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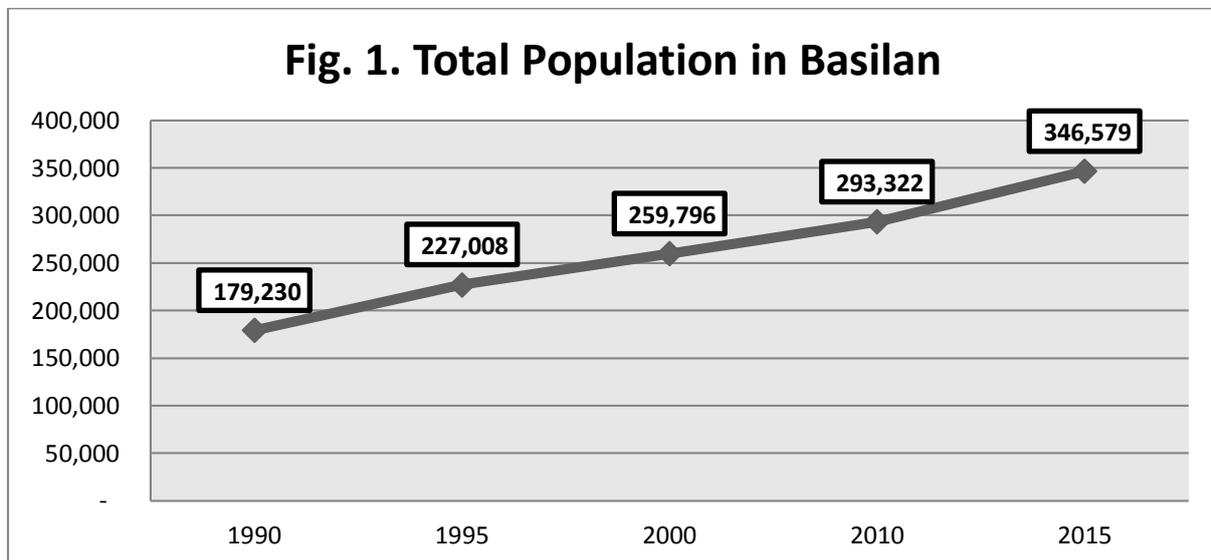
Basilan's Total Population hits 346,579

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Total population increased by 18.2 percent

The total population of the Province of Basilan (excluding Isabela City) as of August 1, 2015 was 346,579 persons based on the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN). It comprised 9.17% of the ARMM total population. The 2015 population of the province is higher by 53,257 compared with 293,322 total populations in the 2010 Census of Population and Housing (CPH).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Basilan posted a 3.23% total population growth rate

The Basilan's total population has a 3.23 percent total population growth rate (PGR) during the 2010-2015 periods. It was 2.01 percent higher than the PGR that was posted by the province during the 2000-2010 periods. Through the decades, the province growth rate shows positive trends. Based on the 2015 POPCEN, across ARMM, Basilan (excluding Isabela City) is the least numbered province.

The top most populous municipality of the province was City of Lamitan, comprising 21.58 percent of the total population of the province. It was followed by Sumisip and Maluso comprising 12.04 percent and 11.73 percent of the total population of the province respectively. The three municipalities alone make up 45.35 percent, almost half, of the total population of the province.

Table 1. Top Three Most Populous Municipality: Basilan, 2015	
CITY OF LAMITAN	74,782
SUMISIP	41,730
MALUSO	40,646

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The province's sex ratio stands at 99 males for every 100 females

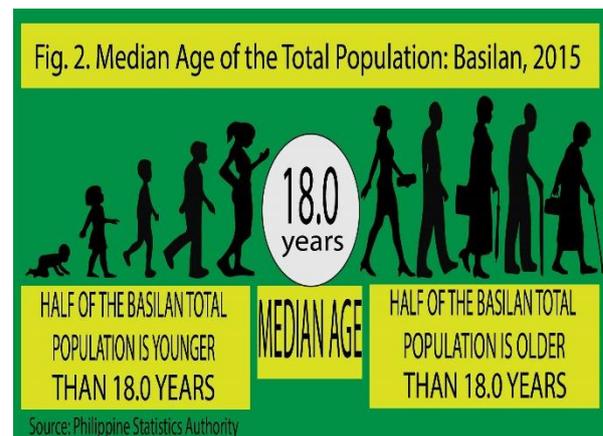
Basilan's total population in 2015 has 49.82 percent males while 50.18 percent are females with a sex ratio of 102 males per 100 females. The 2010 CPH posted 104 males per 100 females. This means that through the years, females outnumbered the males. This trend can also be seen in every age group of the population but for one age group that is 0 to 14 years old where the males outnumbered the females.

AGE GROUP	SEX RATIO (Male:Female)
All Ages	99:100
0 - 14	104:100
15 - 64	96:100
65 years and over	87:100

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Median age slightly increased to 18.0 years

The result of the 2015 POPCEN also showed that the median age of Basilan's total population is 18.0 years old. This means that half of the total population is younger than or equal to 18.0 years old and another half of the total population is older than or equal to 18.0 years old. The median age of the province is the same as that of the region and it is the lowest median age recorded in the country as of 2015 CPH. The median age of the province in 2010 POPCEN is 17.4 years old.



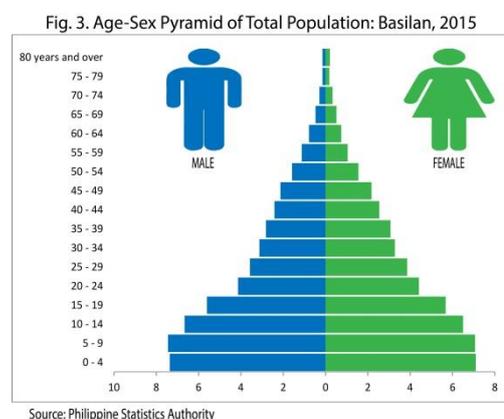
Children 5 to 9 years comprised the largest age groups of the population

Of the total population in the 2015, 42.1 percent are under 15 years of age or 145,967. Children aged 5 to 9 years comprised the largest part of the total population in the province which was 14.50 percent. Meanwhile, children of age under 5 years were accounted for 14.46 percent of the total population, and those 10 to 14 years with 13.16 percent. Those who were at the working age already, 15 to 64 years comprised 55.6 percent of the total population. In 2010, children under 15 years old was accounted for 44.6 percent of the total population of the region, children of age 5 to 9 years with 15.8 percent and those children aged less than 5 years were accounted for 14.5 percent.

0 - 4	50,098
5 - 9	50,268
10 - 14	45,601
15 - 64	192,722
65 years and over	7,890

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

In terms of distribution by sex and age, there are slightly more males than females in the age groups 0 to 14 years old and 50 to 64 years old in the 2015 POPCEN with males comprising 48.9 percent of the total population in these age groups. In the contrary, there are more females than males in the age groups 15 to 49 years with males comprising 48.8 percent of the total population in these age groups. On the other hand, the proportions of males and females in the age groups 65 to 79 years old and 80 years and over are almost the same. It also means that they almost had equal populations.



Dependency ratio decreases to 80 dependents per 100 persons in the working-age group

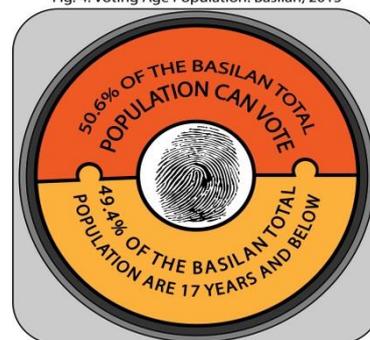
In the 2015 POPCEN, the young dependents (0 to 14 years old) comprised 42.1 percent (or 145,967 persons) of the total population, while the old dependents (65 years old and over) comprised 2.3 percent (or 7,890 persons) of the total population. The working-age population (15 to 64 years old) accounted for the remaining 55.6 percent (or 192,722 persons).

The overall dependency ratio of Basilan is 80, which indicates that for every 100 working-age population, there are 80 dependents (76 young dependents and 4 old dependents). This is higher than the national figure (58) and lower than the dependency ratio in 2010 recorded at 87.6 dependents per 100 working-age population (83.7 young dependents and 3.9 old dependents).

More than fifty percent of the total population can vote

In Basilan, the voting-age population or persons 18 years old and over accounted for 50.6 percent of the total population (175,307 persons) based on the 2015 POPCEN. Persons that cannot vote or persons 17 years old and below accounted for 49.4 percent (171,272 persons). Of the voting-age population, 48.78 percent are males and 51.22 percent are female. The province's voting age population comprises 4.6 percent of the region's voting age population.

Fig. 4. Voting Age Population: Basilan, 2015



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

All municipalities of Maguindanao has voting-age population comprising more than 40 percent of their respective total population, with the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat (Dinaig) having the highest proportion who are of voting-age at 57.2 percent, followed by the Municipality of Ampatuan at 56.6 percent, Municipality of Datu Piang at 55.6 percent, and the lowest is in the Municipality of Pandag estimated only at 44.5 percent.

Table 4. Municipalities with Most Percentage of Voting Age Population: Basilan, 2015

City of Lamitan	56.70%
Lantawan	53.70%
Maluso	52.37%
Akbar	51.87%
Hadji Muhtamad	50.82%
Tipo-Tipo	48.07%

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Senior citizens constitute 3.80 percent of the total population.

Senior citizens are those people who are aged 60 years and over. In Basilan, there were 13,154 senior citizens making up 3.80 percent of the 0.3 million total populations in the 2015 POPCEN, which is slightly higher than the 3.46 percent recorded in 2010. Among the senior citizens, the females estimated at 51.58 percent outnumbered the males at 48.42 percent. By municipalities, the Municipality of City of Lamitan has the highest proportion of senior citizens estimated at 5.98 percent, followed by the Municipality of Lantawan at 3.932 percent and the Municipality of Maluso at 3.927 percent. The Municipality of Tabuan-Lasa has the lowest proportion of senior citizens estimated only at 2.13 percent of its total population.

Almost half of the total populations were in the married persons group

Across provinces in ARMM, Basilan holds the record for the highest proportion of persons with common-law or live-in marital arrangement (0.7 percent), persons who are widowed (4.2 percent) and separated person (2.2 percent). Among these

Fig. 5. Proportion of Marital Status, Basilan: 2015



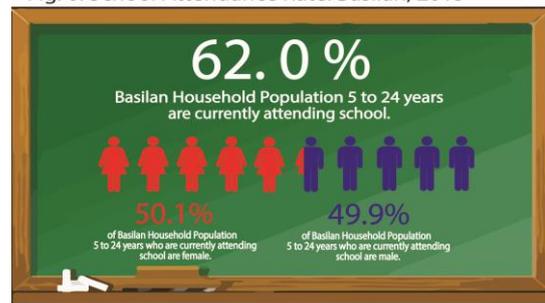
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

three marital statuses, the females outnumbered the males. Meanwhile, the proportion of single persons is 46.5 percent and the married persons are 46.4 percent.

School Attendance Rate in the province had increase over the years

Persons aged 5 to 24 years old are considered in determining the school attendance rate. Based on the 2015 POPCEN results there are 164,475 persons who are 5 to 24 years old in Basilan and 62.0 percent that is 102,000 of them are attending school in school year 2015-2016. Out of the 2015 school attendance rate, males are higher than the females with 50.1 percent and 49.9 percent respectively.

Fig. 6. School Attendance Rate: Basilan, 2015

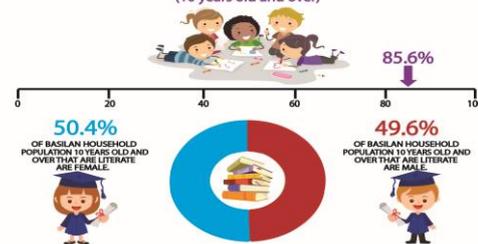


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Basilan's simple literacy rate was recorded at 85.6 percent in 2015

The simple literacy rate of the Province of Basilan based on 2015 POPCEN is 85.6 percent among the 210,484 household population aged 10 years and over. A person can be considered as literate if he is able to read and write a simple message in any language or dialect. Out of the 89.3 percent literacy rate, 50.5 percent are males and 49.5 percent are females.

Fig. 7. Household Population Literacy Rate: Basilan, 2015 (10 years old and over)

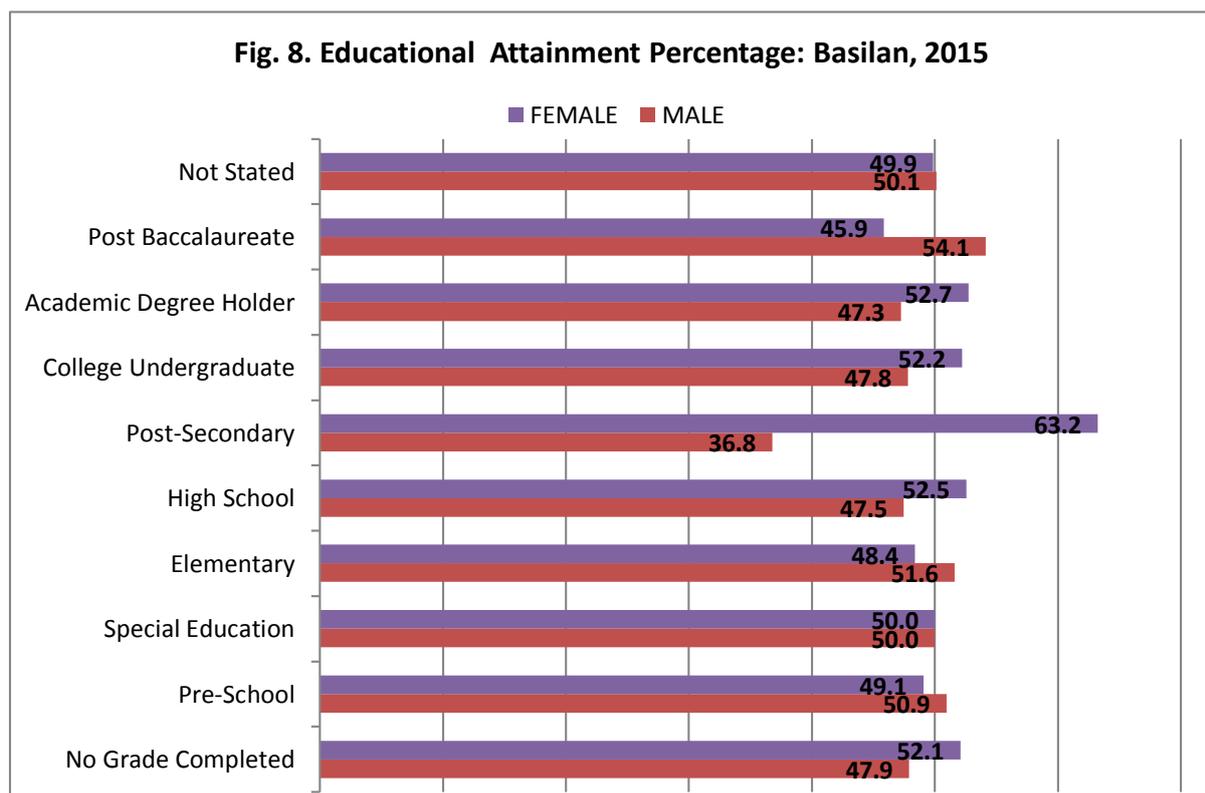


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Females outnumbered males in academic degree and school attendance rate

Of the total population 5 years old and over across Basilan, 48.2 percent or 143,548 had completed elementary education, 21.7 percent or 64,193 had reached high school, 5.4 percent or 16,002 was college undergraduate, and 3.5 percent or 10,305 was baccalaureate or college graduate. Among those with baccalaureate degree, there were more females (52.7 percent) than males (47.3 percent).

Fig. 8. Educational Attainment Percentage: Basilan, 2015



Basilan had increase its number of households in 2015

The number of households in the province had reached 59,860 in 2015, 9.65 percent of the total number of households in the region. The household population of Basilan reached 346,288 persons in 2015 which is 9.18 percent of the region's count. The province registered an average household size of 5.8 persons, which means that there are almost six persons living in a single household.

The following municipalities have an average household size higher than its provincial level namely: Maluso, Tipo-Tipo, Tuburan, Akbar, Hadji Mohammad Ajul, Ungkaya Pukan, Hadji Muhtamad, and Tabuan-Lasa – which has the highest average household size at 6.7 persons. On the other hand there are only four municipalities which recorded a lower average household size than its provincial level. Average household size tells us how much average number of persons is residing within a household in a particular area.

Province/Municipality	Total Number of Households	Total Households Population	Average Household Size
Basilan	59,860	346,288	5.8
City of Lamitan	15,065	74,677	5.0
Lantawan	4,609	24,593	5.3
Maluso	6,294	40,646	6.5
Sumisip	7,408	41,708	5.6
Tipo-Tipo	3,149	19,063	6.1
Tuburan	3,239	20,207	6.2
Akbar	2,820	17,531	6.2
Al-Barka	3,662	20,842	5.7
Hadji Mohammad Ajul	2,948	19,307	6.5
Ungkaya Pukan	3,095	18,441	6.0
Hadji Muhtamad	3,956	25,085	6.3
Tabuan-Lasa	3,615	24,188	6.7

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Technical Notes

Total population is the sum of the household population and institutional population. It also includes Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

Population growth rate is the rate at which the population is increasing (or decreasing) in a given period due to natural increase and net migration, expressed as a percentage of the base population.

Dependency ratio is the ratio of persons in the dependent ages (under 15 years old and over 64 years old) to persons in the economically active or working ages (15 to 64 years old) in the population.

Voting age population (VAP) refers to the set of individuals that have reached the minimum voting age for a particular geographical or political unit.

Marital status is the personal status of each individual with reference to the marriage laws or customs of the country.

School attendance rate is the proportion of persons 5 to 24 years old who were attending school during the School Year June 2015 to March 2016 to school-age population (5 to 24 years old).

Simple literacy rate is the proportion of persons aged 10 years and over who are able to read and write a simple message in any language or dialect.

Highest grade / year completed are the highest grade or year completed in school, college or university.

Average household size is the average number of persons residing within a household in a particular area.

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