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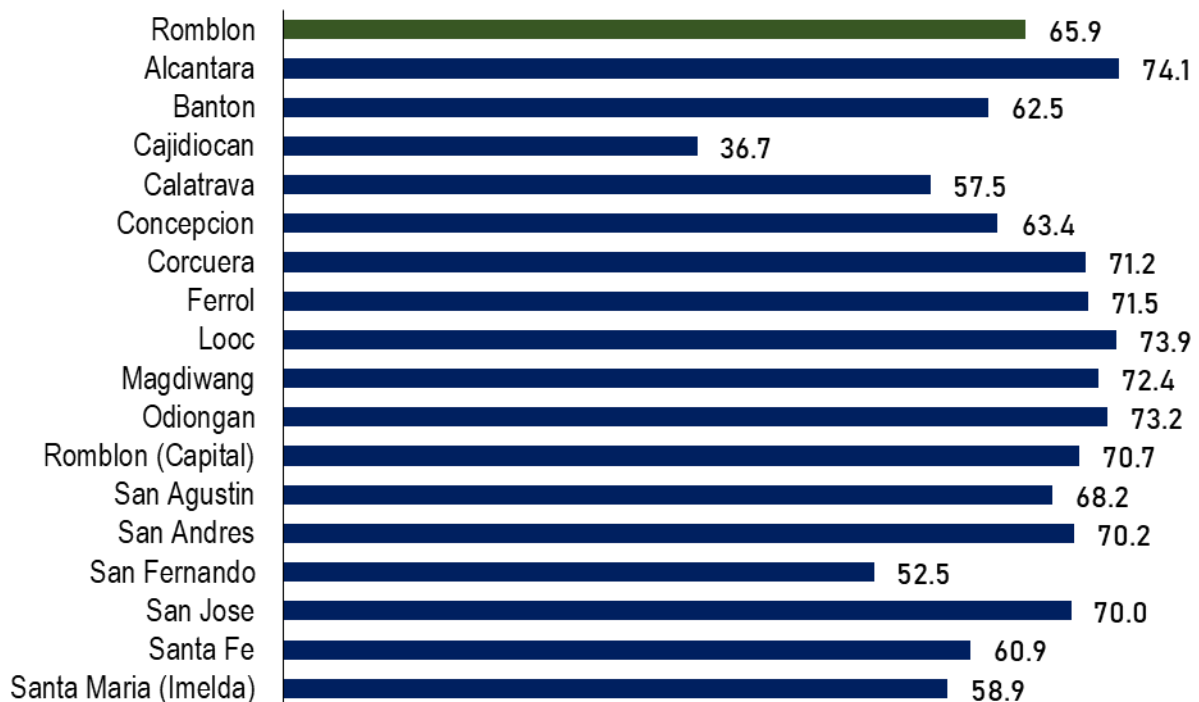
Internet Access/Use by Households in Romblon (2020 Census of Population and Housing)

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Less than half of the total households had Internet access

As of 12:01 a.m. of 01 May 2020, the province of Romblon had a total of 77,634 households. Of these, 65.9 percent or 51,126 households reported that they have access to the Internet. This was 13.8 percentage points higher than the regional rate of 52.1 percent. (Table A and Figure 1)

**Figure 1. Proportion of Households with Internet Access
by Municipality: Romblon, 2020**



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

Among municipalities, Alcantara had the highest proportion of its households with Internet access at 74.1 percent. This was closely followed by Looc with 73.9 percent, and Odiongan with 73.2 percent. Meanwhile, Cajidiocan had the lowest proportion with less than two in every five of its households or 36.7 percent have access to the Internet. This was followed by San Fernando with 52.5 percent. (Figure 1)

Odiongan had the most number of households in the province that have access to the Internet

In terms of share to the total number of households in the province, Odiongan posted the highest number of households having Internet access with 18.3 percent share. This was followed by Romblon with 14.4 share to the total household who access the Internet. Concepcion, on the other hand, posted the lowest number of households with Internet access at 1.3 percent. (Table 1)

Table 1. Number and Percent Distribution of Households with Internet Access by Municipality: Romblon, 2020

Municipality	Number of Households	Households with Internet Access	
		Number	Percent
Romblon	77,634	51,126	100.0
Alcantara	4,149	3,076	6.0
Banton	1,495	935	1.8
Cajidiocan	5,898	2,166	4.2
Calatrava	2,686	1,544	3.0
Concepcion	1,054	668	1.3
Corcuera	2,510	1,788	3.5
Looc	5,641	4,171	8.2
Magdiwang	3,624	2,623	5.1
Odiongan	12,769	9,346	18.3
Romblon (Capital)	10,406	7,357	14.4
San Agustin	5,952	4,062	7.9
San Andres	4,094	2,872	5.6
San Fernando	5,640	2,959	5.8
San Jose	2,832	1,981	3.9
Santa Fe	4,489	2,736	5.4
Ferrol	1,999	1,429	2.8
Santa Maria (Imelda)	2,396	1,412	2.8

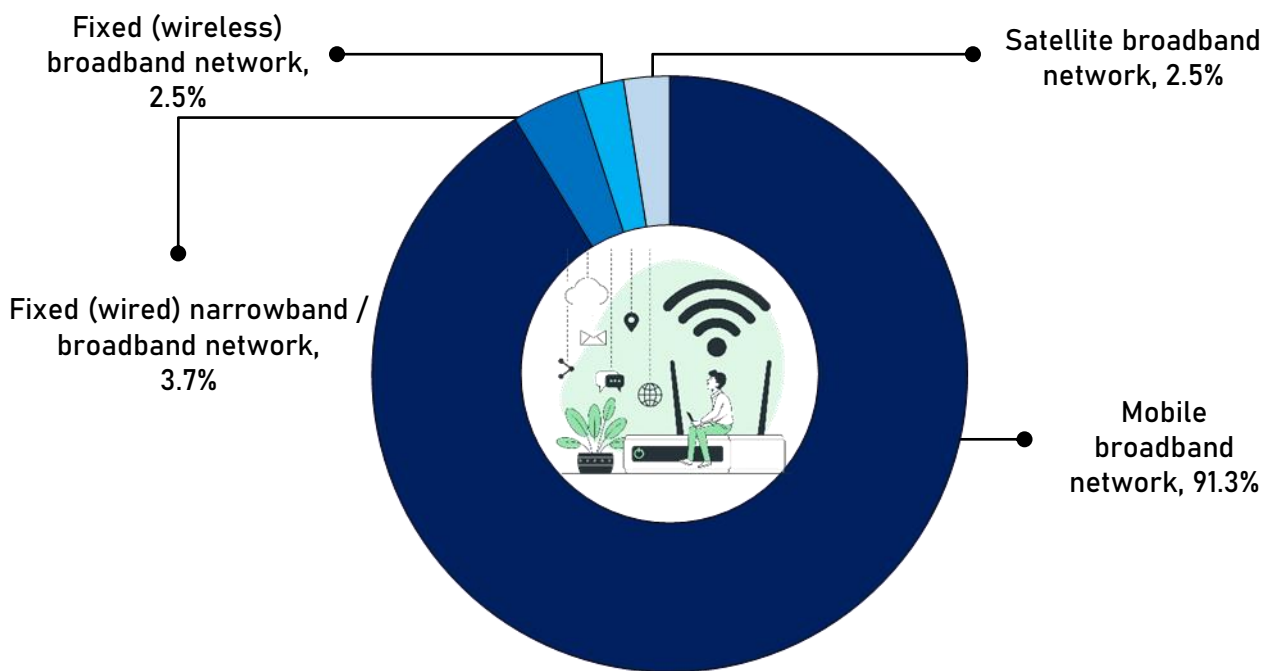
Notes: Figures are based on 20-percent sample households. Details may not add up to total due to rounding off.

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

More than 9 in every 10 households with Internet access reported mobile broadband network as main type of Internet connection

It was reported that 91.3 percent of the households in Romblon have Internet connection through a mobile broadband network. This is an internet connection via a handset, a card (integrated Subscriber Identity Module or SIM card) or a USB modem. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Households with Internet Access by Type of Internet Connection: Romblon, 2020



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

On the other hand, Internet connection through fixed (wired) narrowband / broadband network were reported by 3.7 percent of the households while 2.5 percent each through fixed (wireless) broadband and satellite broadband networks. (Figure 2).

Mobile broadband was the most common type of Internet connection in the Odiongan

Across all households in the province that reported mobile broadband network as their main type of Internet connection, Odiongan had the highest number of households with 18.4 percent out of the total 48,899 households in Romblon. This was followed by the municipalities of Romblon with 14.5 percent and Looc with 8.2 percent. (Table 2)

For the fixed (wired) narrowband / broadband network, Odiongan had the highest share with 27.7 percent of the total 1,977 households in the province who primarily use the said kind of network in accessing the Internet. This was followed by the municipalities of Romblon (12.4%) and San Fernando (8.9%). (Table 2)

Moreover, Odiongan top those reporting fixed (wireless) broadband network as main type of Internet connection with 26.8 percent share to the province's 1,346 households. San Agustin and Banton followed with a corresponding share of 9.6 percent and 8.5 percent. (Table 2)

Furthermore, more than a fifth of 1,335 households in the province that mainly connect to the Internet through satellite broadband network is contributed by Odiongan (20.2%). The municipalities of Alcantara and Romblon followed with a corresponding share of 17.2 percent and 13.0 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Number and Percent Distribution of Households with Internet Access by Type of Connection and by Municipality: Romblon, 2020

Municipality	Type of Internet Connection			
	Fixed (wired) narrowband / broadband network		Fixed (wireless) broadband network	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Romblon	1,977	100.0	1,346	100.0
Alcantara	91	4.6	14	1.0
Banton	9	0.5	115	8.5
Cajidiocan	76	3.8	43	3.2
Calatrava	40	2.0	47	3.5
Concepcion	14	0.7	21	1.6
Corcuera	34	1.7	112	8.3
Looc	184	9.3	95	7.1
Magdiwang	113	5.7	38	2.8
Odiongan	548	27.7	361	26.8
Romblon (Capital)	245	12.4	69	5.1
San Agustin	162	8.2	129	9.6
San Andres	65	3.3	90	6.7
San Fernando	175	8.9	68	5.1
San Jose	75	3.8	25	1.9
Santa Fe	37	1.9	76	5.6
Ferrol	10	0.5	29	2.2
Santa Maria (Imelda)	100	5.1	15	1.1

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Municipality	Type of Internet Connection			
	Satellite broadband network		Mobile broadband network	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Romblon	1,335	100.0	48,899	100.0
Alcantara	229	17.2	2,826	5.8
Banton	9	0.7	812	1.7
Cajidiocan	158	11.8	2,005	4.1
Calatrava	40	3.0	1,490	3.0
Concepcion	-	-	652	1.3
Corcuera	19	1.4	1,759	3.6
Looc	81	6.1	4,023	8.2
Magdiwang	25	1.9	2,545	5.2
Odiongan	270	20.2	9,013	18.4
Romblon (Capital)	173	13.0	7,071	14.5
San Agustin	59	4.4	3,876	7.9
San Andres	59	4.4	2,802	5.7
San Fernando	78	5.8	2,759	5.6
San Jose	25	1.9	1,917	3.9
Santa Fe	95	7.1	2,610	5.3
Ferrol	5	0.4	1,429	2.9
Santa Maria (Imelda)	10	0.7	1,308	2.7

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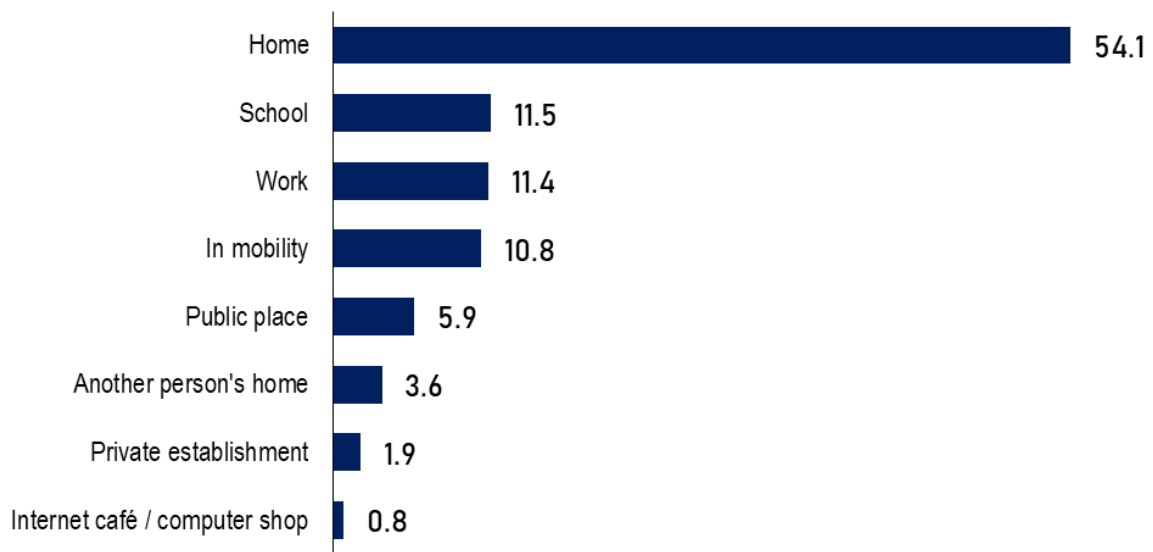
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Nearly 11 in every 20 households used the Internet at home

Home was where most households in Romblon connect to the Internet, with 54.1 percent of the households in 2020. This was followed by those utilizing the Internet at school (11.5%) and at the workplace (11.4%). Furthermore, Internet was also used in mobility, via mobile cellular telephone or other handheld devices that are connected to a mobile phone network, with 10.8 percent share. (Table B and Figure 3)

Figure 3. Percent Distribution of Households using the Internet by Location: Romblon, 2020



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

Across all households in the province that reported their location they commonly access the Internet, Odiongan had the highest number of households with 18.3 percent out of 51,623 households in the province who access Internet at home. Likewise, the same municipality posted the highest share among households that utilizes the Internet across location, namely: in a private establishment (32.9%), at the workplace (25.3%), at a public place (25.0%), at school (20.8%). (Table B)

The municipality of Romblon, on the other hand, had the highest number of households with 25.7 percent out of 10,337 households in the province who access Internet in mobility. The same municipality got the highest share among households that connect to the Internet in an Internet café or computer shop (59.0%) and at another person's home (26.6%). (Table B)

The statistics presented in this report 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.

The following data items were collected by the enumerator from a sample of 20 percent of the total households in the enumeration area/s using CPH Form 3 (Sample Household Questionnaire) or CPH Form 7 (Self-Administered Questionnaire for Sample Household):

1. Internet access ("*What type/s of internet access is/are available at home?*"), and
2. Internet use ("*Where did this household member/s use the internet in the last three (3) months?*")



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