Senior citizens reached 132 thousand in 2015

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- In 2015, the CAR household population reached 1.7 million. Senior citizens made up the 7.8 percent. It is 19.4 percent (21,954) higher compared to the 2010 population of elders.
- Among the provinces/city, the highest number of elders was recorded in Benguet with 22.9 percent of the total senior citizens in the region, followed by Abra with 19.1 percent, and Baguio City with 17.0 percent. Meanwhile, Apayao had the least number of elders and consequently the least share with 7.0 percent.

Table 1. Household Population and Number of Senior Citizens by Province, CAR: 2015

Region/City/ Province	Household Population	Senior Citizens	% of Senior Citizens to Household population	% to Total CAR Population of Senior Citizens
CAR	1,714,220	132,893	7.8	100.0
Abra	240,233	25,363	10.6	19.1
Apayao	118,653	9,306	7.8	7.0
Baguio City	342,200	22,539	6.6	17.0
Benguet	444,634	30,384	6.8	22.9
Ifugao	202,519	14,772	7.3	11.1
Kalinga	212,003	16,385	7.7	12.3
Mt. Province	153,978	14,144	9.2	10.6

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

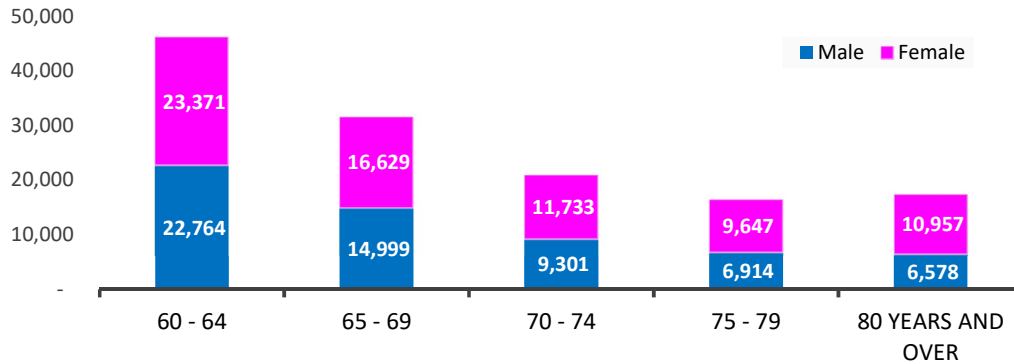
- In terms of proportion of senior citizens to the household population, Abra posted the highest at 10.6 percent, followed by Mt. Province at 9.2 percent. Both proportions were higher than the regional proportion of 7.8 percent.
- Baguio City had the least proportion of senior citizens to its household population with 6.6 percent.

Female senior citizens outnumber males

- Of the total senior citizens in the region, 54.4 percent were females while the rest were males.

- Female senior citizens outnumbered males in all age groups with the biggest gap in the age group 80 years and over.

Figure 1. Age-sex household Population of Senior Citizens in CAR: 2015



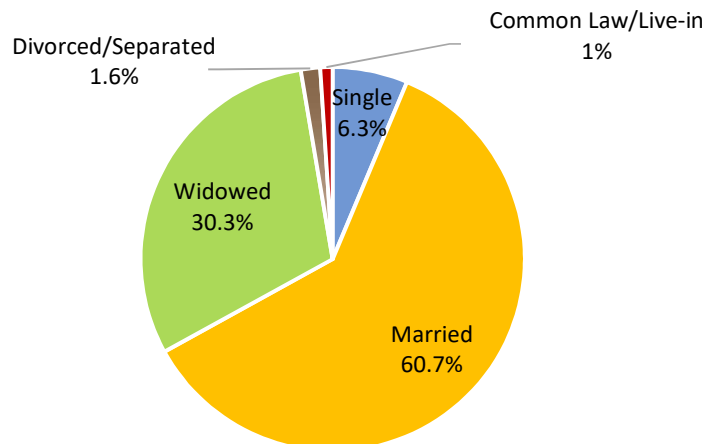
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- The percentage distribution of the senior citizen's population decreases as age increases. About 34.7 percent (46,135) of the elders belongs to age group 60-64 years old, 23.8 percent (31,628) belongs to 65-69 years old, and 15.8 percent (21,034) were 70-74 years old.

Majority of senior citizens are married

- Of the household population of senior citizens in the region, 60.7 percent (80,631) were married and 30.3 percent (40,310) were widowed.
- A relatively small proportion was reported or single at 6.3 percent (8,403).
- Only 1.6 percent (2,166) senior citizens with status of divorced/separated and 1 percent (1,382) were common law/live-in partners.

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Senior Citizens by Marital Status, CAR: 2015



Nine in every ten elders can read and write simple message

- Simple literacy rate of Cordilleran elders when compared to household population was 87.9 percent. Literacy rate for males were higher than the females. However, there were more literate women than men (Table 2).
- As to the proportion to the household population, males had higher literacy rate at 91.8 percent compared to 84.6 percent for the females. However, 52.4 percent of the total literate senior citizens were females.

Table 2. Literate Household Population of Senior Citizens by Sex, CAR: 2015

Sex	Household Population	Literate	% of Literate to Household Population	% by Sex to Total Number of Literate
Both Sexes	132,893	116,834	87.9	100.0
Male	60,556	55,603	91.8	47.6
Female	72,337	61,231	84.6	52.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Only 12.1 percent (16,059) of senior citizens in CAR were not able to write and read a simple message.

One in every five household heads is a senior citizen

- In 2015, 20.4 percent of the household head population were senior citizens.

Table 3. Senior Citizens Household Heads by Sex, CAR: 2015

Sex	Household Heads (HH)	Senior Citizen HH	% of Senior Citizen HH to Total Household Head	% by Sex to Total Number of Senior Citizen HH
Both Sexes	395,881	80,758	20.4	100.0
Male	316,907	53,012	16.7	65.6
Female	78,974	27,746	35.1	34.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Of the total male household heads, 16.7 percent were senior citizens. Meanwhile, 35.1 percent of the female household heads were also senior citizens.
- Among the total senior citizen household heads, 65.6 percent were males. This means that seven in every ten senior citizen household heads were males.

One in every ten gainful workers is a senior citizen

- There were 65,066 gainful worker who senior citizens in Cordillera in 2015, comprising 8.7 percent of the total gainful workers 15 years and over.
- Among the total senior citizen gainful workers, almost half were engaged in Agricultural Forestry and Fishery, 22.5 percent were engaged in Elementary Occupations, and 9.7 percent were Managers. The least number were elder workers engaged in Armed Forces Occupations at 0.1 percent or 52 senior citizens.

Table 4. Senior Citizen Gainful Workers by Major Occupation Group, CAR: 2015

Region and Major Occupation Group	Total Gainful Workers 15 Years Old and Over	60 years and over	% to Total Gainful Workers
CAR	746,019	65,066	100.0
Managers	55,252	6,304	9.7
Professionals	57,203	1,761	2.7
Technicians and Associate Professionals	24,409	1,320	2.0
Clerical Support Workers	29,075	758	1.2
Service and Sales Workers	79,807	3,266	5.0
Agricultural Forestry and Fishery Workers	181,263	32,051	49.3
Craft and Related Trades Workers	41,292	2,839	4.4
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	64,418	2,061	3.2
Elementary Occupations	208,468	14,633	22.5
Armed Forces Occupations	4,024	52	0.1
Other Occupation Not Elsewhere Classified	-	-	-
Not Reported	808	21	0.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Male senior citizen gainful workers dominated females with a ratio of 6 male elder workers for every 4 female elder workers.

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Technical Notes

Household head – an adult person, male or female who is responsible for the organization and care of the household, or who is regarded as such by the members of the household.

Household population – comprises of person who belong to a household.

Proportion – a part, share, or number considered in comparative relation to a whole.

Senior citizen or elderly – refers to any resident of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old (RA 9994).

Literate – a person who can read and write simple message.

Single – a person who has never been married (unmarried).