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## Santo Tomas, La Union's population reached 39,066 as of August 1, 2015

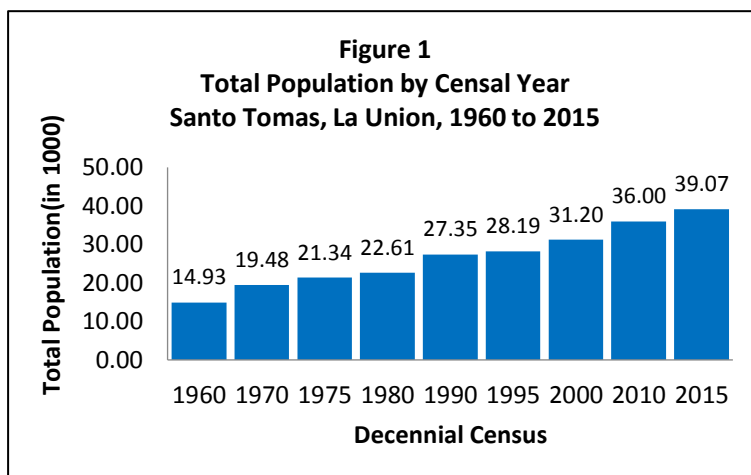
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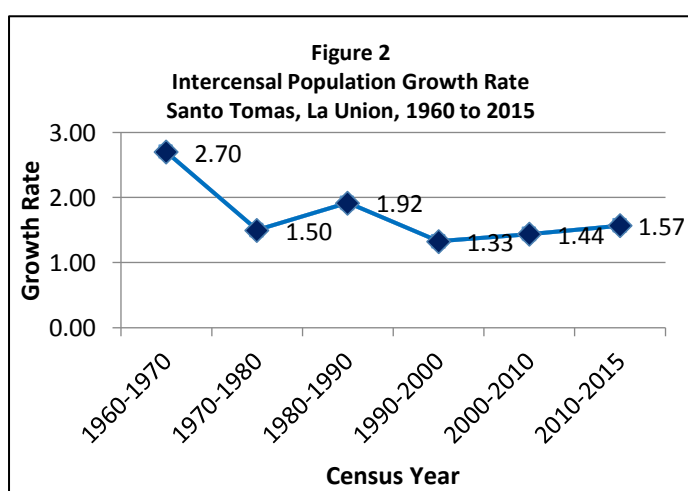
### Population increased at the rate of 1.57 percent annually

Based on the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN2015), the municipality of Santo Tomas, La Union posted a total population of 39,066 persons as of August 1, 2015. This is an increase of 3067 persons over the total population of 35,999 persons in 2010 CPH. The increase in the population count from

2010 to 2015 translated to an average annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.57 percent. This is higher than the 1.44 percent annual PGR of the municipality between the census years 2000 and 2010.



### Population increased by 16 persons per year for every 1,000 persons



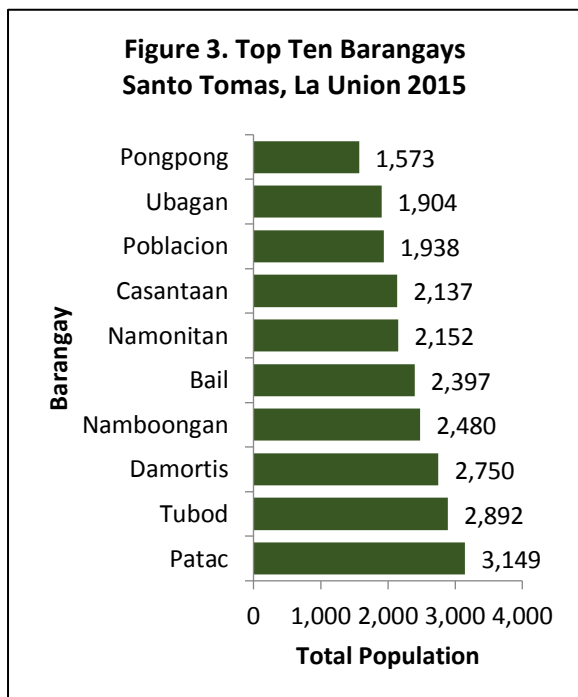
The increase in the population count in Santo Tomas from 2010 to 2015 translated to an average annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.57 percent. This means that there were about 16 persons added per year for every 1,000 persons in the population.

The said annual PGR was higher than the annual PGR of 1.44 percent during the period

2000 to 2010 and at 1.33 percent during the period 1990 to 2000.

If the average annual PGR recorded at 1.57 percent during the period 2010 to 2015 continues, the population of Santo Tomas, La Union would double in 45 years.

Fifty five years ago, the population of Santo Tomas, La Union was only 14,929 persons. This population size is almost two-fifth of the population in the 2015 Census of Population.



**Barangay Patac was the most populous in 2015**

Among the 24 barangays in the municipality of Santo Tomas, La Union, Barangay Patac was the most populous with a population size making up 8.06 percent of the total municipal population. Barangay Tubod was second with 7.40 percent share, followed by barangay Damortis with 7.04 percent, Namboongan with 6.35 percent, Bail with 6.14 percent and Namonitan with 5.51 percent.

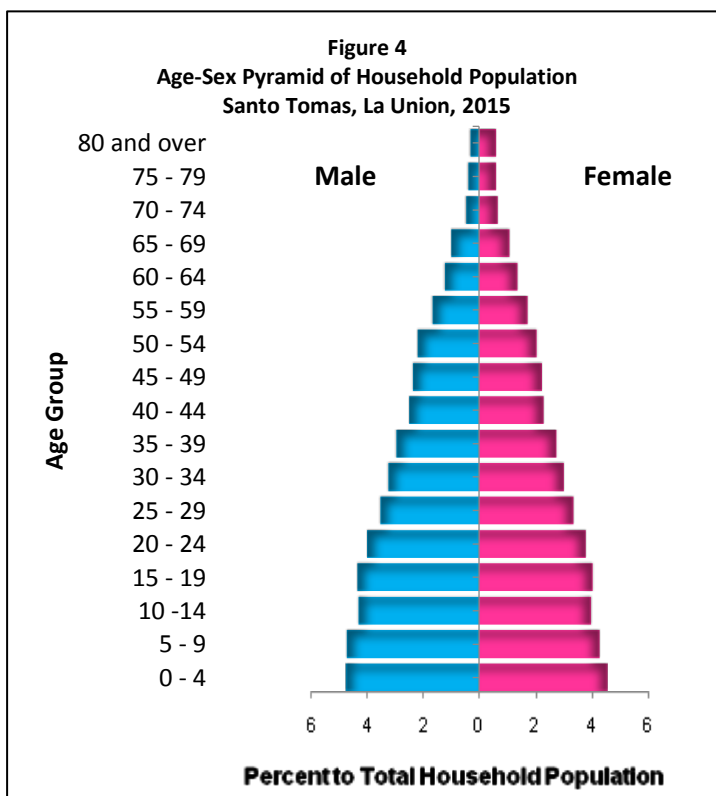
The least populated area was barangay Malabago with 1.37 percent share to the total population of the municipality (534 persons).

**Sex ratio recorded at 103 males per 100 females**

Of the 39,066-household population in 2015, males accounted for 50.71 percent while females comprised 49.29 percent. These figures resulted in a sex ratio of 103 males for every 100 females, lower than the 104 sex ratio recorded in 2010.

**Median age increased to 25.26 years**

In 2015, the median age of the population in Santo Tomas was 25.26 years, which means that half of the population was younger than 25.26 years. This



is higher than the median age of 23.75 years that was recorded in 2010.

Children aged 5 to 9 years (10.45 percent) comprised the largest age group, followed by those in the age groups 10 to 14 years (9.60 percent) and 0 to 4 years (10.81 percent). Males outnumbered females in the age groups 0 to 54 years. On the other hand, there were more females than males in the older age groups 55 years and over.

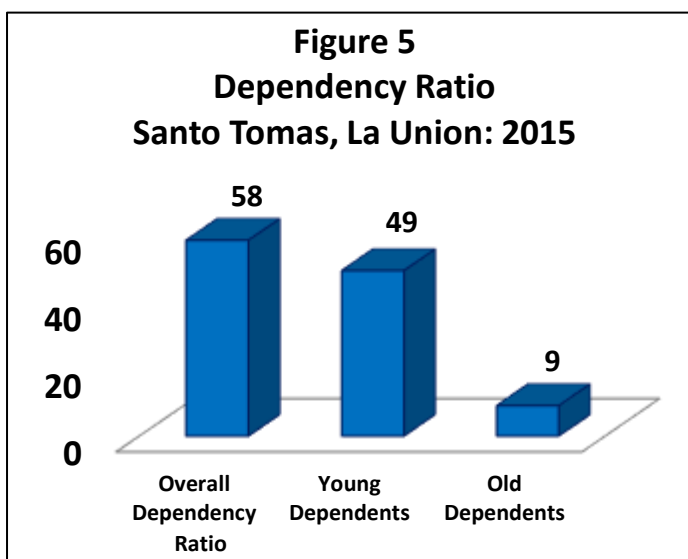
### More than three fifths of the total population were of voting age

The voting-age population (18 years and over) accounted for 63.14 percent of the household population of Santo Tomas in 2015, up from 60.92 percent in 2010. There were more males with 50.03 percent than females with 49.97 percent among the voting-age population.

### Almost one tenth of the household population were senior citizens

The senior citizens population (60 years and over) accounted for 8.91 percent of the household population of the municipality in 2015, up from 7.90 percent in 2010. There were more females (56.68 percent) than males (43.32 percent) among the senior citizens population.

### Dependency ratio decreased to 58 dependents per 100 persons in the working age group



In 2015, the young dependents (0 to 14 years) comprised 30.85 percent of the household population while the old dependents (65 years and over) posted a share of 5.92 percent. The working-age population (15 to 64 years) accounted for the remaining 63.23 percent.

The overall dependency ratio was 58, which indicates that for every 100 working-age population, there were about 58 dependents (49 young dependents and 9 old dependents). This ratio is lower

than the dependency ratio in 2010, which was recorded at 63 dependents per 100 working-age population.

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### **There were more males than females among the never-married persons**

Of the household population 10 years old and over, 41.38 percent were married while 42.17 percent were never married. The rest of the population were categorized as follows: widowed (5.05 percent), common-law/live-in marital arrangement (9.71 percent), and divorced/separated (1.68 percent).

Among the never married persons, 55.37 percent were males while 44.63 percent were females. For the rest of the categories for marital status, the females outnumbered the males.

### **More females had attained higher levels of education**

Of the total population five years old and over, 29.40 percent had attended or completed elementary education while 41.52 percent had reached or finished high school. Moreover, 1.41 percent had attended or completed post-secondary schooling, 9.64 percent were college undergraduates, and 12.84 percent were academic degree holders. Among those with an academic degree, the females (55.19 percent) outnumbered the males (44.81 percent). Similarly, more females (52.38) than males (47.62) had pursued post baccalaureate courses.

### **Literacy rate was posted at 99.43 percent**

Of the household population age 10 years old and over, 99.43 percent were literate. Among those who were literate, males (50.46 percent) slightly outnumbered the females (49.54 percent).

### **Seven in every ten school age population currently attending school**

Of the 15,146-household population 5-24 years, 68.78 percent were attending school. Of those persons reported to be attending school, 37.75 percent were aged 5-9 years, 35.01 percent were aged 10-14 years, 23.11 percent were aged 15-19 years, and the remaining 4.14 percent were between 20-24 years.

### **Roman Catholics accounted for 90.26 percent of Santo Tomas' total population**

Among the total population in Santo Tomas, La Union in 2015, 90.26 percent reported Roman Catholic as their religious affiliation. The next largest religious affiliation in the municipality was the Evangelicals (Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches) with 2.56 percent. This was followed by Iglesia ni Cristo with 2.49 percent, Jehovah's Witness with 1.44 percent, and Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ Incorporated with 0.72 percent.

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### **Female overseas workers outnumbered their male counterpart**

Of the 27,013-household population 15 years old and over in Santo Tomas, La Union, 5.50 percent (1,485 persons) were overseas workers. Female overseas workers outnumbered their male counterpart. They comprised 52.66 percent of all the overseas workers in the municipality. Overseas workers aged 25 to 29 years made up the largest age group, comprising 22.29 percent of the total overseas workers, followed by those in the age groups 30 to 34 years (19.87 percent), 45 years and over (19.60 percent), and 35 to 39 years (17.44 percent).

### **Male gainful workers outnumbered their female counterpart**

Of the 27,013-household population 15 years old and over in Santo Tomas, La Union, 58.68 percent (or 15,850 persons) were gainful workers. Male gainful workers outnumbered their female counterpart. They comprised 65.56 percent of all the gainful workers from this municipality. The skilled agricultural forestry and fishery workers made up the largest percentage (24.63 percent) of the total gainful workers from this municipality in 2015, followed by service and sales workers (22.78 percent), elementary occupations (19.56 percent), and plant and machine operators and assemblers (9.24 percent).

### **Average household size was 4.3 persons**

The number of households in 2015 was recorded at 8,996, higher by 1,010 households compared with the 7,986 households posted in 2010. The average household size in 2015 was 4.3 persons, lower than the average household size in 2010.

**Table 1**  
**Household Population, Number of Households, and Average Household Size**  
**Santo Tomas, La Union, 2015 and 2010**


Census Year	Household Population	Number of Households	Average Household Size
2015	39,066	8,996	4.3
2010	35,993	7,986	4.5

## TECHNICAL NOTES

<i>Population growth rate</i>	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
<i>Total population</i>	the sum of the household population and institutional population. It also includes Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad
<i>Household population</i>	comprises of persons who belong to a household, the basic criterion of which is the usual place of residence or the place where the person usually resides
<i>Institutional population</i>	the population enumerated in collective or institutional living quarters such as: dormitories/lodging houses, jails/prisons, military camps, convents/seminaries, and mental hospitals
<i>Household</i>	a social unit consisting of a person living alone or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food
<i>Average household size</i>	the average number of persons who live in the household, computed as the household population in a given area divided by the corresponding total number of households in that area
<i>Head of the household</i>	an adult person, male or female, who is responsible for the organization and care of the household, or who is regarded as such by the members of the household
<i>Sex ratio</i>	the ratio of males to females in a given population, expressed as the number of males per 100 females
<i>Age</i>	the interval of time between a person's date of birth and the census reference date (1 August 2015). Expressed in completed years (as of last birthday), it is recorded in whole number
<i>Median age</i>	the age at which exactly half of the population is younger than this age and the other half is older than it
<i>Overall dependency ratio</i>	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
<i>Marital status</i>	the personal status of each individual with reference to the marriage laws or customs of the country
<i>Religious affiliation</i>	a particular system of beliefs, attitudes, emotions, and behaviors constituting man's relationship with the powers and principalities of the universe
<i>School attendance rate</i>	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)

<i>Simple literacy rate</i>	the proportion of persons aged 10 years and over who are able to read and write a simple message in any language or dialect
<i>Highest grade / year completed</i>	the highest grade or year completed in school, college or university
<i>Usual activity / occupation</i>	the kind of job or business, which a person aged 15 years and over was engaged in most of the time during the 12 months preceding the census
<i>Overseas worker</i>	a household member (15 years old and over) who is out of the country due to an overseas employment

The 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015) was undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in August 2015 as mandated by Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the *Philippine Statistics Act of 2013*. It was the 14<sup>th</sup> census of population that was undertaken since the first census in 1903. POPCEN 2015 was designed to take an inventory of the total population all over the Philippines and collect information about their characteristics. Census day for the POPCEN 2015 was August 1, 2015 (12:01 a.m.). POPCEN 2015 made use of the *de jure* concept of enumeration wherein households and persons are enumerated in the area where they usually reside as of the census reference date. Enumeration lasted for about 25 days, from 10 August to 6 September 2015. Enumeration was extended until 15 September 2015 for large provinces and some highly urbanized cities.

  
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**Statistical Tables**

Table 2. Household Population by Age Group and Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Age Group	Both Sexes	Male	Female
All Ages	39,066	19,810	19,256
Under 1	790	397	393
1 - 4	3,432	1,750	1,682
5 - 9	4,081	2,134	1,947
10 - 14	3,750	1,943	1,807
15 - 19	3,789	1,959	1,830
20 - 24	3,526	1,805	1,721
25 - 29	3,116	1,593	1,523
30 - 34	2,827	1,458	1,369
35 - 39	2,574	1,329	1,245
40 - 44	2,167	1,129	1,038
45 - 49	2,084	1,069	1,015
50 - 54	1,921	988	933
55 - 59	1,528	748	780
60 - 64	1,168	550	618
65 - 69	936	443	493
70 - 74	507	203	304
75 - 79	454	175	279
80 years and over	416	137	279
0 - 4	4,222	2,147	2,075
0 - 14	12,053	6,224	5,829
15 - 64	24,700	12,628	12,072
18 years and over	24,668	12,341	12,327
60 years and over	3,481	1,508	1,973
65 years and over	2,313	958	1,355



Table 3. Total Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Age Group, Marital Status, and Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Sex, Age Group	Total Population 10 Years Old and Over	Marital Status					
		Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced/ Separated	Common-law/Live-in	Unknown
Both Sexes	30763	12972	12729	1553	517	2987	5
Below 20	7539	7348	30	2	4	155	0
20 - 24	3526	2458	432	3	26	606	1
25 - 29	3116	1281	1136	11	57	631	0
30 - 34	2827	612	1565	20	87	543	0
35 - 39	2574	358	1768	37	78	331	2
40 - 44	2167	257	1581	41	65	223	0
45 - 49	2084	192	1599	63	64	166	0
50 - 54	1921	147	1472	108	52	142	0
55 - 59	1528	106	1157	148	34	82	1
60 - 64	1168	91	788	219	21	49	0
65 - 69	936	54	608	230	13	31	0
70 - 74	507	23	270	195	7	12	0
75 - 79	454	20	197	220	7	10	0
80 years and over	416	25	126	256	2	6	1
Male	15529	7183	6317	350	212	1465	2
Below 20	3902	3856	8	1	2	35	0
20 - 24	1805	1432	129	2	4	237	1
25 - 29	1593	773	473	3	25	319	0
30 - 34	1458	393	737	8	35	285	0
35 - 39	1329	232	874	10	28	185	0
40 - 44	1129	167	788	17	30	127	0
45 - 49	1069	116	822	13	29	89	0
50 - 54	988	86	765	32	26	79	0
55 - 59	748	62	600	24	14	47	1
60 - 64	550	35	429	52	10	24	0
65 - 69	443	16	358	47	3	19	0
70 - 74	203	8	144	40	3	8	0
75 - 79	175	5	115	48	1	6	0
80 years and over	137	2	75	53	2	5	0
Female	15234	5789	6412	1203	305	1522	3
Below 20	3637	3492	22	1	2	120	0
20 - 24	1721	1026	303	1	22	369	0
25 - 29	1523	508	663	8	32	312	0
30 - 34	1369	219	828	12	52	258	0
35 - 39	1245	126	894	27	50	146	2
40 - 44	1038	90	793	24	35	96	0
45 - 49	1015	76	777	50	35	77	0
50 - 54	933	61	707	76	26	63	0
55 - 59	780	44	557	124	20	35	0
60 - 64	618	56	359	167	11	25	0
65 - 69	493	38	250	183	10	12	0
70 - 74	304	15	126	155	4	4	0
75 - 79	279	15	82	172	6	4	0
80 years and over	279	23	51	203	0	1	1

Table 4. Household Population 5 Years and Over by Highest Grade/Year Completed, Sex, Age, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Highest Grade/Year Completed, Sex	Total Household Population 5 Years Old and Over
Both Sexes	34,844
No Grade Completed	904
Preschool	848
Special Education	9
Elementary	10,245
1st - 4th Grade	4,328
5th - 6th Grade	1,685
Graduate	4,232
High School	14,466
Undergraduate	4,616
Graduate	9,850
Post-Secondary	491
Undergraduate	14
Graduate	477
College Undergraduate	3,359
Academic Degree Holder	4,474
Post Baccalaureate	42
Not Started	6
Male	17,663
No Grade Completed	480
Preschool	434
Special Education	3
Elementary	5,312
1st - 4th Grade	2,315
5th - 6th Grade	885
Graduate	2,112
High School	7,641
Undergraduate	2,510
Graduate	5,131
Post-Secondary	150
Undergraduate	4
Graduate	146
College Undergraduate	1,616
Academic Degree Holder	2,005
Post Baccalaureate	20
Not Started	2
Female	17,181
No Grade Completed	424
Preschool	414
Special Education	6
Elementary	4,933
1st - 4th Grade	2,013
5th - 6th Grade	800
Graduate	2,120
High School	6,825
Undergraduate	2,106
Graduate	4,719
Post-Secondary	341
Undergraduate	10
Graduate	331
College Undergraduate	1,743
Academic Degree Holder	2,469
Post Baccalaureate	22
Not Started	4

Table 5. Literacy of the Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Age Group and Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Age Group	Household Population 10 Years Old and Over			Literate		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	30,763	15,529	15,234	30,588	15,435	15,153
10 - 14	3,750	1,943	1,807	3,730	1,931	1,799
15 - 19	3,789	1,959	1,830	3,765	1,944	1,821
20 - 24	3,526	1,805	1,721	3,506	1,792	1,714
25 - 29	3,116	1,593	1,523	3,109	1,587	1,522
30 - 34	2,827	1,458	1,369	2,820	1,454	1,366
35 - 39	2,574	1,329	1,245	2,569	1,326	1,243
40 - 44	2,167	1,129	1,038	2,152	1,122	1,030
45 - 49	2,084	1,069	1,015	2,079	1,066	1,013
50 - 54	1,921	988	933	1,904	978	926
55 - 59	1,528	748	780	1,521	745	776
60 - 64	1,168	550	618	1,161	545	616
65 years old and over	2,313	958	1,355	2,272	945	1,327

Table 6. Household Population 5 to 24 Years Old Who Were Currently Attending School by Age Group and Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Age Group	Household Population 5 to 24 Years Old			Household Population 5 to 24 Years Old Who Were Currently Attending School		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	15,146	7,841	7,305	10,417	5,350	5,067
5 - 9	4,081	2,134	1,947	3,932	2,053	1,879
10 - 14	3,750	1,943	1,807	3,647	1,878	1,769
15 - 19	3,789	1,959	1,830	2,407	1,189	1,218
20 - 24	3,526	1,805	1,721	431	230	201

Table 7. Household Population by Religious Affiliation and Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Religious Affiliation	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	39,066	19,810	19,256
Aglipay	1	0	1
Evangelicals (Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches)	999	491	508
Association of Baptist Churches in Luzon Visayas and Mindanao	1	0	1
Association of Fundamental Baptist Churches in the Philippines	0	0	0
Bible Baptist Church	143	70	73
Bread of Life Ministries	0	0	0
Buddhist	7	4	3
Cathedral of Praise Incorporated	7	4	3
Church of Christ	83	37	46
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints	145	77	68
Convention of the Philippine Baptist Church	0	0	0
Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ Incorporated	281	151	130
Door of Faith	12	5	7
Evangelical Christian Outreach Foundation	34	17	17
Faith Tabernacle Church (Living Rock Ministries)	0	0	0
Good News Christian Churches	20	10	10
Higher Ground Baptist Mission	0	0	0
Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Cristo	0	0	0
National Council of Churches in the Philippines	13	6	7
Iglesia ni Cristo	971	497	474
Iglesia sa Dios Espiritu Santo Incorporated	8	2	6
International Baptist Missionary Fellowship	1	1	0
International One Way Outreach	5	3	2
Islam	27	11	16
Jehovah's Witness	564	269	295
Jesus is Alive Community Incorporated	26	11	15
Jesus is Lord Church	42	18	24
Love of Christ International Ministries	9	4	5
Lutheran Church of the Philippines	11	3	8
Miracle Revival Church of the Philippines	0	0	0
Missionary Baptist Churches of the Philippines	0	0	0
Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association	0	0	0
Philippine Ecumenical Christian Church	4	1	3
Philippine Good News Ministries	7	3	4
Philippine Grace Gospel	13	5	8
Philippine Independent Catholic Church	0	0	0
Potter's House Christian Center	0	0	0
Roman Catholic including Catholic Charismatic	35,262	17,934	17,328
Salvation Army Philippines	0	0	0
Seventh Day Adventist	178	82	96
Things to Come	25	12	13
UNIDA Evangelical Church	0	0	0
United Church of Christ in the Philippines	83	42	41
Union Espiritista Cristiana de Filipinas Incorporated	1	0	1
United Pentecostal Church (Philippines) Incorporated	73	35	38
Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship	10	5	5
Way of Salvation Church Incorporated	0	0	0
Other Baptists	0	0	0
Other Protestants	0	0	0
Tribal Religions	0	0	0
Other Religious Affiliations	0	0	0
None	0	0	0

Table 8. Overseas Workers 15 Years Old and Over by Highest Grade/Year Completed Sex, Santo Tomas, La Union: 2015

Sex, Age Group	Total Household Population	Overseas Worker
Both Sexes	27,013	1,485
Below 20	3,789	3
20 - 24	3,526	123
25 - 29	3,116	331
30 - 34	2,827	295
35 - 39	2,574	259
40 - 44	2,167	183
45 years old and over	9,014	291
Male	13,586	703
Below 20	1,959	2
20 - 24	1,805	62
25 - 29	1,593	140
30 - 34	1,458	148
35 - 39	1,329	117
40 - 44	1,129	94
45 years old and over	4,313	140
Female	13,427	782
Below 20	1,830	1
20 - 24	1,721	61
25 - 29	1,523	191
30 - 34	1,369	147
35 - 39	1,245	142
40 - 44	1,038	89
45 years old and over	4,701	151