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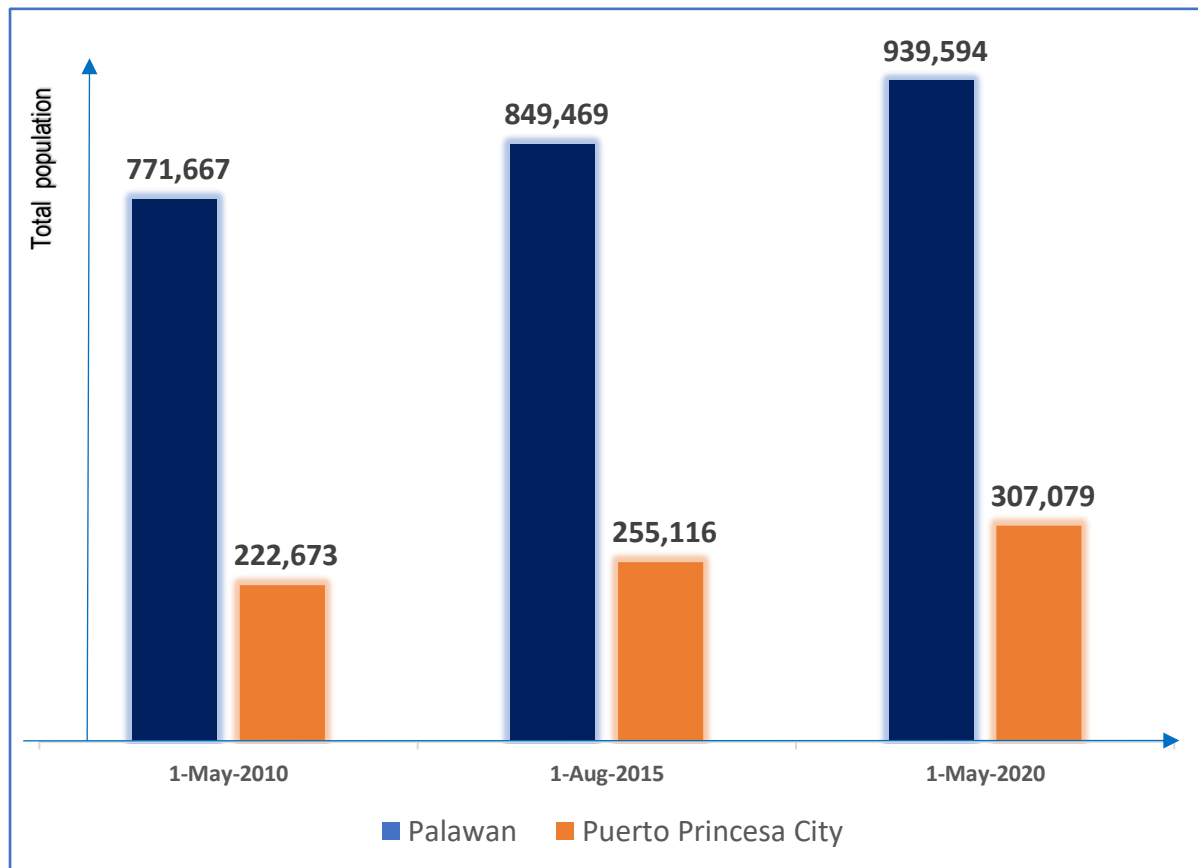
Highlights of the Population Density of Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- As of 01 May 2020, the population of the province of Palawan was 939,594 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). Meanwhile, the City of Puerto Princesa, a highly urbanized city, registered a total population of 307,079 persons, (Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Total Population of Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa:
2010, 2015, and 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- With a total land area of 14,649.73 square kilometers, the population density of the province of Palawan in 2020 was recorded at 64 persons per square kilometer. This represents an increase of about 10.3 percent or 6 persons per square kilometer from the population density of 58 persons per square kilometer in 2015. In 2010, there were 53 persons residing in the province for every square kilometer of land.

On the other hand, the City of Puerto Princesa with total land area of 2,381.02 square kilometers, posted a population density of 129 persons per square kilometer in 2020. This represents an increase of 22 persons per square kilometer or 20.6 percent from the population density of 107 persons per square kilometer in 2015. In 2010, there were 94 persons residing in every square kilometer of land in the city, (Table 1).

Table 1. Population Density of Palawan and Puerto Princesa City: 2010, 2015, and 2020

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer of Land)		
	2010	2015	2020
Palawan	53	58	64
Puerto Princesa City	94	107	129

Source: *Philippine Statistics Authority*

- In Palawan (excluding Puerto Princesa City), the three biggest municipalities in terms of land area were: San Vicente with 1,462.94 square kilometers, Brooke's Point with 1,303.40 square kilometers, and Taytay with 1,257.68 square kilometers. If combined, the total land area of the three municipalities comprised more than 25 percent of the total land area of the province. The municipality of Cagayancillo has the smallest land area of 26.39 square kilometers.
- Among municipalities, Agutaya recorded the most densely populated area with a population density of 345 persons per square kilometer. This figure is almost 6 times of the population density of 64 persons per square kilometer posted at the provincial level. This translates to an additional 9 persons per square kilometer or 2.6 percent from the 336 persons per square kilometer reported in 2015. The population density of Agutaya in 2010 was 319 per square kilometer. This was followed by Cuyo with 277 persons, and Cagayancillo with 261 persons. The top

three densely populated municipalities in 2020 were island municipalities located in the northern part of the province.

- Majority, or 60.9 percent of the municipalities surpassed the provincial population density of 64 persons per square kilometer in 2020.
- Kalayaan was the most sparsely populated municipality in the province in 2020, with only one person residing in every square kilometer. Other municipalities with the lowest population density were San Vicente with 23 persons, and Rizal with 45 persons.


Table 2. Total Population, Land Area, and Population Density by City/Municipality: Palawan, 2020

Rank	Municipality	Total Population	Land Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer of land)
	Puerto Princesa City (Capital)	307,079	2,381.02	129
	PALAWAN	939,594	14,649.73	64
1	Agutaya	12,867	37.31	345
2	Cuyo	23,489	84.95	277
3	Cagayancillo	6,884	26.39	261
4	Magsaysay	12,603	49.48	255
5	Bataraza	85,439	726.20	118
6	Coron	65,855	689.10	96
7	Narra	77,948	831.73	94
8	Linapacan	16,424	195.44	84
9	Sofronio Española	37,416	473.91	79
10	Balabac	42,527	581.60	73
11	Araceli	14,434	204.30	71
12	Quezon	65,283	943.19	69
13	Taytay	83,357	1,257.68	66
14	Busuanga	25,617	392.90	65
15	Roxas	69,624	1,177.56	59
16	Brooke's Point	73,994	1,303.40	57
17	El Nido	50,494	923.26	55
18	Dumaran	23,528	435.00	54
19	Aborlan	38,736	807.33	48
20	Culion	23,213	499.59	46
21	Rizal	56,162	1,256.47	45
22	San Vicente	33,507	1,462.94	23
23	Kalayaan	193	290.00	1

TECHNICAL NOTES

The population figures in this report were based from the results of the 2020 CPH. The population density (or the number of persons per square kilometer of land) was derived based on the population residing only in the province of Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa as of 12:01 AM of May 01, 2020. Hence, residents of the province and the city residing in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad were excluded from the total population count.

Meanwhile, the land areas stipulated in this report were based on the 2013 Masterlist of Land Areas of Cities and Municipalities provided by the Land Management Bureau (LMB) to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).


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