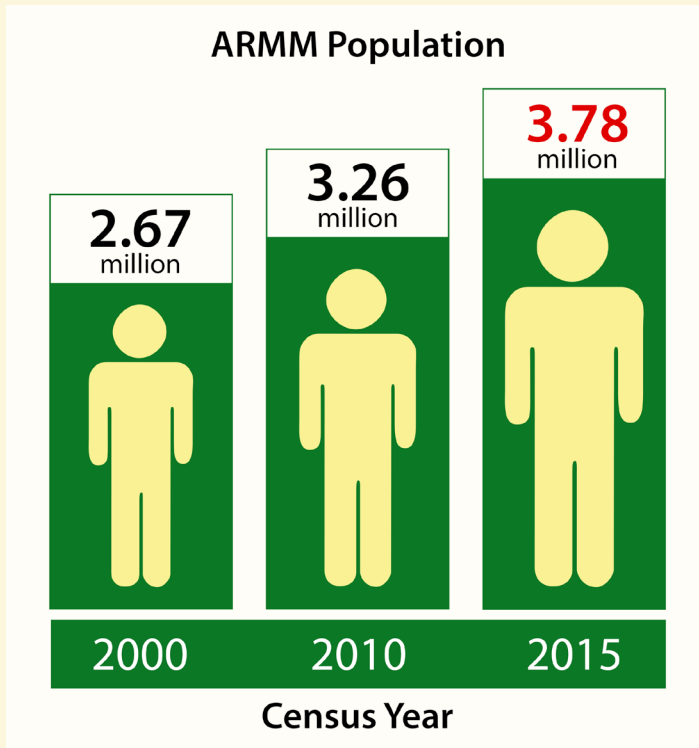


ARMM: THE FASTEST GROWING REGION IN THE COUNTRY (2015 Census of Population)



The population of ARMM as of August 1, 2015 was 3,781,387 based on the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015). The 2015 population of the region is higher by 525,247 compared with the 2010 population of 3,256,140, and by 1,109,432 compared with the 2000 population of 2,671,955.

The population of ARMM increased by 2.89 percent annually, on average, during the period 2010 to 2015. By comparison, the rate at which the region's population grew during the period 2000 to 2010 was higher at 1.51 percent.

ARMM was the fastest growing region in the country in terms of population with an average annual growth rate of 2.89 percent.

Among the five provinces of ARMM, Maguindanao (excluding Cotabato City) has the biggest population, as of 2015, with 1.17 million, followed by Lanao del Sur with 1.05 million, Sulu with 825 thousand and Tawi-Tawi with 391 thousand. The smallest population of 347 thousand was accounted to Basilan (excluding Isabela City).

Maguindanao was the fastest growing province in the region, in terms of population, with an annual growth rate of 4.22 percent during the period 2010 to 2015. Basilan (excluding Isabela City) followed, with a population growth rate of 3.23 percent. The bottom three was Sulu, with 2.66 percent, Lanao del Sur with 2.18 percent and Tawi-Tawi with population growth rate 1.22 percent.

Table 1. ARMM Population and Population Growth Rate: 2000, 2010, 2015

AREA	POPULATION			GROWTH RATE	
	2000	2010	2015	2000-2010	2010-2015
Philippines	75,329,000	92,337,852	100,981,437	1.90	1.72
ARMM	2,671,955	3,256,140	3,781,387	1.51	2.89
Basilan (excluding City of Isabela)	259,796	293,322	346,579	1.22	3.23
Lanao del Sur	669,072	933,260	1,045,429	1.55	2.18
Maguindanao (excluding Cotabato City)	801,102	944,718	1,173,933	1.66	4.22
Sulu	619,668	718,290	824,731	1.49	2.66
Tawi-Tawi	322,317	366,550	390,715	1.29	1.22

Most Populous Cities/Municipalities

Among the 116 Municipalities and 2 Cities in ARMM, Marawi City of Lanao del Sur province has the largest population size with 201,785 persons followed by Jolo of Sulu province with 125,564 persons and Bongao of Tawi-Tawi province with 100,527. The last three was Talipay of Sulu province with 80,225; Lamitan City of Basilan province with 74,782 and Siasi of Sulu province with 67,705 persons.

Table 2. **Top Ten Most Populous Cities/Municipalities in ARMM: 2015**

RANK	CITY/MUNICIPALITY	PROVINCE	POPULATION
1	Marawi City	Lanao del Sur	201,785
2	Jolo	Sulu	125,564
3	Bongao	Tawi-Tawi	100,527
4	Datu Odin Sinsuat (Dinaig)	Maguindanao	99,210
5	Sultan Kudarat (Nuling)	Maguindanao	95,201
6	Parang	Maguindanao	89,194
7	Indanan	Sulu	80,883
8	Talipao	Sulu	80,255
9	City of Lamitan	Basilan	74,782
10	Siasi	Sulu	67,705

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Least Populous Municipalities

The least populous municipality in ARMM, as of 2015 was the Municipality of Turtle Island in Tawi-Tawi with 4,727 persons followed by Hadji Tahil in Sulu with 6,375 and Lumbaca-Unayan in Lanao del Sur with 7,260. The next seven least populous municipalities except Datu Unsay in Maguindanao which ranked 7th, were all from the province of Lanao del Sur.

Table 3. **Top Ten Least Populous Municipalities in ARMM: 2015**

RANK	CITY/MUNICIPALITY	PROVINCE	POPULATION
1	Turtle Islands	Tawi-Tawi	4,727
2	Hadji Panglima Tahil	Sulu	6,375
3	Lumbaca-Unayan	Lanao del Sur	7,260
4	Bumbaran	Lanao del Sur	10,401
5	Tagoloan II	Lanao del Sur	11,169
6	Sultan Dumalondong	Lanao del Sur	11,298
7	Datu Unsay	Maguindanao	11,813
8	Pualas	Lanao del Sur	12,866
9	Pagayawan (Tatarikan)	Lanao del Sur	13,139
10	Calanogas	Lanao del Sur	13,750

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most Populous Barangays

Among the 2,490 Barangays in ARMM the largest in terms of population size was Bus-bus in Jolo, Sulu with 36,650 persons followed by Poblacion in Buluan, Maguindanao with 25,370 persons and Asturias in Jolo, Sulu with 23,085 persons. The last three were Dalican Poblacion in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao with 14,095 followed by Tulay in Jolo, Sulu with 13,891 and Bongao Poblacion in Bonago, Tawi-Tawi with 12,503 persons.

Table 4. **Top Ten Populous Barangay in ARMM: 2015**

RANK	BARANGAY	MUNICIPALITY/PROVINCE	POPULATION
1	Bus-bus	Jolo, Sulu	36,650
2	Poblacion	Buluan, Maguindanao	25,370
3	Asturias	Jolo, Sulu	23,085
4	Anuling	Patikul, Sulu	17,504
5	Landasan (Samiento)	Parang, Maguindanao	16,971
6	San Raymundo	Jolo, Sulu	16,143
7	Kajatian	Indanan, Sulu	15,845
8	Dalican Poblacion	Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao	14,094
9	Tulay	Jolo, Sulu	13,891
10	Bongao Poblacion	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	12,503

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Least Populous Barangays

All the top ten least populous barangays came from the province of Lanao del Sur and Brgy. Pamacotan ranked at first with 208 persons.

Table 5. **Top Ten Least Populous Barangays in ARMM: 2015**

RANK	BARANGAY	MUNICIPALITY/PROVINCE	POPULATION
1	Pamacotan	Bayang, Lanao del Sur	208
2	Kaluntay	Balindong, Lanao del Sur	218
3	Dimanao	Balindong, Lanao del Sur	219
4	Cadayonan	Buntong, Lanao del Sur	227
5	Bagoaingud	Bubong, Lanao del Sur	230
6	Gandamata	Bayang, Lanao del Sur	240
7	Bandara-Ingud	Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur	251
8	Lunduban	Buadiposo-Buntong, Lanao del Sur	258
9	Datu Tambara	Buadiposo-Buntong, Lanao del Sur	259
10	Piagma	Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur	262

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority