

HIGHLIGHTS OF CENSUS 2000 FINAL RESULTS IN MASBATE

Population increased by 1.7 percent

The total population of Masbate, as of May 1, 2000, was 707,668 persons. This implied an increase of 53,816 persons over the 1995 census figure (with September 1, 1995 as reference date) or an average annual growth rate of 1.7 percent, slightly higher than that of the 1990 to 1995 period (1.64 percent). A corresponding increase on the number of households was also recorded at 138,945 households, higher by 10,085 and 24,538 households over the 1995 and 1990 figures, respectively. This resulted to an average household size of 5.09 persons, slightly higher than the average household size (5.07 persons) recorded five years ago.

The population of the province to double after four decades

If the average growth rate of the population continues at 1.71 percent, the population of Masbate is expected to double after forty years, increasing by 12,101 persons every year or about 33 persons per day.

Masbate, the capital town, the most populous municipality

Of the eleven municipalities in Masbate, the municipality of Masbate, the capital of the province, was the largest in terms of population size, accounting for about 10.1 percent of the total population of the province. This was followed by the municipalities of Aroroy (8.3 percent), and Cawayan (7.4 percent). The smallest was the municipality of Batuan (1.7 percent).

Masbate, the home of Masbatenon

The predominant ethnic group in this province was Masbateño or Masbatenon. Over 64 percent of the total household population classified themselves as Masbateño or Masbatenon. Close to 59 percent was recorded in 1995. The proportion of the population who classified themselves as Cebuano was about 27 percent. The remaining nine percent included Hiligaynon/Ilonggo, Bikol/Bicol and Bisaya/ Binisaya.

Sex ratio recorded at 104

In 2000, there were approximately 104 males for every 100 females in the province. This was the highest ratio recorded since 1970.

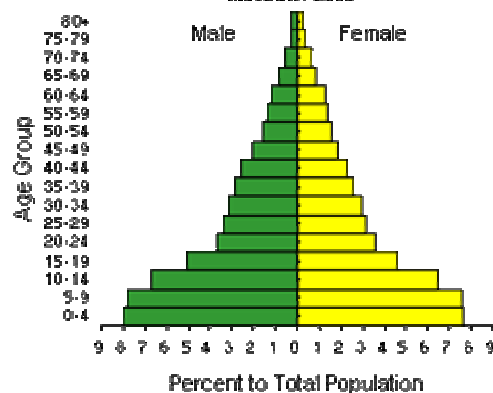
Half of the population below 18 years old

Masbate had a median age of 18 years, higher than the 1995 median age of 17 years. This implied that half of the total population of the province were below 18 years old.

Dependency ratio dropped by 2.1 percentage points

About 52 percent of the total population belonged to productive ages (15 to 64 years). This resulted to a 9.4 percent increase from the 1995 figure of 336,032 persons. Over 44 percent of population were young dependents (aged 0 to 14 years) while about four percent were old dependents (aged 65 years and above). The overall dependency ratio in 2000 was 92.5, lower than the 1995 ratio of 94.6. This meant that for every 100 persons aged 15 to 64 years, there were about 92 dependents, i.e., 84 young dependents and eight old dependents.

Figure 1:
Age-Sex Population Pyramid,
Masbate: 2000



Source: NSO, 2000 Census of Population and Housing

More than two out of every five females belonged to the childbearing ages

Women in childbearing or reproductive age group (15 to 49 years) comprised 43 percent of the total female population. The same proportion was reported in 1995.

About half of the population belonged to voting ages

There were 352,404 persons or about 50 percent of the total population belonging to voting age (18 years old and over). Among them, the proportion of males was slightly higher (51 percent) than that of the females (49 percent).

About 87 percent of total population five years old and over had attended education

About 60 percent of the total population five years old and over had attended elementary; over 18 percent, high school; and about 9 percent with higher education.

Females dominated among those who had attended school. Also, females had the higher proportion, as compared to males, starting from high school to post baccalaureate level.

Single men outnumbered single women

Married persons in 2000 accounted for over 47 percent of the total population 10 years old and over, a drop by three percentage points from the reported figure in 1995 (50 percent). Never-married or single persons also dropped by two percentage points, from 42 percent in 1995 to 40 percent in 2000. In contrast, the proportion of widowed increased to 4.3 percent in 2000 from 3.7 percent in 1995. Those with other arrangements constituted about seven percent, up from 3.2 percent in 1995.

Among married persons, the proportion of males (51 percent) was slightly higher than the females (49 percent). There were more single men (54 percent) than women (46 percent). However, the proportion of widows was noticeably higher (74 percent) than the widowers (26 percent).

Majority of the households preferred single houses

Majority of the housing units were single houses (97 percent). Over 62 percent of the housing units needed no repair or if needed one, with minor repair only, and over 49 percent were built from 1996 to 2000.

Median floor area at 18 square meters

The houses in Masbate had a median floor area of 18 square meters. It implied that half of the total housing units had a floor area of below 18 square meters. About 29 percent of the housing units had a floor area of 10 to 19 square meters; 27 percent, less than 10 square meters; and 18 percent, 20 to 29 square meters. Over three percent of the total housing units reported to have floor area of at least 120 square meters.

Majority of the houses made of native materials

Most housing units in Masbate used native materials for their houses. Over 68 percent used either of cogon, nipa or anahaw for their roof, while about 23 percent used galvanized iron. As to construction materials of the outer walls, 50 percent used either bamboo, sawali, cogon, nipa or anahaw and over 22 percent used wood.

Table 1. Total Population Distribution of Top Five Municipalities: Masbate, 2000

Municipalities	Total Population	Percent
MASBATE	707,668	100.00
Masbate (Capital)	71,441	10.10
Aroroy	58,751	8.30
Cawayan	52,256	7.38
Cataingan	46,593	6.58
Milagros	44,575	6.30

Table 2. Total Population by Age Group, Sex and Sex Ratio: Masbate, 2000

Age Group	Total Population	Male	Female	Sex Ratio
MASBATE	707,668	361,695	345,973	104.5
Under 5	110,290	56,519	53,771	105.1
5-9	108,239	55,234	53,005	104.2
10-14	93,176	47,564	45,612	104.3
15-19	68,195	35,752	32,443	110.2
20-24	51,548	26,319	25,229	104.3
25-29	45,795	23,878	21,917	108.9
30-34	42,961	21,948	21,013	104.4
35-39	38,667	20,191	18,476	109.3
40-44	34,575	18,066	16,509	109.4
45-49	27,296	14,093	13,203	106.7
50-54	21,813	10,930	10,883	100.4
55-59	19,436	9,466	9,970	94.9
60-64	17,415	8,365	9,050	92.4
65-69	11,690	5,676	6,014	94.4
70-74	8,073	3,824	4,249	90.0
75-79	4,601	2,219	2,382	93.2
80 and over	3,898	1,651	2,247	73.5

Table 3. Household Population 5 Years Old and Over by Highest Educational Attainment and Sex: Masbate, 2000

Highest Educational Attainment	Household Population 5 Years Old & Over	Male	Female
MASBATE	596,773	304,702	292,071
No Grade Completed	44,951	23,562	21,389
Pre-school	14,128	7,218	6,910
Elementary	356,804	187,052	169,752
High School	110,220	53,246	56,974
Post Secondary	8,593	4,169	4,424
College Undergraduate	27,786	13,718	14,068
Academic Degree Holder	13,514	5,478	8,036
Post Baccalaureate	1,984	824	1,160
Not Stated	18,793	9,435	9,358

Table 4. Household Population by Ethnicity and Sex: Masbate, 2000





Ethnicity	Both Sexes	Male	Female
MASBATE	707,055	361,218	345,837
Mabateño/Masbatanon	455,451	232,528	222,923
Cebuano	190,010	97,094	92,916
Hiligaynon/Ilonggo	31,624	16,262	15,362
Bikol/Bicol	14,342	7,496	6,846
Bisaya/Binisaya	3,394	1,679	1,715
Others	7,910	3,936	3,974
Not Reported	4,324	2,223	2,101

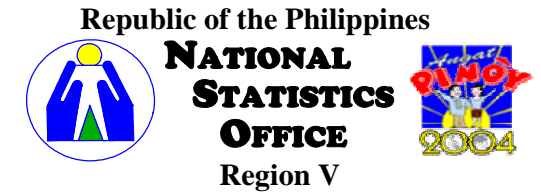
Table 5. Total Population 10 Years Old and Over by Age Group and Marital Status: Masbate, 2000

Age Group	Total Population 10 Yrs Old & Over	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced/Separated	Others	Unknown
MASBATE	488,537	195,504	230,832	20,996	3,211	32,586	5,408
Below 20	161,297	148,098	6,005	422	151	2,997	3,624
20 to 24	51,419	26,510	18,208	214	236	5,569	682
25 to 29	45,713	10,045	29,389	320	329	5,302	328
30 to 34	42,871	4,318	33,051	486	431	4,399	186
35 to 39	38,610	2,243	31,460	728	443	3,613	123
40 to 44	34,519	1,405	28,572	1,126	399	2,913	104
45 to 49	27,259	895	22,460	1,320	363	2,170	51
50 to 54	21,791	639	17,484	1,735	275	1,588	70
55 to 59	19,414	392	15,053	2,332	212	1,380	45
60 to 64	17,400	335	12,632	3,099	164	1,118	52
65 to 69	11,684	242	7,948	2,691	102	667	34
70 to 74	8,071	194	4,736	2,536	51	510	44
75 to 79	4,594	89	2,399	1,849	32	193	32
80 and over	3,895	99	1,435	2,138	23	167	33

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