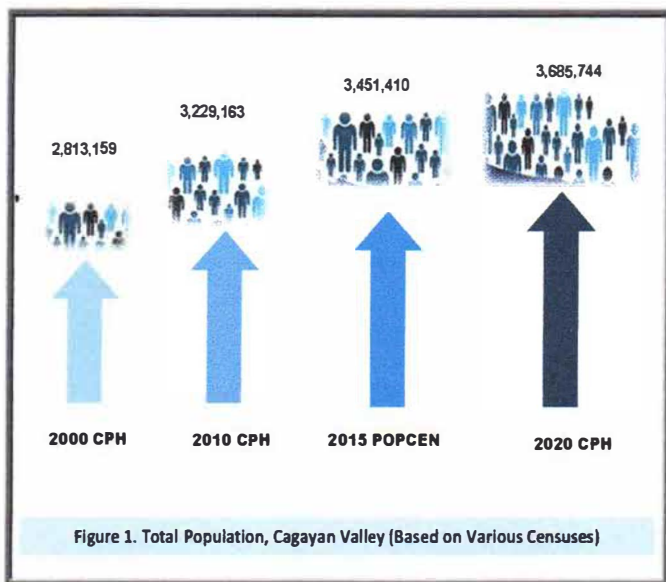


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Cagayan Valley's Population reached 3.68 million

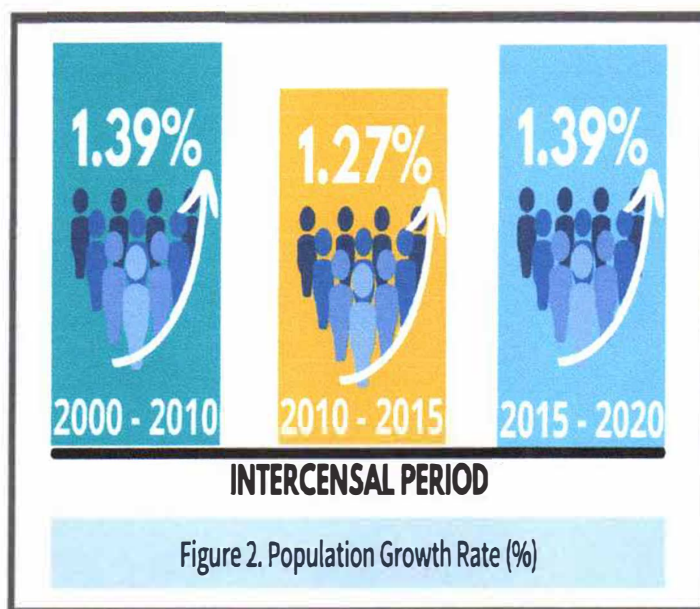
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Cagayan Valley's population as of May 1, 2020 was counted at 3,685,744 persons. This accounts to about 3.38 percent of the total population in the country. The latest population count of the region is 234,334 higher than the official record of population registered in 2015 and 456,581 higher than the population counted in 2010. Twenty years ago, the region's population was only 2,813,159 individual, almost a million (872,585 to be exact) lower than the latest result of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). The 2020

CPH was conducted in September 2020 with its reference date as May 1, 2020.

Meanwhile, the 2020 CPH reveals further that the region's population grew by 1.39 percent annually between 2015-2020, higher than that of the annual population growth rate of 1.27 percent recorded between 2010-2015 when the PSA conducted the 2015 Census of Population (2015 POPCEN). Coincidentally, the latest annual population growth rate is exactly the same with that of the population growth rate recorded from 2000-2010 when the PSA conducted the regular decennial census in 2010.



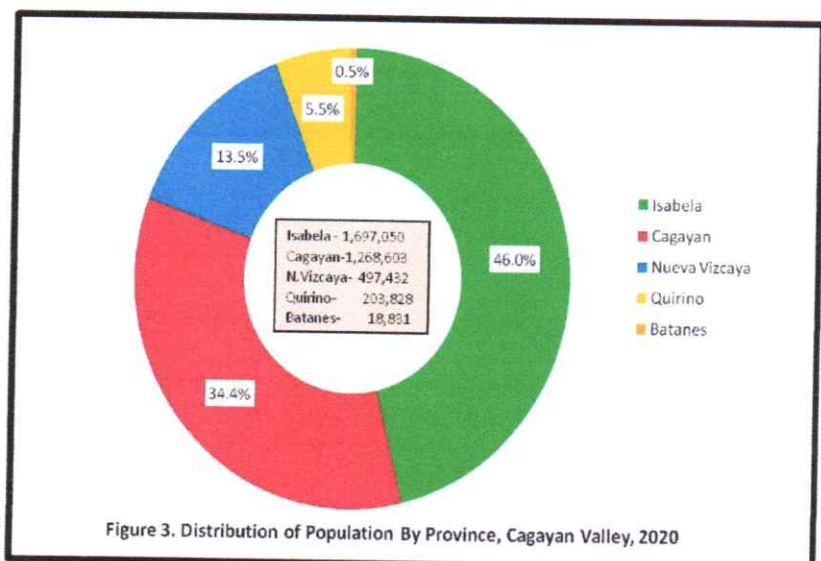


Figure 3. Distribution of Population By Province, Cagayan Valley, 2020

The province with the largest land mass area still holds the most populous province in the region. With its population of 1,697,050 persons in 2020, the province of Isabela shared almost one half (about 46.0 percent) of the region's population. Trailing behind the population of Isabela is the province of Cagayan with a total population of 1,268,603 individual

which accounts to about 34.4 percent of the Cagayan Valley's latest population. Meanwhile, Nueva Vizcaya province's population of 497,432 persons represents 13.5 percents of the region's population while Quirino province's population of 203,828 persons represents 5.5 percent. The island province of Batanes is still the least populous province in the region with its latest count of 18,831 persons and accounts to less one percent of the region's population in 2020.

In terms of the annual Population Growth Rate (PGR), the province of Nueva Vizcaya is the fastest growing province in the region. It recorded an annual PGR of 2.02 percent from 2015-2020. The smallest province of Batanes comes behind with its latest annual PGR of 1.87 percent. It must be noted that in 2015 POPCEN, Batanes province only recorded an annual PGR of less than one percent from 2010-

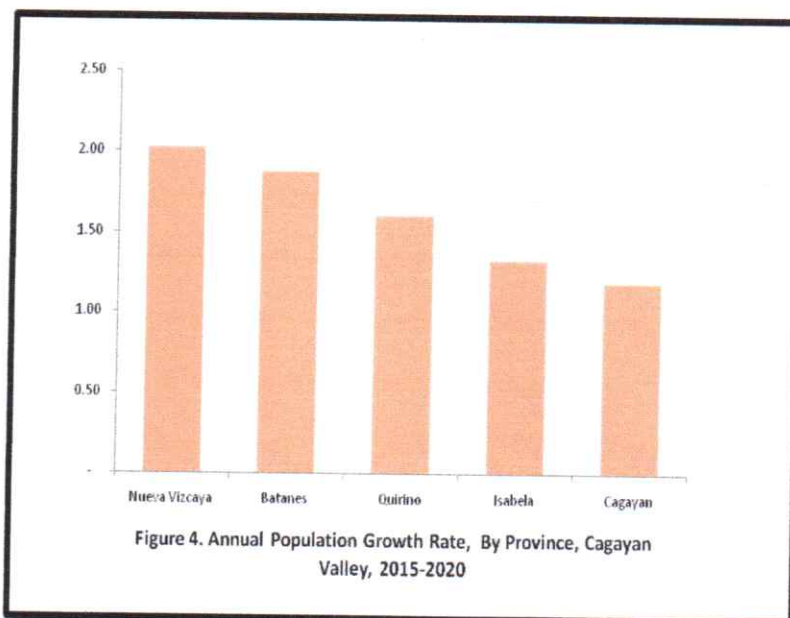
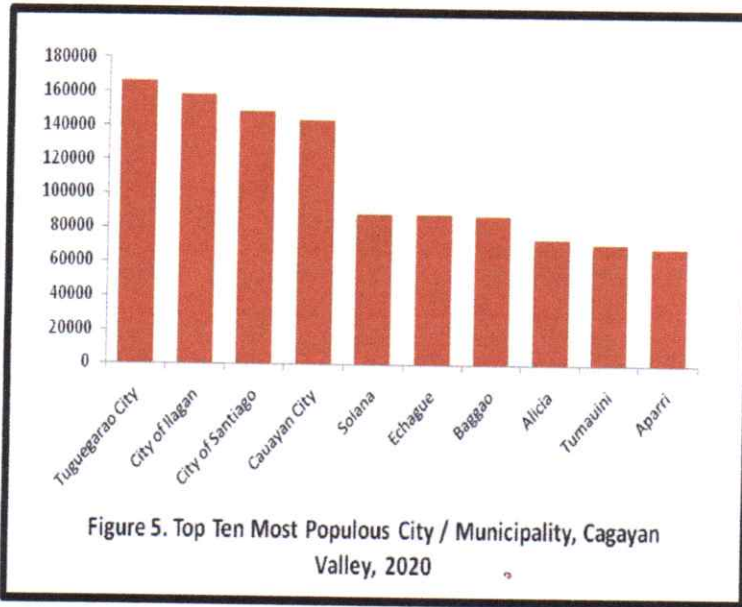


Figure 4. Annual Population Growth Rate, By Province, Cagayan Valley, 2015-2020

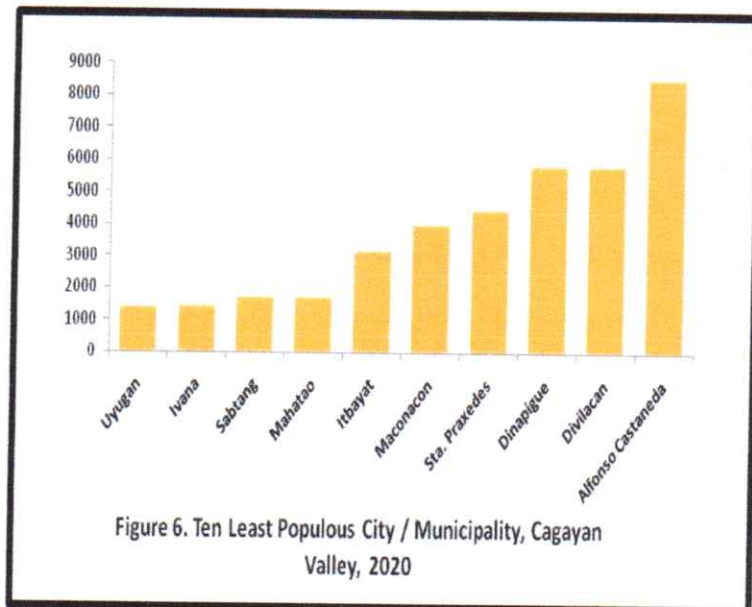
2015. Quirino province took the 3rd spot with its annual PGR of 1.60 percent while the province of Isabela ticked-in at the 4th spot with its annual PGR of 1.33 percent from 2015-2020. Cagayan province posted the lowest PGR in the region with only 1.19 percent from 2015-2020.



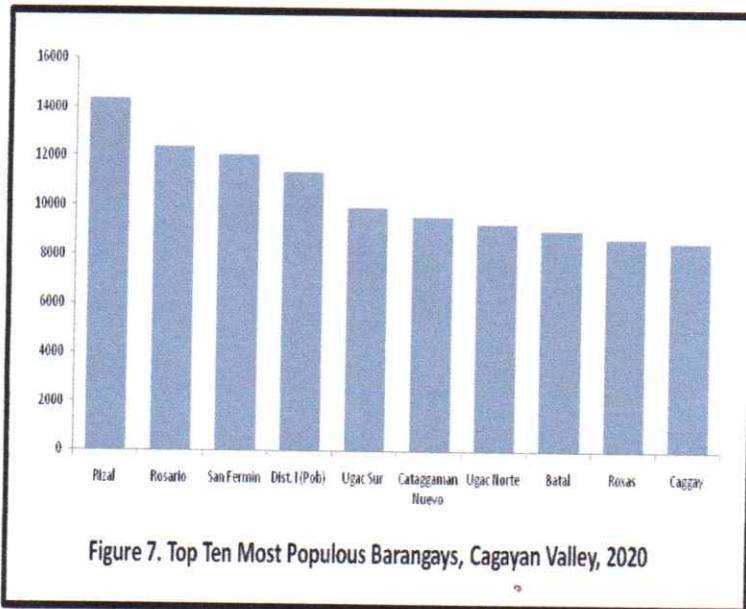
All four cities in the region including six municipalities belonged to the top ten most populous city / municipality as per result of the 2020 CPH. In fact, all the four cities were in the top 4 and the only political unit (in the city / municipal category) with population count of more than a hundred thousand. Tuguegarao City in Cagayan province recorded the highest population in the region with 166,334 persons. This was followed by the City of Ilagan and the City of Santiago, both in Isabela with

158,218 and 148,580 persons, respectively. Cauayan City, also in the province of Isabela came in fourth with its population of 143,403 persons. The remaining six most populous municipalities includes Solana in Cagayan (88,445), Echague in Isabela (88,410), Baggao in Cagayan (87,753), Alicia in Isabela (73,874), Tumauiini in Isabela (70,743) and Aparri in Cagayan (68,839).

On the other hand, five municipalities in Batanes, three municipalities in Isabela and one municipality each in Cagayan and Nueva Vizcaya belonged to the ten least populous municipality in the region. Specifically, Uyugan in Batanes is the least populous city/municipality in Region II with 1,380 persons. It was followed by Ivana with 1,407 persons, Sabtang with 1,696 persons, Mahatao with 1,703 persons and Itbayat with 3,128 person, all in the province of Batanes.



Completing the ten least populous municipalities in the region were the municipalities of Maconacon in Isabela with 3,977 persons, Sta. Praxedes in Cagayan with 4,434 persons, Dinapigue and Divilacan in Isabela with 5,821 and 5,827 persons, respectively, and Alfonso Castaneda in Nueva Vizcaya with 8,539 persons.



Across the lowest political subdivision, four barangays in Tuguegarao City, three barangays in the City of Santiago, two barangays in Cauayan City and one barangay in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya belonged to the top ten most populous barangays in the region. Particularly, the largest in terms of population size is barangay Rizal in the City of Santiago, Isabela with 14,362 persons. It was followed by barangay Rosario in the same city with 12,399 persons. Barangays San

Fermin and Dist I. in the City of Cauayan, Isabela landed on the 3rd and 4th spot with the population of 12,047 and 11,355 persons, respectively. On the 5th to 7th spot were barangays in Tuguegarao City in Cagayan province namely Ugac Sur (with 9,923 persons), Cataggaman Nuevo (with 9,539 persons) and Ugac Norte (with 9,268 persons). Barangay Batal in the City of Santiago landed on the 8th spot with 9,009 persons while barangay Roxas in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya make it to the 9th spot with 8,696 persons. On the 10th spot is barangay Caggay in Tuguegarao City with 8,500 persons. It must be noted that the ten barangays enumerated were all poblacion barangays and nine of them are all located in the city while only one in a municipality.

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