



SPECIAL RELEASE

Highlights on the 2020 Urban Population of Northern Mindanao

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Urban population of Northern Mindanao increases by 256.2 thousand in 2020

Northern Mindanao recorded an urban population of 2,528,239, as of 01 May 2020, accounting for 50.3 percent of the 5,022,768 total population in the region.

Table 1. Total Population, Urban Population, and Percent Urban: Northern Mindanao, 2015 and 2020

Region X	Total Population	Urban Population	Percent Urban (%)
2015	4,689,302	2,272,001	48.5
2020	5,022,768	2,528,239	50.3

Note: The 2015 and 2020 total population and urban population exclude Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population.

This urban population is higher by 256,238 persons than the 2,272,001 urban population in 2015. This is also 1.9 percentage points higher than the 48.5 percent level of urbanization for Region 10 in 2015. (Table 1)

Figure 1. Urban Population by Region, Philippines: 2020
 (In 10,000)



Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing.



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Among all regions, Northern Mindanao had the 7th biggest urban population, sharing 4.3 percent of the total urban population in 2020. (Figure 1)

Bukidnon recorded the largest urban population in Northern Mindanao

Among the provinces in Northern Mindanao, Bukidnon had the largest share of the total regional urban population at 33.1 percent, equivalent to 836,243 urban population. It was followed by the City of Cagayan de Oro with 697,611 (27.6%) urban population, Misamis Oriental with 372,762 (14.7%), and the City of Iligan with 335,490 (13.3%). (Table 2)

Note that the City of Cagayan de Oro accounted for a larger share of the total regional urban population than the City of Iligan.

Table 2. Percent Distribution of Urban Population by Province/HUC, Northern Mindanao: 2015 and 2020

Region, Province, or HUC	Urban Population		Percent Share (%, for 2020)
	2015	2020	
Northern Mindanao	2,272,001	2,528,239	100.0
Bukidnon	687,921	836,243	33.1
Camiguin	31,256	23,524	0.9
Lanao del Norte <i>(excluding City of Iligan)</i>	88,834	122,277	4.8
City of Iligan	310,731	335,490	13.3
Misamis Occidental	135,396	140,332	5.6
Misamis Oriental <i>(excluding City of Cagayan de Oro)</i>	378,332	372,762	14.7
City of Cagayan de Oro	639,531	697,611	27.6

Note: The 2015 and 2020 total population and urban population exclude Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population.

City of Cagayan de Oro, City of Iligan, and Bukidnon surpass Northern Mindanao's level of urbanization

Three of the provinces/HUCs registered levels of urbanization higher than the 50.3 percent regional level in 2020. The City of Cagayan de Oro ranked first with 95.8 percent urbanization rate, followed by the City of Iligan (92.4%), and Bukidnon (54.3%). (Table 3)

Table 3. Total Population, Urban Population, and Level of Urbanization by Province/HUC, Northern Mindanao: 2020

Region, Province, or HUC	Total Population	Urban Population	Level of Urbanization (%)
Northern Mindanao	5,022,768	2,528,239	50.3
Bukidnon	1,541,308	836,243	54.3
Camiguin	92,808	23,524	25.3
Lanao del Norte (excluding City of Iligan)	722,902	122,277	16.9
City of Iligan	363,115	335,490	92.4
Misamis Occidental	617,333	140,332	22.7
Misamis Oriental (excluding City of Cagayan de Oro)	956,900	372,762	39.0
City of Cagayan de Oro	728,402	697,611	95.8

Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

Northern Mindanao registers five more urban barangays in 2020

In 2020, Northern Mindanao recorded 336 urban barangays, accounting for 16.6 percent of the total number of barangays in the region. Five more barangays were added to the 331 urban barangays in 2015. (Table 4)

Table 4. Number of Barangays, Number of Urban Barangays, and Proportion of Urban Barangays, Northern Mindanao: 2015 and 2020

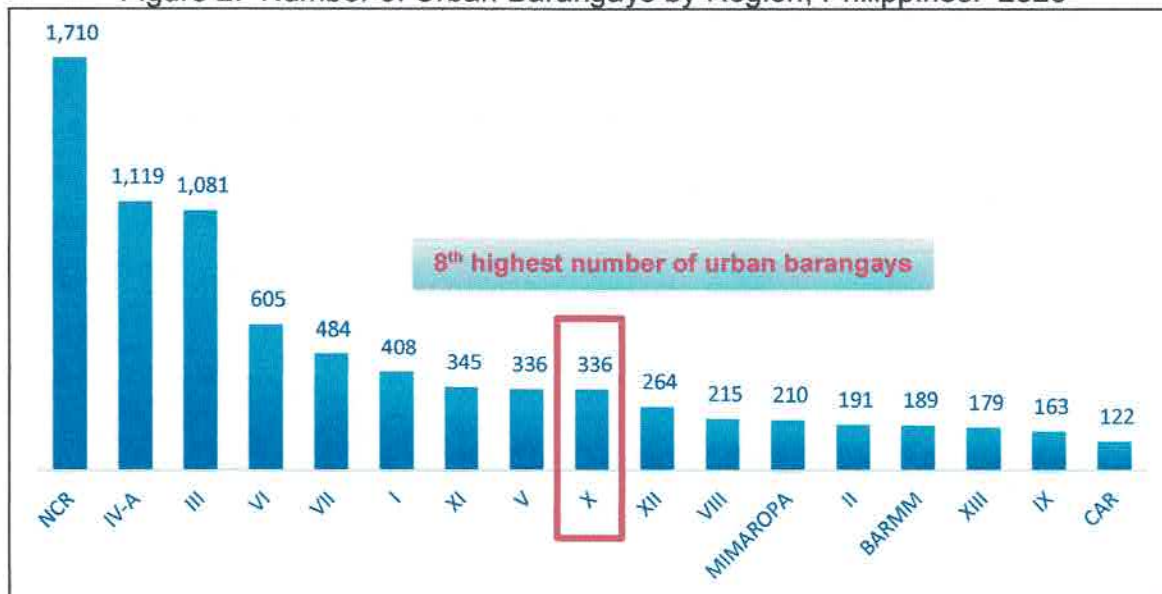
Region X	Total Number of Barangays	Total Number of Urban Barangays	Percent of Urban Barangays (%)
2015	2,022	331	16.4
2020	2,022	336	16.6

Note: The 2015 and 2020 total population and urban population exclude Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

Moreover, Northern Mindanao ranked 8th highest in the number of urban barangays among the 17 regions in the country, same rank as with the Bicol Region. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Number of Urban Barangays by Region, Philippines: 2020



Source: 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

City of Cagayan de Oro records the highest percentage of urban barangays

The City of Cagayan de Oro had the highest percentage of urban barangays at 78.8 percent, followed by the City of Iligan at 72.7 percent, and the province of Bukidnon at 25.2 percent. These areas registered percentages of urban barangays higher than the 16.6 percent regional level in 2020.

Table 5. Number of Barangays, Number of Urban Barangays, and Percent of Urban Barangays by Province/HUC, Northern Mindanao: 2020

Region, Province, or HUC	Total Number of Barangays	Total Number of Urban Barangays	Percent of Urban Barangays	Percent Share (% , for 2020)
Northern Mindanao	2022	336	16.6	16.6
Bukidnon	464	117	25.2	34.8
Camiguin	58	5	8.6	1.5
Lanao del Norte (excluding City of Iligan)	462	19	4.1	5.7
City of Iligan	44	32	72.7	9.5
Misamis Occidental	490	39	8.0	11.6
Misamis Oriental (excluding City of Cagayan de Oro)	424	61	14.4	18.2
City of Cagayan de Oro	80	63	78.8	18.8

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On the other hand, Bukidnon recorded the highest number of urban barangays among all provinces/HUCs in Northern Mindanao, accounting for 34.8 percent of the total urban barangays in the region, equivalent to 117 urban barangays. This was followed by the City of Cagayan de Oro at 18.8 percent or 63 urban barangays, and Misamis Oriental at 18.2 percent or 61 urban barangays.


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