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Institutional Population of the Philippines Based on the 2024 Census of Population (2024 POPCEN)

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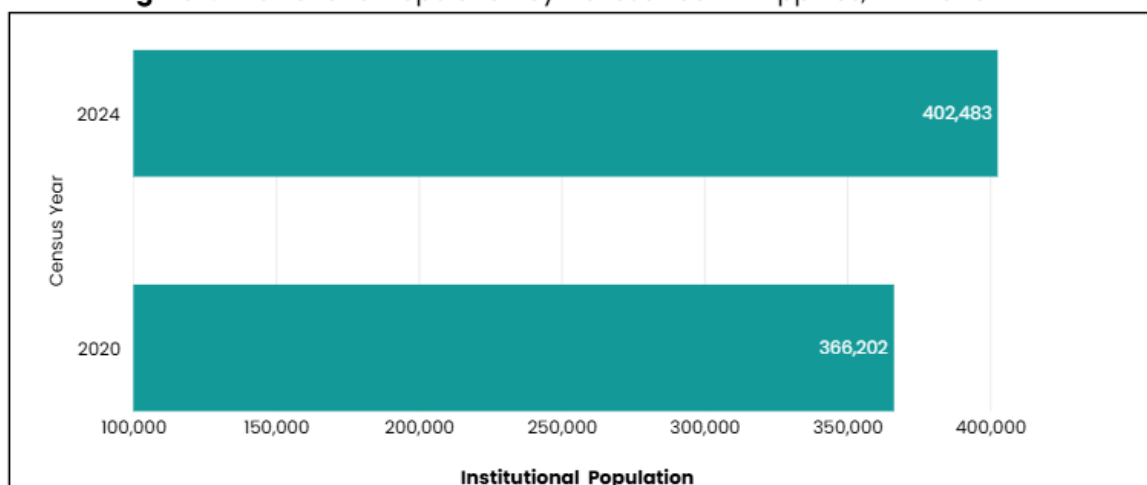
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Institutional population increases by more than 36 thousand

The institutional population of the Philippines reached 402,483 as of 01 July 2024, accounting for 0.4 percent of the total population of 112,729,484 persons. This reflects an increase of 36,281 persons or 9.9 percent higher than the 366,202 institutional population posted in 2020. (Figure 1)

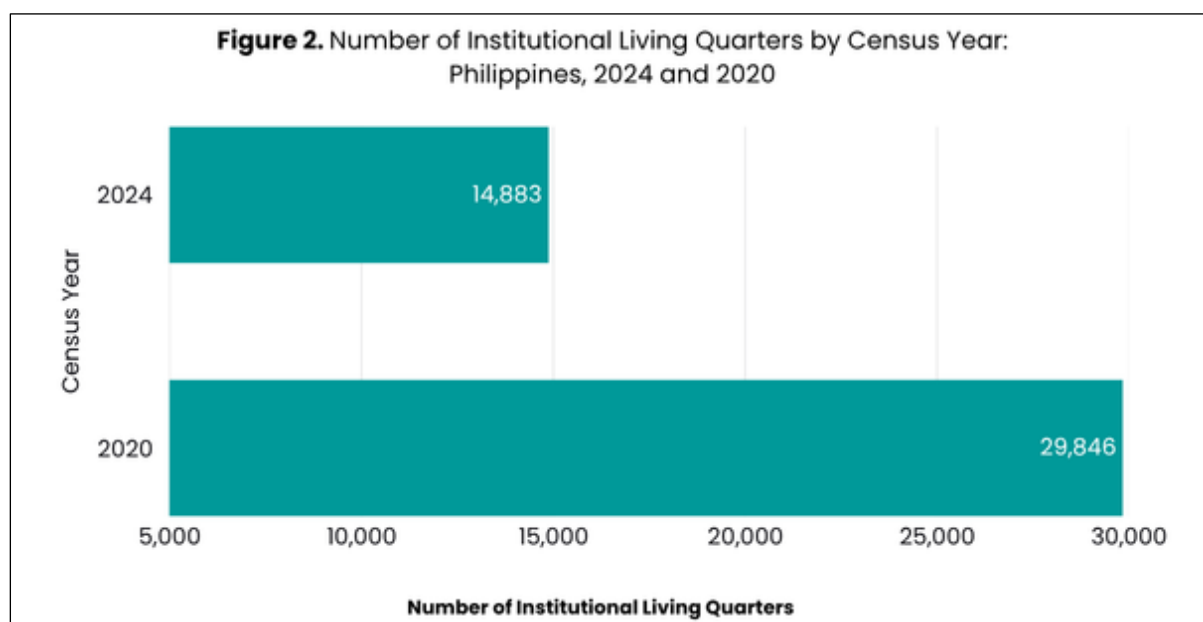


Figure 1. Institutional Population by Census Year: Philippines, 2024 and 2020



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population and 2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Meanwhile, the number of institutional living quarters (ILQs) declined by 14,963 or 50.1 percent—from 29,846 in 2020 to 14,883 in 2024. On average, there were 27 persons per ILQ in 2024, substantially higher than the 2020 average of 12 persons per ILQ. (Figure 2)



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population* and *2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Hotels, motels, lodging houses, and dormitories consistently comprised the largest number of ILQs in the country in 2020 and 2024. This type of ILQ accounted for 8,178 or 54.9 percent of the total 14,883 ILQs in 2024. Convents, nunneries, seminaries, and boarding schools came in second (2,360 or 15.9%), followed by military camps and stations (1,007 or 6.8%). These were also the top three most numerous ILQs in 2020. (Table 1)

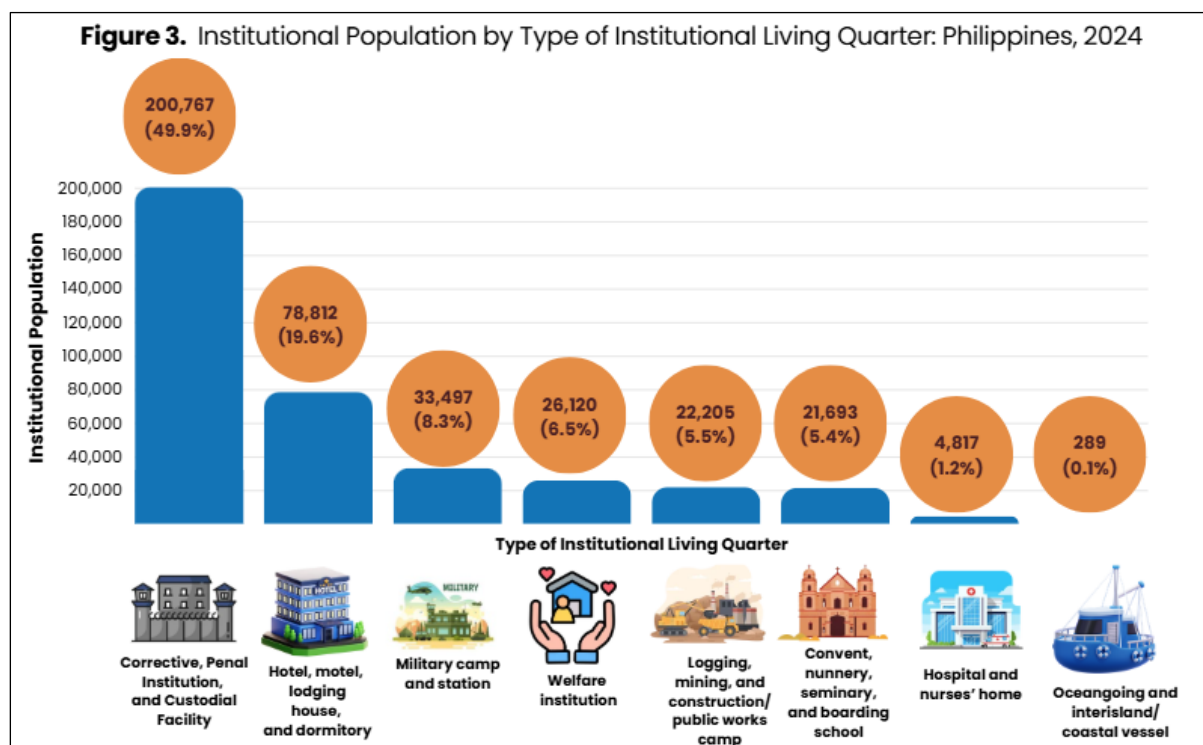
Table 1. Number of Institutional Living Quarters, Institutional Population, and Average Number of Persons by Type of Institutional Living Quarter: Philippines, 2024 and 2020

Type of Institutional Living Quarter	2024			2020		
	Number of ILQs	Institutional Population	Average Number of Persons per ILQ	Number of ILQs	Institutional Population	Average Number of Persons per ILQ
Total	14,883	402,483	27	29,846	366,202	12
Hotel, motel, lodging house, and dormitory	8,178	78,812	10	17,813	72,211	4
Hospital and nurses' home	249	4,817	19	715	4,306	6
Welfare institution	640	26,120	41	876	22,741	26
Corrective, penal institution, and custodial facility	971	200,767	207	705	160,350	227
Convent, nunnery, seminary, and boarding school	2,360	21,693	9	3,865	31,828	8
Military camp and station	1,007	33,497	33	1,873	26,298	14
Logging, mining, and construction/public works camp	608	22,205	37	1,752	28,137	16
Oceangoing and interisland/coastal vessel	25	289	12	68	664	10
Others	845	14,283	17	2,179	19,667	9

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population* and *2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Nearly half of the institutional population resided in corrective and penal institutions

Among the 402,483 institutional population in 2024, 200,767 persons (49.9%) resided in corrective and penal institutions. Residents in hotels, motels, lodging houses, and dormitories came in next with 78,812 persons or 19.6 percent of the total institutional population, followed by those who resided in military camps and stations (33,497 persons or 8.3%) and welfare institutions (26,120 or 6.5%). (Figure 3)



Note: Details may not add up to the totals because values under the "Others" category are not shown.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 *Census of Population*

Four in every five ILQ residents are male

In 2024, nearly four in every five persons residing in ILQs were males (79.4%), while 20.6 percent were females. These figures resulted in a sex ratio of 384, or 384 males per 100 females. Males outnumbered females in all types of ILQ.

Males out proportioned females in logging, mining, and construction/public works camps (94.7%); oceangoing and interisland/coastal vessels (93.8%); corrective, penal institution, and custodial facilities (91.5%); military camps and stations (83.4%); hotels, lodging houses, and dormitories (58.2%); and hospitals and nurses' homes (57.9%). Moreover, welfare institutions and

convents, nunneries, seminaries, and boarding schools (each had a share of 55.8 percent). (Table 2)

Table 2. Number of Institutional Population, Percent Distribution by Sex, and Sex Ratio by Type of Institutional Living Quarter: Philippines, 2024 and 2020

Type of Institutional Living Quarter	2024				2020			
	Institutional Population	Percent		Sex Ratio	Institutional Population	Percent		Sex Ratio
		Male	Female			Male	Female	
Total	402,483	79.4	20.6	384	366,202	79.0	21.0	375
Hotel, motel, lodging house, and dormitory	78,812	58.2	41.8	139	72,211	65.5	34.5	190
Hospital and nurses' home	4,817	57.9	42.1	138	4,306	57.3	42.7	134
Welfare institution	26,120	55.8	44.2	126	22,741	49.9	50.1	99
Corrective, penal institution, and custodial facility	200,767	91.5	8.5	1,075	160,350	90.2	9.8	924
Convent, nunnery, seminary, and boarding school	21,693	55.8	44.2	126	31,828	54.1	45.9	118
Military camp and station	33,497	83.4	16.6	502	26,298	89.8	10.2	881
Logging, mining, and construction/public works camp	22,205	94.7	5.3	1,774	28,137	94.5	5.5	1,711
Oceangoing and interisland/coastal vessel	289	93.8	6.2	1,506	664	88.4	11.6	762
Others	14,283	78.2	21.8	359	19,667	78.2	21.8	358

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population and 2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Majority of the residents in ILQs belonged to age group 18 to 59 years

Of the 402,483 institutional population in 2024, majority (88.4%) belonged to age group 18 to 59 years. The rest of the institutional population were aged 0 to 17 years (4.8%) and 60 years and over (6.8%). In 2020, institutional population aged 18 to 59 years comprised 86.9 percent of the total institutional population, while 7.8 percent belonged to age group 0 to 17 years, and 5.3 percent were 60 years old and over. (Table 3)

Table 3. Number, Percent Distribution by Age Group, and Median Age of Institutional Population by Type of Institutional Living Quarter: Philippines, 2024 and 2020

Type of Institutional Living Quarter	2024					2020				
	Number	Percent Distribution by Age Group			Median Age (years)	Number	Percent Distribution by Age Group			Median Age (years)
		0-17 years	18-59 years	60 years and over			0-17 years	18-59 years	60 years and over	
Total	402,483	4.8	88.4	6.8	35.1	366,202	7.8	86.9	5.3	32.8
Hotel, motel, lodging house, and dormitory	78,812	7.5	90.0	2.4	26.4	72,211	12.6	84.6	2.7	26.8
Hospital and nurses' home	4,817	2.8	79.3	17.9	40.7	4,306	6.2	81.8	11.9	36.0
Welfare institution	26,120	38.6	45.6	15.9	20.6	22,741	48.4	39.0	12.6	18.2
Corrective, penal institution, and custodial facility	200,767	-	91.9	8.1	40.8	160,350	-	94.4	5.6	38.8
Convent, nunnery, seminary, and boarding school	21,693	13.6	72.3	14.1	26.6	31,828	21.3	65.3	13.4	25.7
Military camp and station	33,497	-	100.0	-	32.9	26,298	-	100.0	-	28.9
Logging, mining, and construction/ public works camp	22,205	-	98.5	1.5	35.5	28,137	-	98.8	1.2	32.6
Oceangoing and interisland/coastal vessel	289	-	99.0	1.0	35.9	664	12.7	84.6	2.7	31.0
Others	14,283	1.8	93.5	4.7	32.0	19,667	7.0	90.4	2.7	28.0

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population and 2020 Census of Population and Housing*

Nearly two in every three residents of the institutional population were never married

Among the 398,510 institutional population aged 10 years old and over, nearly two-thirds (63.1%) were single or had never married while married individuals comprise about one-fourth (24.4%) of the institutional population. Smaller portions were reported among those in common-law/live-in arrangement (4.9%), widowed (1.6%), annulled (0.4%), and separated (1.1%). Meanwhile, 4.5 percent of the institutional population did not report their marital status. (Table 4)

Table 4. Percent Distribution of Selected Residents of Institutional Living Quarters 10 Years Old and Over by Marital Status: Philippines, 2024

Marital Status	Institutional Population			Percent	
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Male	Female
Total institutional population 10 years old and over	398,510	317,400	81,110	79.6	20.4
Single	251,336	191,359	59,977	76.1	23.9
Married	97,422	85,798	11,624	88.1	11.9
Common-law/ Live-in	19,406	16,310	3,096	84.0	16.0
Widowed	6,233	3,804	2,429	61.0	39.0
Divorced	81	69	12	85.2	14.8
Separated	4,391	3,321	1,070	75.6	24.4
Annulled	1,645	1,218	427	74.0	26.0
Not reported	17,996	15,521	2,475	86.2	13.8

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, *2024 Census of Population*

Post-baccalaureate degree holders constitute more than half of residents in religious ILQs

In 2024, 84,684 or 21.1 percent of the 401,066 institutional population five years old and over had reached or completed at most high school level while 82,464 or 20.6 percent were college undergraduates and college degree holders. Those who had attended or completed elementary level totaled to 36,374 or 9.1 percent of the total institutional population aged five years and over. (Table 5)

**Table 5. Percent Distribution of Residents of Institutional Living Quarters
Five Years Old and Over by Highest Grade/Year Completed:
Philippines, 2024**

Type of Institutional Living Quarter	Number	Percent Distribution of Institutional Population by Highest Grade/Year Completed								
		Hotel, Lodging House, Dormitory and Others	Hospital and Nurses' Home	Welfare Institution	Corrective, Penal Institution and Custodial Facility	Convent, Nunnery, Seminary and Boarding School	Military Camp	Logging, Mining and Construction /Public Works Camp	Ocean-going and Inter Island/ Coastal Vessels	Others
Total institutional population 5 years old and over	401,066	19.5	1.2	6.3	50.1	5.4	8.4	5.5	0.1	3.6
No Grade Completed	6,428	9.9	7.9	31.4	40.6	4.0	1.6	2.6	-	2.0
Early Childhood Education	825	29.3	0.0	48.6	10.9	4.4	2.3	0.8	-	3.6
Special Education	2,783	9.2	1.5	26.4	47.8	1.9	8.1	3.3	-	1.8
Elementary	36,374	14.2	1.9	13.1	53.1	2.3	4.9	5.3	-	5.3
High School	84,684	22.8	1.2	7.8	28.7	6.9	9.6	15.6	0.1	7.3
Post-Secondary	6,047	43.0	1.9	5.1	9.9	7.4	17.0	7.8	0.1	7.7
Short-Cycle Tertiary	2,988	36.2	1.0	3.3	12.7	10.3	22.9	6.6	0.1	6.9
College Undergraduate	41,082	41.1	1.1	4.5	21.8	7.5	15.8	4.3	0.2	3.6
Academic Degree Holder	41,382	38.8	2.5	2.5	10.6	11.9	24.1	5.0	0.3	4.3
Post Baccalaureate	2,935	17.6	5.3	11.7	3.1	50.4	6.2	2.1	-	3.6
Not Reported	175,538	8.9	0.4	4.0	79.0	2.5	2.8	1.3	-	1.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2024 *Census of Population*

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