



SPECIAL RELEASE

2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH): Religious Affiliation in CAR

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This Special Release discusses the religious affiliation which were asked during the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). To identify the household member's religious affiliation, the respondents were asked for all members of the household, "What is _____'s religious affiliation?"

More than half of household population in CAR are Roman Catholics

Of the 1,791,121 household population in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) in 2020, 1,106,409 were Roman Catholics. This was equivalent to 61.8 percent of the household population which was 2.3 percentage points lower than the Roman Catholics recorded in 2015 with 64.1 percent (1,104,051 household population).

Table 1. Top Ten Religious Affiliations in CAR: 2020

Religious Affiliation	Number	Share to Region (%)	Rank
CAR	1,791,121		
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	1,106,409	61.8	1
Episcopal Church in the Philippines	104,455	5.8	2
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	47,776	2.7	3
Iglesia ni Cristo	45,292	2.5	4
Assemblies of God	44,284	2.5	5
Pentecostal Church of God Asia Mission	33,011	1.8	6
Bible Baptist Church	26,089	1.5	7
Jehovah's Witness	25,888	1.4	8
Lutheran Church of the Philippines	25,129	1.4	9
Free Believers in Christ Fellowship	24,184	1.4	10

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



This was followed by Episcopal Church of the Philippines and United Church of Christ in the Philippines with 104,455 household population (5.8 percent) and 47,776 household population (2.7 percent), respectively. Moreover, a total of 1,660 household population (0.1 percent) in the region had no religious affiliation and 40 household population (0.0 percent) did not report their religious affiliation.

Meanwhile, Jesus the Anointed One Church accounted the least number of household population by religious affiliation reported with only 7 household population followed by Faith Tabernacle Church (Living Rock Ministries) with 10 household population. The Jireh-Evangel Church Planting Philippines, Inc. and Things to Come each recorded a household population of 11.

Table 2. Bottom Ten Religious Affiliations in CAR: 2020

Religious Affiliation	Number	Share to Region (%)	Rank
Jesus the Anointed One Church	7	0.0004	1
Faith Tabernacle Church (Living Rock Ministries)	10	0.0006	2
Jireh-Evangel Church Planting Philippines, Inc.	11	0.0006	3
Things to Come	11	0.0006	3
Philippine Missionary Fellowship	13	0.0007	5
Iglesia Evangelista Metodista en Las Islas Filipinas (IEMELIF)	14	0.0008	6
Higher Ground Baptist Mission of the Philippines, Inc.	17	0.0009	7
Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Incorporated	19	0.0011	8
FIFCOP Mission, Inc.	20	0.0011	9
Philippine Good News Ministries	22	0.0012	10

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Abra has highest proportion of Roman Catholics

Among all provinces and Highly Urbanized City (HUC) in CAR, Roman Catholic had the highest proportion of household population. Abra, Kalinga, and Baguio City posted higher proportions of Roman Catholics than the proportion recorded in the region. Specifically, Abra recorded the highest with 83.0 percent (207,681 household population). The City of Baguio posted the second highest proportion with 70.6 percent (256,551 household population) followed by the province of Kalinga with 62.6 percent (143,598 household population). These were 21.2 percentage points, 8.8 percentage points and 0.8 percentage points higher than the recorded proportion in the region, respectively.

On the other hand, Mt. Province recorded the least proportion with 41.9 percent (66,196 household population). This was 19.9 percentage points lower than the recorded proportion in the region.

Table 3. Number and Proportion of Household Population with Roman Catholic as their Religious Affiliation by Province/HUC, CAR:2020

Region/Province/HUC	Household Population	Roman Catholic	
		Number	Percent (%)
CAR	1,791,121	1,106,409	61.8
Abra	250,309	207,681	83.0
Apayao	123,937	70,468	56.9
Benguet, excluding City of Baguio	459,468	259,919	56.6
City of Baguio	363,151	256,551	70.6
Ifugao	207,130	101,996	49.2
Kalinga	229,328	143,598	62.6
Mt. Province	157,798	66,196	41.9

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines posted the second highest proportion in Mt. Province, Kalinga, Benguet, and the City of Baguio with 23.4 percent (36,897 household population), 9.2 percent (21,097 household population), 5.6 percent (25,690 household population), 4.8 percent (17,250 household population), respectively. Meanwhile, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines posted the second highest proportion in Apayao with 7.6 percent (9,454 household population), Other Evangelical Churches in Ifugao with 7.3 percent (15,178 household population), and Aglipay in Abra with 2.6 percent (6,628 household population).

Moreover, Iglesia ni Cristo accounted the third highest proportion in Apayao with 4.9 percent (6,086 household population), City of Baguio with 3.8 percent (13,705 household population), and Abra with 2.4 percent (6,050 household population). The Assemblies of God accounted the third highest proportion in Benguet with 4.6 percent (20,949 household population), Other Protestants in Ifugao with 4.1 percent (8,509 household population), Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of the Philippines in Mt. Province with 4.1 percent (6,535 household population), and United Church of Christ in the Philippines in Kalinga with 3.2 percent (7,359 household population).

Table 4. Top Five Religious Affiliation by Province/HUC, CAR: 2020

Religious Affiliation	Number	Percent (%)
Abra	250,309	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	207,681	83.0
Aglipay	6,628	2.6
Iglesia ni Cristo	6,050	2.4
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	3,377	1.3
Pentecostal Church of God Asia Mission	3,339	1.3

Religious Affiliation	Number	Percent (%)
<u>Apayao</u>	123,937	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	70,468	56.9
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	9,454	7.6
Iglesia ni Cristo	6,086	4.9
Assemblies of God	4,679	3.8
Pentecostal Church of God Asia Mission	4,040	3.3
<u>Benguet</u>	459,468	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	259,919	56.6
Episcopal Church in the Philippines	25,690	5.6
Assemblies of God	20,949	4.6
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	20,798	4.5
Lutheran Church of the Philippines	13,253	2.9
<u>City of Baguio</u>	363,151	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	256,551	70.6
Episcopal Church in the Philippines	17,250	4.8
Iglesia ni Cristo	13,705	3.8
Jehovah's Witness	5,578	1.5
Bible Baptist Church	5,485	1.5
<u>Ifugao</u>	207,130	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	101,996	49.2
Other Evangelical Churches	15,178	7.3
Other Protestants	8,509	4.1
Union Espiritista Cristiana de Filipinas, Incorporated	6,986	3.4
Lutheran Church of the Philippines	6,855	3.3
<u>Kalinga</u>	229,328	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	143,598	62.6
Episcopal Church in the Philippines	21,097	9.2
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	7,395	3.2
Free Believers in Christ Fellowship	6,168	2.7
Union Espiritista Cristiana de Filipinas, Incorporated	4,588	2.0
<u>Mt. Province</u>	157,798	
Roman Catholic, excluding Catholic Charismatics	66,196	41.9
Episcopal Church in the Philippines	36,897	23.4
Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of the Philippines	6,535	4.1
Union Espiritista Cristiana de Filipinas, Incorporated	5,104	3.2
Pentecostal Church of God Asia Mission	4,248	2.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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Technical Notes

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with 01 May 2020 as the reference date.

The 2020 CPH was the 15th census of population and the 7th census of housing undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take an inventory of the country's total population and housing units and collect information about their characteristics.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC), as of March 2022 was used to disaggregate geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

For the 2020 CPH, data on the Religious Affiliation of all household members were collected by asking the respondents, "What is ____'s religious affiliation?".

Household is a social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.

Household population refers to all persons who are members of the household.

Religious affiliation refers to a particular system of beliefs, attitudes, emotions, and behaviors constituting man's relationship with the powers and principalities of the universe. Moreover, religion is either defined as:

- (a) religious or spiritual belief of preference, regardless of whether or not this belief is represented by an organized group or
- (b) affiliation with an organized group having specific religious or spiritual tenets