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Highlights of Population of Banton Based on the 2024 Census of Population

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Banton's population recorded at 5,848

The population of the municipality of Banton as of July 1, 2024 was 5,848 persons. This population count is based on the 2024 Census of Population (2024 POPCEN).

This count has been declared official for all purposes by the President of the Philippines through Proclamation No. 973 dated 11 July 2025, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10625, or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, and Executive Order No. 87, s. 2025. These mandate the conduct of periodic censuses to provide government planners, policymakers, and administrators with essential data for crafting social and economic development plans and programs.

This municipal population figure reflects the total number of persons living in the 17 barangays of the municipality as of 12:01 AM on 01 July 2024. It also includes Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

The population in 2024 is higher by 111 compared with the population in 2020, and by 312 compared with the population in 2015. Table 1 shows the comparative results of the population in the past 4 censuses.

Table 1. Total Population of Banton: 2010 – 2024

| Census Year | Reference Date | Total Population |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2024 | July 1, 2024 | 5,848 |
| 2020 | May 1, 2020 | 5,737 |
| 2015 | August 1, 2015 | 5,536 |
| 2010 | May 1, 2010 | 5,963 |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority
2010 CPH, 2015 POPCEN, 2020 CPH, 2024 POPCEN

Banton's population grew by 0.46 percent

From 2020 to 2024, the population of Banton grew at an average annual rate of 0.46 percent, a slowdown compared to the 0.75 percent growth rate recorded from 2015 to 2020. This deceleration in population growth may be attributed to a combination of interrelated factors, including declining fertility and birth rates, increased mortality during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the increase in its population was primarily



attributed to the in-migration pattern observed during pandemic period. Municipal residents started to settle down in the municipality even after the pandemic.

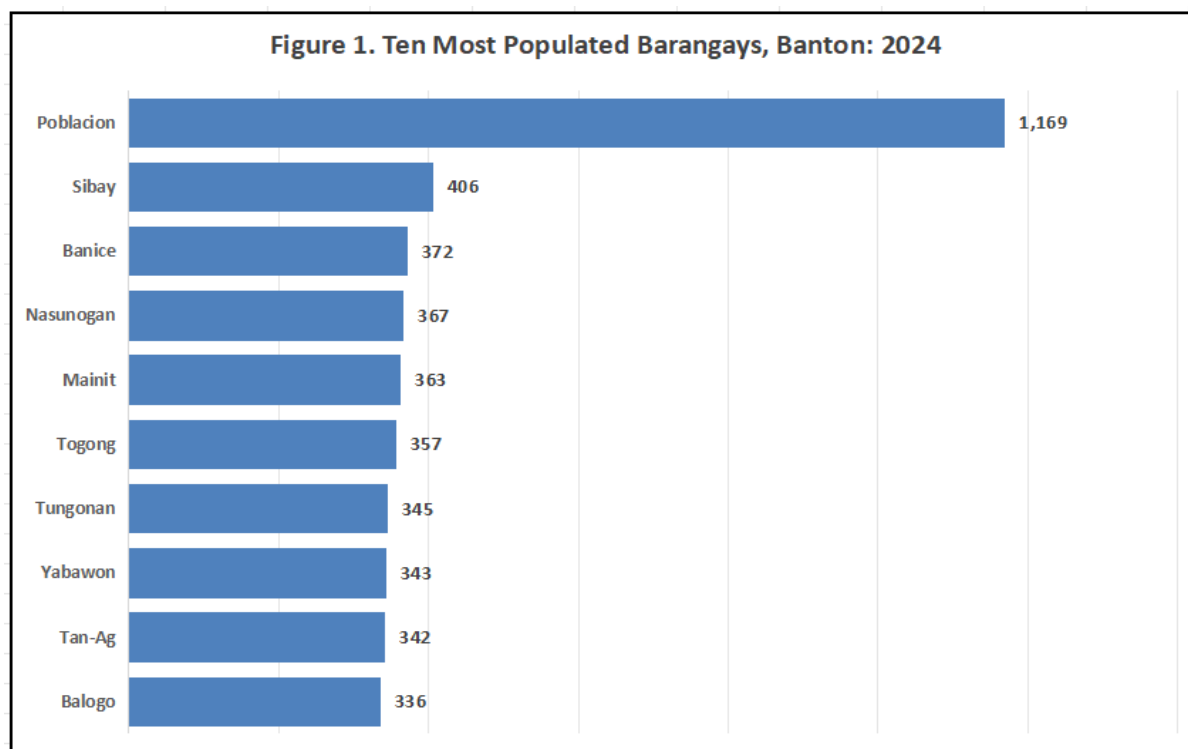
Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate of Banton

| Reference Period | Annual Population Growth Rate (in percent) |
|------------------|---|
| 2020-2024 | 0.46 |
| 2015-2020 | 0.75 |
| 2010-2015 | -1.40 |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority
2010 CPH, 2015 POPCEN, 2020 CPH, 2024 POPCEN

One in every five Bantoanon resides in Poblacion

The municipality of Banton comprises 17 barangays. In 2024, Barangay Poblacion recorded the highest population at 1,169, accounting for 20.0 percent of the municipal total. It was followed by the barangays of Sibay with 406 residents (6.9%) and Banice with 372 residents (6.4%). Collectively, these three barangays comprised approximately 33.3 percent of Banton's total population (Figure 1 and Table 3). Ranking fourth and fifth in terms of population were the barangays of Nasunogan (367) and Mainit (363), respectively.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 POPCEN



Barangay Lagang was the smallest barangay, in terms of population size, with only 102 persons. It was followed by Barangay Nabalay with 168 persons. Their population represents 1.7 percent and 2.9 percent, respectively.

Out of the seventeen barangays of the municipality, 11 had a positive annual population growth rate (APGR). Barangay Togbongan had the highest growth rate with 19.03 percent. It was followed by Nabalay (14.94%), Nasunogan (6.16%), Yabawon (1.99%) and Banice (1.97%).

Table 3. Population Distribution by Barangay: Banton, 2024

| Municipality/ Barangay | Total Population | | | APGR (2020-2024) |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 01 August 2015 | 01 May 2020 | 01 July 2024 | |
| BANTON | 5,536 | 5,737 | 5,848 | 0.46 |
| Balogo | 450 | 401 | 336 | -4.15 |
| Banice | 382 | 343 | 372 | 1.97 |
| Hambi-an | 291 | 255 | 251 | -0.38 |
| Lagang | 65 | 101 | 102 | 0.24 |
| Libtong | 239 | 198 | 214 | 1.88 |
| Mainit | 342 | 361 | 363 | 0.13 |
| Nabalay | 83 | 94 | 168 | 14.94 |
| Nasunogan | 320 | 286 | 367 | 6.16 |
| Poblacion | 1,173 | 1,336 | 1,169 | -3.15 |
| Sibay | 367 | 335 | 406 | 4.72 |
| Tan-Ag | 278 | 334 | 342 | 0.57 |
| Toctoc | 135 | 183 | 189 | 0.78 |
| Togbongan | 67 | 104 | 215 | 19.03 |
| Togong | 362 | 371 | 357 | -0.92 |
| Tungonan | 333 | 368 | 345 | -1.54 |
| Tumalum | 322 | 351 | 309 | -3.01 |
| Yabawon | 327 | 316 | 343 | 1.99 |

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority
2015 POPCEN, 2020 CPH, 2024 POPCEN


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