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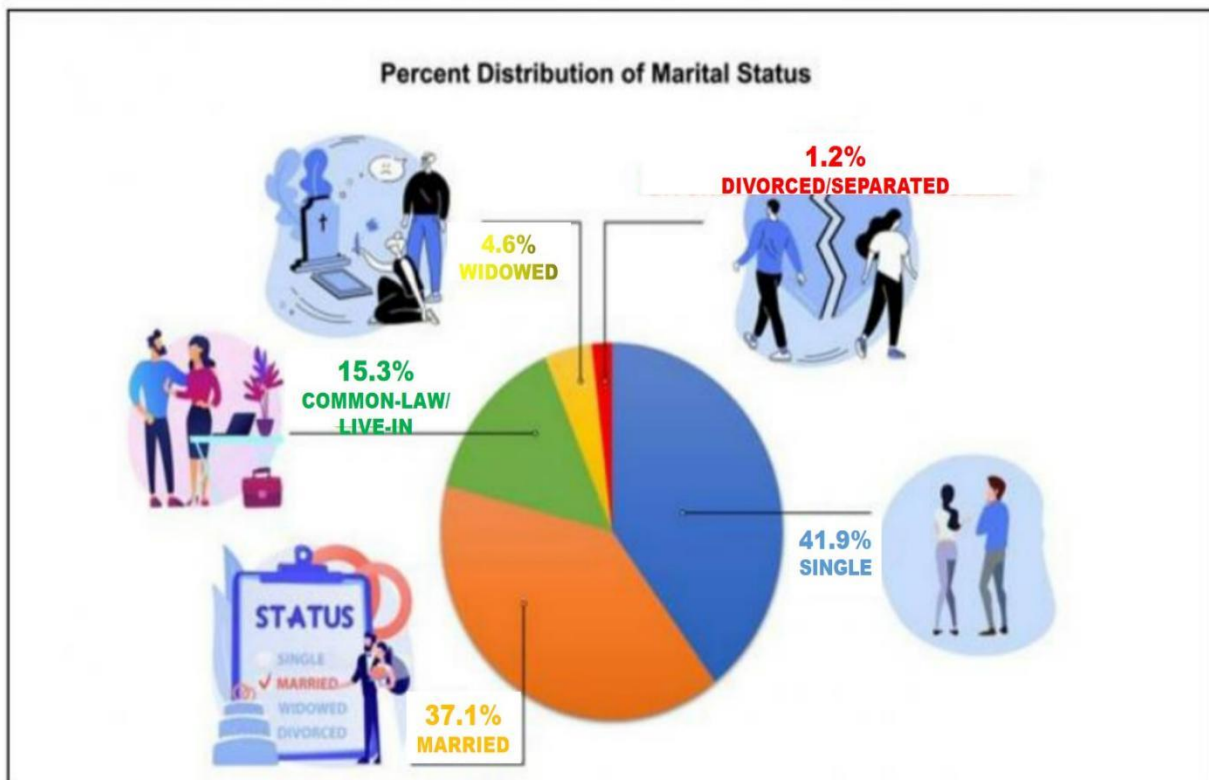
Four in Every Ten Population Were Never Married in the Province of Romblon (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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1. Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), the province of Romblon has a total household population of 308,072 persons. Of this total, household population 10 years old and over comprised 79.1 percent or 243,569 persons.

2. Of the 243,569 persons aged 10 years old and over in 2020, a total of 102,029 persons (41.9%) were never married, while 90,294 persons (37.1 percent) were married. The rest of the population was categorized as follows: in common-law/live-in marital arrangement with 15.3 percent, widowed with 4.6 percent, and divorced/separated/annulled with 1.2 percent.

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Marital Status: Romblon, 2020



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

3. A decline of 2.1 percentage points in single or never-married persons was observed between 2015 and 2020, from 44.0 percent in 2015 to 41.9 percent in 2020. (Table 2)

4. There was also a decline in the percentage of married persons in between 2015 and 2020, from 39.8 percent in 2015 to 37.1 percent in 2020. (Table 2)

5. Among individuals with common law or live-in arrangements, the percentage increased from 5.8 percent in 2015 to 15.3 percent in 2020. The same trend was observed among those widowed, registering 1.1 percent in 2015 to 4.6 percent in 2020. On the other hand, the percentage of divorced/separated decreased from 9.2 percent in 2015 to 1.2 percent in 2020. (Table 2)

6. In terms of distribution by sex, 45.6 percent of households were composed of single men while 38.0 percent were composed of single women. On the other hand, 36.5 percent of males and 37.7 percent of females were married. Meanwhile, 15.0 percent of males and 15.6 percent of females were in common law or live-in marital arrangements. The remaining percentage was distributed between widowed and divorced/separated/annulled. The widowed has a percentage of 1.8 percent for males and 7.4 percent for their female counterparts. Finally, the percentage of divorced/separated/annulled males and females was 1.1 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. (Table 2)

Table 1. Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Sex and Marital Status: Romblon, 2020 and 2015

Census Year	Household Population 10 Years Old and Over	Marital Status					
		Single	Married	Common Law/ Live-in	Widowed	Divorced/ Separated	Unknown
2020							
Both Sexes	243,569	102,029	90,294	37,230	11,096	2,915	5
Male	123,396	56,312	45,018	18,492	2,228	1,344	2
Female	120,173	45,717	45,276	18,738	8,868	1,571	3
2015							
Both Sexes	226,196	99,586	90,132	13,200	2,403	20,871	4
Male	113,476	55,342	44,540	2,585	1,070	9,937	2
Female	112,720	44,244	45,592	10,615	1,333	10,934	2
Source:	Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population						

Table 2. Percent Distribution of Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Sex and Marital Status: Romblon, 2020 and 2015

Census Year	Household Population 10 Years Old and Over	Marital Status					
		Single	Married	Common Law/ Live-in	Widowed	Divorced/ Separated	Unknown
'2020							
Both Sexes	243569	41.9	37.1	15.3	4.6	1.2	0.0
Male	123396	45.6	36.5	15.0	1.8	1.1	0.0
Female	120173	38.0	37.7	15.6	7.4	1.3	0.0
'2015							
Both Sexes	226,196	44.0	39.8	5.8	1.1	9.2	0.0
Male	113,476	48.8	39.3	2.3	0.9	8.8	0.0
Female	112,720	39.3	40.4	9.4	1.2	9.7	0.0
Source:	Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population						

There are more males than females among the never-married persons

7. Among the never-married persons, a higher proportions of males (55.2%) were reported in 2020 than its female counterparts. However, opposite trend had been observed among married and those in common-law/live-in marital arrangements with 49.9 percent and 49.7 percent, respectively. (Table 3)

8. The proportion of females was higher than males among widowed (79.9%) and divorced/separated/annulled (53.9%). (Table 3)

Table 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Male and Female Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Marital Status: Romblon, 2020

Marital Status	Household Population 10 Years Old and Over			Percent Distribution	
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Male	Female
Single	102029	56312	45717	55.2	44.8
Married	90294	45018	45276	49.9	50.1
Common Law/ Live-in	37230	18492	18738	49.7	50.3
Widowed	11096	2228	8868	20.1	79.9
Divorced/Separated/ Annull	2915	1344	1571	46.1	53.9
Unknown	5	2	3	40.0	60.0

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

Corcuera posts the highest proportion of single individuals, Concepcion for married individuals

9. By municipality, the proportion of single or never-married individuals was highest in Corcuera at 46.6 percent. This was followed by San Fernando with 45.9 percent and Banton with 45.2 percent. Meanwhile, Concepcion posted the lowest proportion of never-married individuals at 36.7 percent. (Table 4)

10. Concepcion posted the highest proportion of married persons with 48.9 percent. This was followed by Odiongan with 41.9 percent, Banton with 40.0 percent, Ferrol with 39.6 percent and Corcuera with 38.8 percent. On the other hand, the lowest proportion of married persons was observed in Cajidiocan and San Fernando with both 32.0 percent. (Table 4)

Common law/Live-in marital arrangement is most prevalent in the municipalities of Magdiwang and San Jose

11. The proportion of persons in common law or live-in marital arrangement was highest in the municipalities of Magdiwang and San Jose, both with 18.8 percent. It was followed by Santa Fe with 18.5 percent and Santa Maria with 18.3 percent. The lowest proportion was observed in Banton with only 6.5 percent. (Table 4).

12. Meanwhile, the prevalence of divorced/separated/annulled individuals was highest in San Agustin with 2.0 percent. (Table 4)

13. On the other hand, the proportion of widowed persons was highest in Banton with 7.1 percent. It was followed by Concepcion with 6.8 percent and Looc with 5.1 percent. (Table 4)

Table 4. Distribution of Household Population 10 Years Old and Over by Marital Status and Municipality: Romblon, 2020

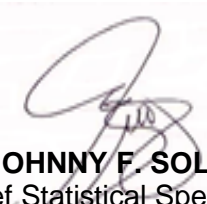
Province/ Municipality	Household Population 10 Years Old and	Marital Status					
		Single	Married	Common Law/ Live-in	Widowed	Divorced/ Separated	Unknown
ROMBLON	243,569	41.9	37.1	15.3	4.6	1.2	0.00
Alcantara	13,584	42.9	37.9	13.0	5.0	1.1	- .00
Banton	4,760	45.2	40.0	6.5	7.1	1.3	0.02
Cajidiocan	18,260	45.0	32.0	17.5	4.3	1.2	- .00
Calatrava	8,875	43.0	35.9	15.6	4.5	1.0	- .00
Concepcion	2,881	36.7	48.9	5.9	6.8	1.7	- .00
Corcuera	8,348	46.6	38.8	8.0	5.9	0.7	- .00
Looc	17,140	39.8	38.3	15.4	5.1	1.4	- .00
Magdiwang	12,012	44.2	32.6	18.8	3.8	0.6	0.01
Odiongan	39,513	38.3	41.9	13.4	4.8	1.6	0.01
Romblon (C)	31,920	41.2	38.5	14.8	4.2	1.3	- .00
San Agustin	19,067	42.5	34.9	15.9	4.7	2.0	- .00
San Andres	12,384	41.3	37.0	15.9	4.7	1.1	- .00
San Fernando	18,634	45.9	32.0	17.4	4.1	0.6	- .00
San Jose	9,072	42.6	34.0	18.8	3.7	0.9	- .00
Santa Fe	13,663	40.9	36.0	18.5	3.8	0.8	- .00
Ferrol	6,251	39.5	39.6	16.2	3.7	1.0	- .00
Santa Maria	7,205	40.4	36.0	18.3	4.1	1.2	- .00

Note: details may not add up to total due to rounding

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

The statistics presented in this report were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who answered the questions and gave correct information about all the household members.

In the 2020 CPH, data on the marital status of every household member 10 years old and over were collected by asking the respondents, “Is _____ single, married, common-law/live-in, widowed, or divorced/separated/annulled?”.



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TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2020 CPH was undertaken by the Philippine Statistics Authority in September 2020 pursuant to Republic Act No. 10625, also known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 and B.P. Blg. 72 further accorded the PSA the authority to conduct population censuses every ten (10) years beginning in 1980.

Information on the count of the population were collected with 12:01 a.m. of May 1, 2020 as the census reference time and date.

The 2020 CPH is the country’s 15th Census of Population and 7th Census of Housing since 1903.

His Excellency President Rodrigo R. Duterte declared as official for all purposes the population counts by province, city/municipality, and barangay, based on the 2020 CPH under Proclamation No. 1179 dated 06 July 2021.

The successful completion of the census-taking was made possible with the support of the local and national officials, government agencies, local government units, media, private agencies, and non-government organizations.