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Highlights of the Population of General Santos City 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- As of 01 May 2020, the population of General Santos City, including Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad, is 697,315 persons based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH).
- The population for 2020 increased by 102,869 persons from the population of 594,446 in 2015. It is also more than 159,229 compared with the population of 538,086 in 2010. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population of General Santos City Based on Various Censuses

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2010	May 1, 2010	538,086
2015	August 1, 2015	594,446
2020	May 1, 2020	697,315

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

• From 2015 to 2020, the population in General Santos City increased by 3.41% annually. By comparison, the rate wherein the city's population grew from 2015 to 2020 was at the highest at 3.41%. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate of General Santos City Based on Various Censuses

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	2.71
2010 to 2015	1.91
2015 to 2020	3.41

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

 With a total land area of approximately 492.86 square kilometers, the population density of General Santos City in 2020 was posted at 1,415 persons per square kilometer. This represents an increase of 209 persons per square kilometer (17.3%) from the population density of 1,206 persons per square kilometer in 2015. In 2010, there were 1,092 persons residing in every square kilometer of land. (Table 3)

Table 3. General Santos City Population Density Based on Various Censuses

Census Year	Area (in sq. km.)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
2010	492.86	1,092
2015	492.86	1,206
2020	492.86	1,415

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population figures in this report were based on the results of the 2020 CPH. To derive the population density (or the number of persons per square kilometer of land), only the population residing in General Santos City territories were considered at the national level. Hence, Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad were excluded from the total population count. Meanwhile, the land areas were based on the 2013 Masterlist of Land Areas of Cities and Municipalities provided to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) by the Land Management Bureau (LMB).
- In terms of population within the region, General Santos City ranked 4th among the provinces/cities, with 697,315 persons.
- The City of General Santos is composed of 26 barangays.
- Out of the 26 barangays in General Santos City, Calumpang was the most populous in 2020 with 87,718 persons, followed by Labangal (77,052), then by Fatima (72,613), San Isidro (64,958) and Apopong (58,314). (Table 4)

Table 4. Ten Most Populous Barangays in General Santos City: 2020

Rank	Barangay	Total Population
1	Calumpang	87,718
2	Labangal	77,052
3	Fatima	72,613
4	San Isidro (Lagao 2nd)	64,958
5	Apopong	58,314

6	Lagao (1st & 3rd)	53,706
7	Mabuhay	37,629
8	Tambler	31,539
9	Bula	30,845
10	City Heights	24,343

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

• In 2020, Batomelong was the least populous barangay with 2,967 persons, followed by Dadiangas East (3,387), then by Upper Labay (3,759), Olympog (4,455) and Dadiangas South (4,815). (Table 5)

Table 5. Ten Least Populous Barangays in General Santos City: 2020

Rank	Barangay	Total Population
1	Batomelong	2,967
2	Dadiangas East (Pob.)	3,387
3	Upper Labay	3,759
4	Olympog	4,455
5	Dadiangas South	4,815
6	Ligaya	6,688
7	Dadiangas North	6,801
8	Tinagacan	8,344
9	Buayan	11,487
10	Baluan	11,861

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

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