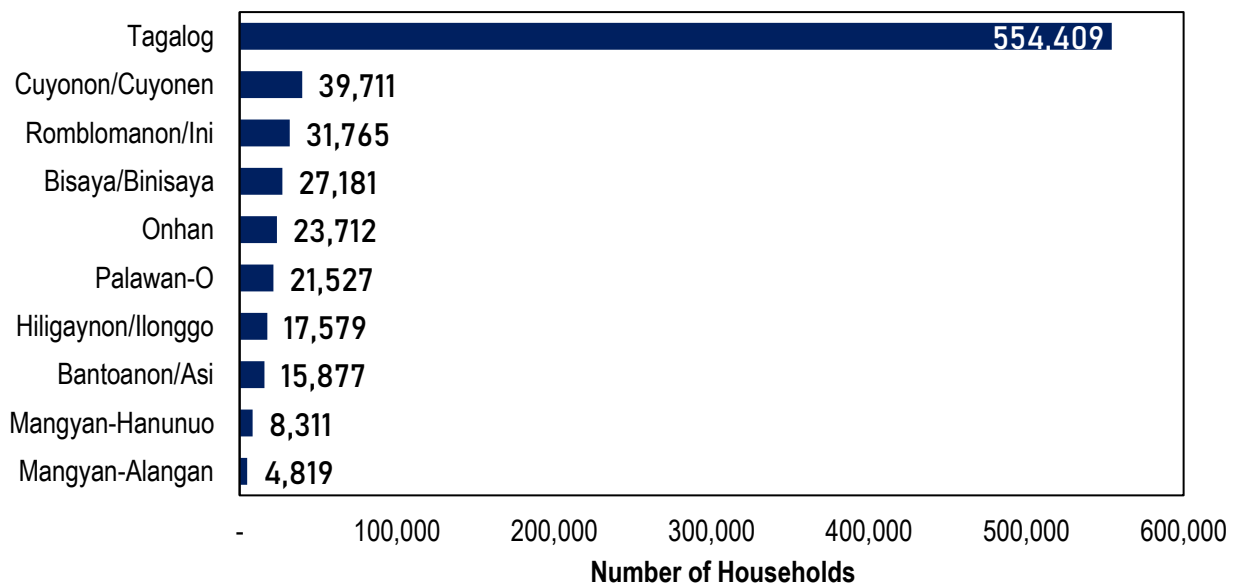# SPECIAL RELEASE

Languages / Dialects Spoken at Home in the MIMAROPA Region (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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Tagalog is the language generally spoken in nearly seven in every ten households in the region

Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH), Tagalog is spoken in 554,409 households or 69.9 percent of the total 792,834 households in the MIMAROPA Region. Cuyonon / Cuyonen was the second most generally spoken language at home with 39,711 households (5.0%), followed by Romblomanon / Ini with 31,765 households (4.0%), Bisaya / Binisaya with 27,181 households (3.4%), and Onhan with 23,712 households (3.0%). (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. Top Ten Languages / Dialects Spoken at Home in the MIMAROPA Region: 2020

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

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**Table 1. Proportion to the Total Households [1/] of the
Top 10 Languages / Dialects Spoken at Home
in the MIMAROPA Region: 2020**

Rank	Language / Dialect Spoken at Home	Number of Households [1/]	Percentage Share
	All Languages / Dialects	792,834	
	Top 10 Languages / Dialects	744,891	94.0
1	Tagalog	554,409	70.0
2	Cuyonon / Cuyonen	39,711	5.0
3	Romblomanon / Ini	31,765	4.0
4	Bisaya / Binisaya	27,181	3.4
5	Onhan	23,712	3.0
6	Palawan-O	21,527	2.7
7	Hiligaynon / Ilonggo	17,579	2.2
8	Bantoanon / Asi	15,877	2.0
9	Mangyan-Hanunuo	8,311	1.0
10	Mangyan-Alangan	4,819	0.6

Note: 1/ Excludes 41 households who were enumerated as homeless at the time of the census.
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Other languages/dialects such as Palawan-O, Hiligaynon / Ilonggo, Bantoanon / Asi, Mangyan-Hanunuo, and Mangyan-Alagan were generally spoken by 68,113 households in the region (8.6%). The top 10 languages / dialects presented in Table 1 accounted for nearly 94.0 percent of all languages / dialects spoken by MIMAROPA household members at their home.

Marinduque is the most homogenous province in terms of language spoken by its households

Among provinces in the region, Marinduque was the most homogenous in terms of language / dialect spoken by its households as nearly all of its households (99.8%) generally spoke Tagalog at home. Occidental Mindoro and Oriental Mindoro followed each with 86.6 percent of its total households used Tagalog in usual conversations at home. Meanwhile, the province of Palawan, except the City of Puerto Princesa, had only 50.0 percent of its households with Tagalog as the top language spoken at home. (Table 2)

In the lone highly urbanized City of Puerto Princesa, nearly nine out of ten households (89.2%) reported Tagalog as the language they use in everyday conversations at home. (Table 2)

Table 2. Proportion to the Total Number of Households of the Top Three Languages / Dialects Spoken by Households at Home by Province and Highly Urbanized City, MIMAROPA Region: 2020

Province and Highly Urbanized City	Total Number of Households 1/	Provincial and Highly Urbanized City's Top Three Languages / Dialects Spoken at Home with Corresponding Proportion to its Total Number of Households (Percent)					
		Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3	
		Language / Dialect	Pct.	Language / Dialect	Pct.	Language / Dialect	Pct.
Marinduque	60,551	Tagalog	99.8	American / English	0.1	Bisaya / Binisaya	0.0
Occidental Mindoro	126,627	Tagalog	86.6	Bisaya / Binisaya	5.9	Mangyan-Alangan	1.9
Oriental Mindoro	215,071	Tagalog	88.6	Bisaya / Binisaya	3.6	Mangyan-Hanunuo	3.5
Palawan	230,824	Tagalog	50.0	Cuyonon / Cuyonen	15.6	Palawan-O	9.3
Romblon	77,635	Romblomanon / Ini	40.7	Onhan	30.5	Bantoanon / Asi	20.3
City of Puerto Princesa	82,126	Tagalog	89.2	Cuyonon / Cuyonen	4.5	Bisaya / Binisaya	2.1

Notes: Cell value of 0.0 under the percent share column means less than 0.05 percent.
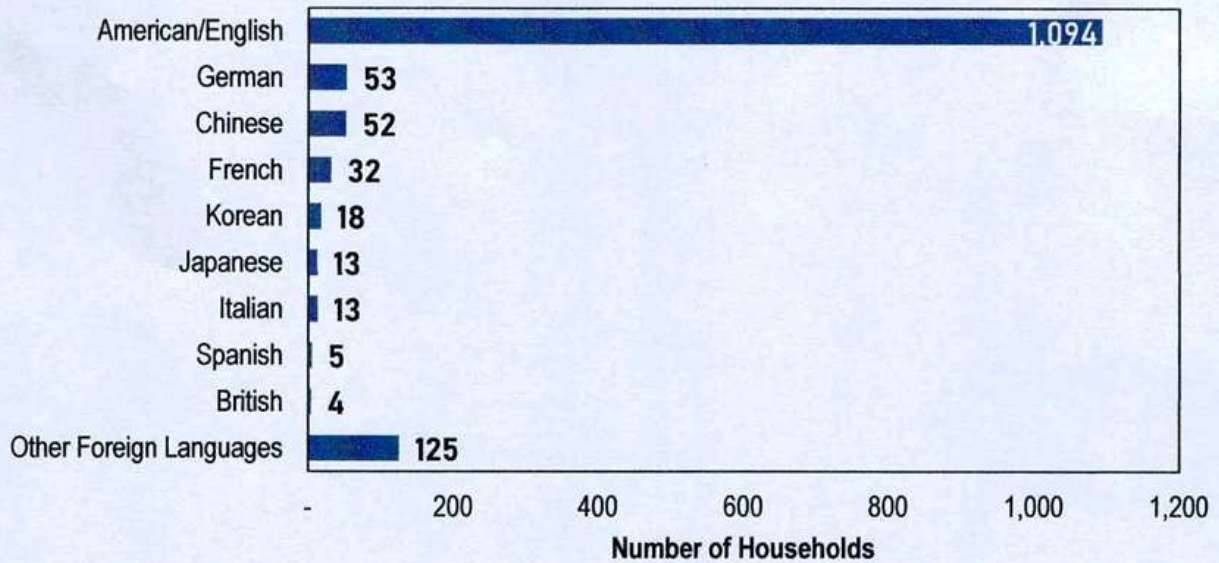1/ Excludes households enumerated as homeless at the time of the census.
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Meanwhile, Romblomanon was the most common dialect spoken by households in Romblon as reported by more than two in every five households in the province (40.7%). Onhan and Bantoanon / Asi were the next common dialect used in everyday conversation by households in Romblon with a corresponding share of 30.5 percent and 20.3 percent. (Table 2)

American English is generally spoken at home by more than three in every four households in MIMAROPA who converse with a foreign language

In 2020, there were 1,409 households in the MIMAROPA who generally speak in a foreign language at home. This constituted 0.2 percent of the region's total number of households not enumerated as homeless during the time of the census. American / English ranked first with 1,094 households as the language they generally spoke at home and had 77.6 percent share among those households in the region who can converse using a foreign language at home. This were followed by German with 53 households (3.8% share), Chinese with 52 households (3.7% share), French with 32 households (2.3% share), and Korean with 18 households (1.3% share). (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Foreign Languages Spoken at Home in the MIMAROPA Region: 2020

Language	Number of Households
American/English	1,094
German	53
Chinese	52
French	32
Korean	18
Japanese	13
Italian	13
Spanish	5
British	4
Other Foreign Languages	125

Number of Households

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

The statistics presented in this Special Release were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who may provide accurate answers to the questions and give correct information about the household. Moreover, the number of households cited in this release, which totals to 792,834, excludes those enumerated as homeless.

The data on the language/dialect generally spoken at home were collected by asking the respondent, "*What is the language/dialect generally spoken at home by the members of this household?*".

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TECHNICAL NOTES

I.   Introduction

The Philippine Statistics Authority conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with 01 May 2020 as reference date.

The 2020 CPH was the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing that was undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take inventory of the total population and housing units in the country and collect information about their characteristics.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Codes as of March 2022 was used for the disaggregation of geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

II.   Data Collection

The number of households in this Press Release may not be equal to the reported number in Report No. 1, as the Special Release on Household Characteristics excludes households found as homeless. In Report No.1, the total number of households in the MIMAROPA Region is 792,875, while the coverage of this Special Release includes only 792,834 households.

The statistics presented in this release were based on the information provided by the respondent or any responsible household member who may provide accurate answers to the questions and give correct information about all the household members.

III.   Methodology

The population and housing censuses in the Philippines are conducted on a "de jure" basis, wherein 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 language/dialect generally spoken at home were collected by asking the respondent, "*What is the language/dialect generally spoken at home by members of this household?*".

IV.   Concepts and Definition of Terms

A **household** is 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.

Household population comprises of persons who belong to a household.

Language/dialect generally spoken at home refers to the language or dialect generally used or spoken by the members of the household most of the time at home. It provides a measure of the linguistic homogeneity or difference in the population. Specifically, it measures the extent of the actual use of a language/dialect within a household. The Philippines' official languages are Filipino and English.