

FACT SHEET

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Muslim Population in VISAYAS (Based on POPCEN 2015)

About 0.47 percent of the total Muslim population in the Philippines were in Visayas which comprise 0.15 percent of the total population of the said major island group. Percentage of the said group varies across regions in Visayas from 0.11 percent in Region VI to 0.20 percent in Region VII.

Most of the Filipino Muslims in Visayas reside in Region VII

Region VII recorded the highest population of Filipino Muslims in Visayas in 2015. About 43.05 percent of Muslims in Visayas were found in this region. This implies that four in every 10 Filipino Muslims in Visayas reside in Central Visayas. Moreover, most of the Muslims in this region or 29.25 percent were living in Cebu City, which comprise 0.39 percent of the total population of the city. Furthermore, Lapu-Lapu City had the highest concentration of Muslim population in Visayas, recorded at 0.81 percent of the city's total number of inhabitants.

Only 0.12 percent of NIR were Muslims

On the other hand, NIR had the lowest number of Filipinos who reported as followers of Islam in 2015. There were a total of 5,276 Muslims or 0.12 percent of the region's population, which were almost equally distributed to the three provinces of the NIR.

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

AREA	TOTAL	ISLAM	NON ISLAM	NO RELIGION	NOT STATED
VISAYAS	19,373,431	28,262	20,664,338	1,127	2,143
Region VI	4,477,247	5,138	4,471,575	49	485
Aklan	574,823	1,724	573,099	0	0
Antique	582,012	744	581,170	7	91
Capiz	761,384	460	760,900	1	23
Guimaras	174,613	87	174,507	16	3
Iloilo	1,936,423	1,019	1,935,071	12	321
Iloilo City	447,992	1,104	446,828	13	47
Region VII	6,041,903	12,167	6,028,179	499	1,058
Bohol	1,313,560	2,167	1,311,066	130	197
Cebu	2,938,982	2,019	2,936,081	164	718
Cebu City	922,611	3,559	918,876	169	7
Lapu-Lapu City	408,112	3,291	404,805	16	0
Mandaue City	362,654	1,016	361,540	13	85
Siquijor	95,984	115	95,811	7	51
Region VIII	4,440,150	5,681	4,434,298	12	159
Biliran	171,612	427	171,185	0	0
Eastern Samar	467,160	352	466,784	3	21
Leyte	1,724,679	2,545	1,722,128	6	0
Tacloban City	242,089	589	241,499	1	0
Northern	632,379	467	631,884	2	26
Southern Leyte	421,750	657	421,018	0	75
Western Samar	780,481	645	779,800	0	36
NIR	4,414,131	5,276	4,407,847	567	441
Negros Occi-	2,497,261	1,842	2,494,940	124	355
Bacolod City	561,875	1,656	560,120	97	2
Negros Oriental	1,354,995	1,778	1,352,787	346	84

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population