

FACT SHEET

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Did you know that in 2015, more than 90 percent of the total population in ARMM were Muslims?

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Muslim Population in ARMM (Based on POPCEN 2015)

In 2015, nine in every ten persons in ARMM were Muslims

Census of Population in 2015 (POPCEN 2015) was done simultaneously in all geographic areas of the country using the de jure method, that is, counting a person in the place where he/she usually resides. The population of ARMM as of August 1, 2015 was 3,781,387 based on the POPCEN 2015, of which 3,451,644 (91.3%) were Muslims or Islam believers (see Table 1).

Of the 91.3% Muslims living in ARMM in 2015, provinces of Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao comprised more than half of the region's Muslim population with 28.4% (978,573 persons) and 28.2% (974,192 persons), respectively. Province of Basilan recorded the least number of Muslims with only 305,021 individuals (8.8% of the region's Muslim population).

91.4% of ARMM's household population were Muslims

Household population consists of the resident population excluding people living in group quarters, known as institutional population. In 2015, the region recorded a total of 3,771,249 household population, of which 3,445,248 (91.4%) were Muslims.

60% of the region's institutional population were Muslims

Institutional population consists of those residing in a collective or institutional living quarters such as hospitals, orphanages, and military camps; and Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad. In 2015, there were 10,138 individuals who were reported as an institutional population, of which 6,396 individuals (or 60%) were Muslims.

Table 1. Total Population by Religious Affiliation and Province: ARMM, 2015

AREA	TOTAL	ISLAM	NON ISLAM	NO RELIGION	NOT STATED
ARMM	3,781,387	3,451,644	312,441	1,293	16,009
Basilan	346,579	305,021	41,294	263	1
Lano del Sur	1,045,429	978,573	61,648	3	5,205
Maguindanao	1,173,933	974,192	188,912	26	10,803
Sulu	824,731	816,273	8,441	17	-
Tawi-Tawi	390,715	377,585	12,146	984	-

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population

Table 2. Household Population by Religious Affiliation and Province: ARMM, 2015

AREA	TOTAL	ISLAM	NON ISLAM	NO RELIGION	NOT STATED
ARMM	3,771,249	3,445,248	308,914	1,292	15,795
Basilan	346,288	304,841	41,184	262	1
Lano del Sur	1,038,883	973,974	59,908	3	4,998
Maguindanao	1,172,381	973,459	188,100	26	10,796
Sulu	823,983	815,998	7,968	17	-
Tawi-Tawi	389,714	376,976	11,754	984	-

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population

Table 3. Institutional Population by Religious Affiliation and Province: ARMM, 2015

AREA	TOTAL	ISLAM	NON ISLAM
ARMM	10,138	6,396	3,727
Basilan	291	180	110
Lano del Sur	6,546	4,599	1,740
Maguindanao	1,552	733	812
Sulu	748	275	473
Tawi-Tawi	1,001	609	392

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population