



SPECIAL RELEASE

Religious Affiliation in Ilocos Region

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Roman Catholics comprise 82.0 percent of the Ilocos Region household population

The Ilocos Region household population was dominated by Roman Catholics with 4,338,887 or 82.0 percent of the total 5,292,297 household population of the Ilocos Region in 2020. It was followed by Iglesia ni Cristo with 181,885 persons (3.44 percent) and *Aglipay* with 104,366 (1.97 percent).

Table 1. Religious Affiliations in the Ilocos Region: 2020

Religious Affiliation	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	5,292,297	100
Roman Catholic*	4,338,887	82.0
Iglesia ni Cristo	181,885	3.4
Aglipay	104,366	2.0
Iglesia Filipina Independiente	87,635	1.7
Jehovah's Witness	40,736	0.8
United Methodists Church	40,579	0.8
Pentecostal Church of God Asia Mission	40,389	0.8
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	30,118	0.6
Church of Christ	25,805	0.5
Assemblies of God	23,031	0.4
Other religious affiliation	377,414	7.6
None	1,053	0.0
Not Reported	399	0.0

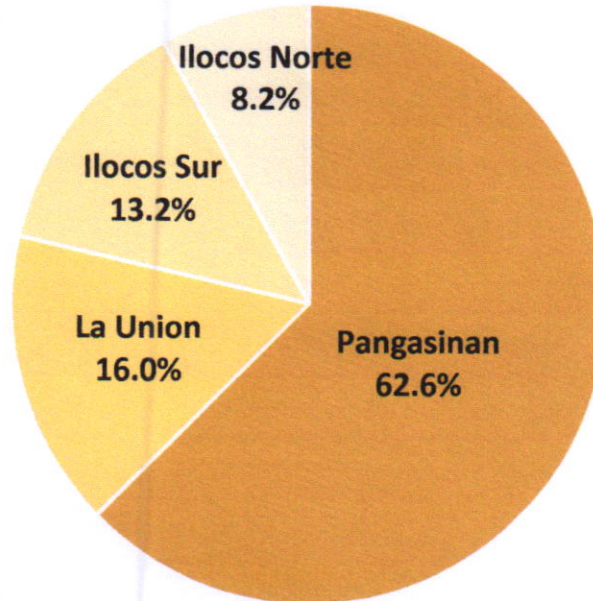
Note: *Excluding Catholic Charismatic

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

Pangasinan has the higher proportion of Roman Catholics

Among the provinces in the region, Pangasinan has the highest proportion of household population who reported that Roman Catholic is their religious affiliation. The province has 2,715,621 recorded Roman Catholics, comprising 62.6 percent of the total Roman Catholics in the region. La Union followed with 16.0 percent, equivalent to 695,867 persons. Ilocos Sur has a share of 13.2 percent (574,136 persons), and Ilocos Norte with 8.2 percent share (353,263 persons).

**Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Roman Catholics by Province
Ilocos Region: 2020**

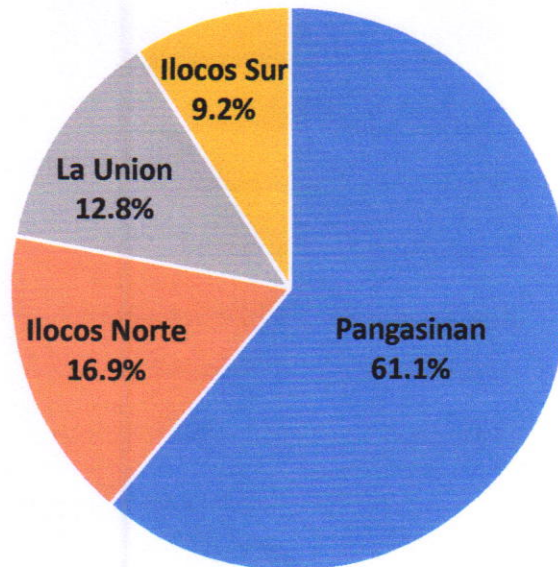


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

Iglesia ni Cristo ranks second religion in terms of affiliation of household population

There were 181,885 persons in the region reported Iglesia ni Cristo as their religious affiliation. It comprised 3.4 percent of the total household population in the Ilocos Region. Pangasinan has the largest number of household population among the provinces in the region that were affiliated in this religion in 2020. The province has 111,149 persons who are Iglesia ni Cristo members. Ilocos Norte followed with 30,678 persons, La Union with 23,374 members and Ilocos Norte with 16,684 persons.

**Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Iglesia ni Cristo by Province
Ilocos Region: 2020**

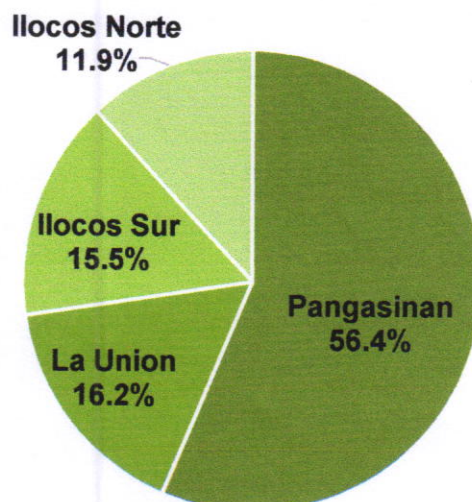


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

Islam and Buddhism in the Ilocos Region

There were also household population in the Ilocos Region who reported Islam and Buddhism as their religious affiliations. In summary, they accounted at least 13 thousand persons or 0.25 percent of the total household population.

**Figure 3. Percent Distribution of Muslims by Province
Ilocos Region: 2020**

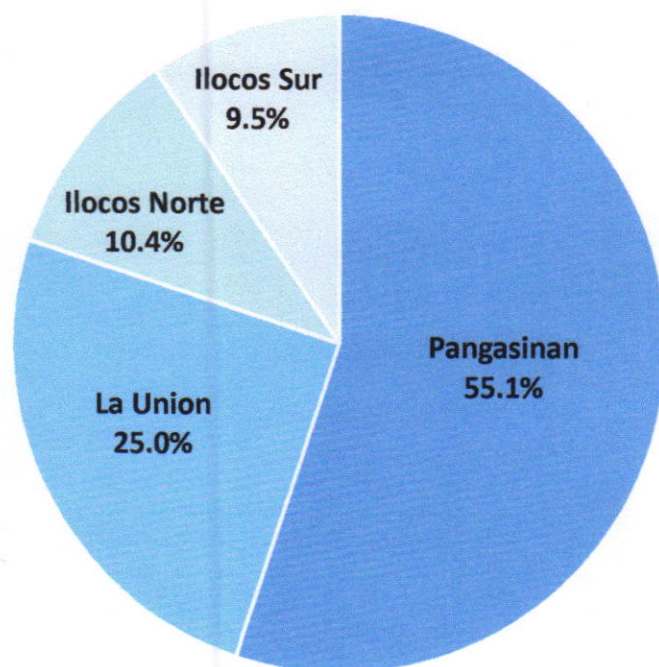


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

There were 12,475 household population in the Ilocos Region that reported Islam as their religion in 2020. More than half lived in Pangasinan with 7,03 (56.38 percent), 2,021 (16.20 percent) in La Union, 1,932 (15.49 percent) in Ilocos Sur, and 1,489 (11.94 percent) in Ilocos Norte.

Meanwhile, a total of 653 household population in the Ilocos Region in 2020 were Buddhist believers. Of this total, 360 persons, or 55.13 percent lived in Pangasinan, 24.96 percent from La Union, 10.41 percent from Ilocos Norte, and 9.50 percent from Ilocos Sur.

**Figure 4. Percent Distribution of Buddhist by Province
Ilocos Region: 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)


TECHNICAL NOTES

Concepts and Definitions

- **Household** is a social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.
- **Household population** refers to all persons who are members of the household.
- **Religious affiliation** refers to a particular system of beliefs, attitudes, emotions, and behaviors constituting man's relationship with the powers and principles of the universe. Moreover, religion is either defined as: (1) religious or spiritual belief or preference, regardless of whether or not this belief is represented by an organized group or (b) affiliation with an organized group having specific religious or spiritual tenets.

Methodology

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a "de jure" basis, that is, a person is counted in the usual place of residence or the place where the person usually resides. The enumeration of the population and collection of pertinent data in the 2020 CPH referred to all living persons as of 01 May 2020. For the 2020 CPH, data on the Religious Affiliation of all household members were collected by asking the respondents, "What is ____'s religious affiliation?".


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