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## Age and Sex Distribution in the La Union Population (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH), the province of La Union had a total population of 822,352 persons. Of this total, the household population comprised 99.8 percent or 820,343 persons.

Of the total household population of La Union in 2020, 50.6 percent are males ( 414.86 thousand) while 49.4 percent are females (405.48 thousand). In terms of age group, 216.04 thousand ( $26.3 \%$ ) were under 15 years of age (young dependents). On the other hand, persons aged 15 to 64 years (working-age or economically-active

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 population) totaled to 541.91 thousand ( $66.1 \%$ ) while those in age groups 65 years and over (old dependents) comprised the remaining 62.40 thousand ( $7.6 \%$ ). There were more males ( $85.5 \%$ ) than females ( $82.2 \%$ ) among the 0 to 54 age group. On the other hand, among the older age group ( 55 years and over), females ( $17.8 \%$ ) outnumbered the males ( $14.5 \%$ ).

The sex ratio in La Union was computed at 102 in 2020. This means that there were 102 males for every 100 females. The sex ratio of children aged below 15 years is at 108 males per 100 females, while those aged 15 to 64 years had a sex ratio of 105 males per 100 females. Moreover, among those aged 65 years and over, the sex ratio was 70 males per 100 females. This depicts a longer life expectancy among females than males or a higher mortality among males than females in the older age groups.

Moreover, the median age of La Union household population continues to rise during the past years. The median age in 2020 was computed at 28.5 years, which means that half of the household population was younger than 28.5 years, while the other half is older than 28.5 years.

People aged 60 years old and over, regarded as senior citizens in the Philippines, made up 11.5 percent ( 94.57 thousand) of the household population of La Union in 2020. There were more females (56.4\%) than males (43.6\%) among the senior citizens of the province in 2020.


