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Aklan population reaches 535, 725 mark says *2010 Census of Population and Housing*

The population of Aklan up by 84, 411

The Province of Aklan posted a total population of 535, 725 persons as of May 2010 Census of Population and Housing. The population size increased by 84, 411 over its 2000 population count of 451, 314. The 2010 CpH which was declared official by virtue of the Proclamation No. 362 was signed by President Benigno S. Aquino II on March 30, 2012. The census covered all the 327 barangays in Aklan.

Over the past two decades, the total population of Aklan shot up by 40.80 percent from 1990 population count of 380, 497.

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Aklan Population
2010	May 1, 2010	535, 725
2000	May 1, 2000	451, 314
1990	May 1, 1990	380, 497

Aklan population grows by 1.73 percent

The Aklan population increased at the rate of 1.73 percent annually, on the average, between the period 2000-2010. This means that around two persons were added per year for every 100 persons in the population.

2010 CPH



Kabilang Ako!

Malay was the fastest growing municipality in population size

Among the 17 municipalities, the Municipality of Malay was the fastest growing area having a population growth rate of 6.45 percent. This growth is almost four times the rate of the provincial level (1.73 percent) and almost five times the rate of the regional level (1.35 percent). The rapid increase in the population growth could be attributed to in-migration due to a booming tourism industry in Brgy. Caticlan and Boracay Island. Following Malay is Nabas, with 2.18 percent and New Washington with 2.17 percent. It must be noted that Nabas is the adjacent municipality of Malay, where tourism industry is rapidly developing.

On the other hand, Malinao has lowest population growth rate with 0.17 percent share to the total population of the province. This was followed by Madalag and Altavas with 0.41 percent and 0.61 percent, respectively.

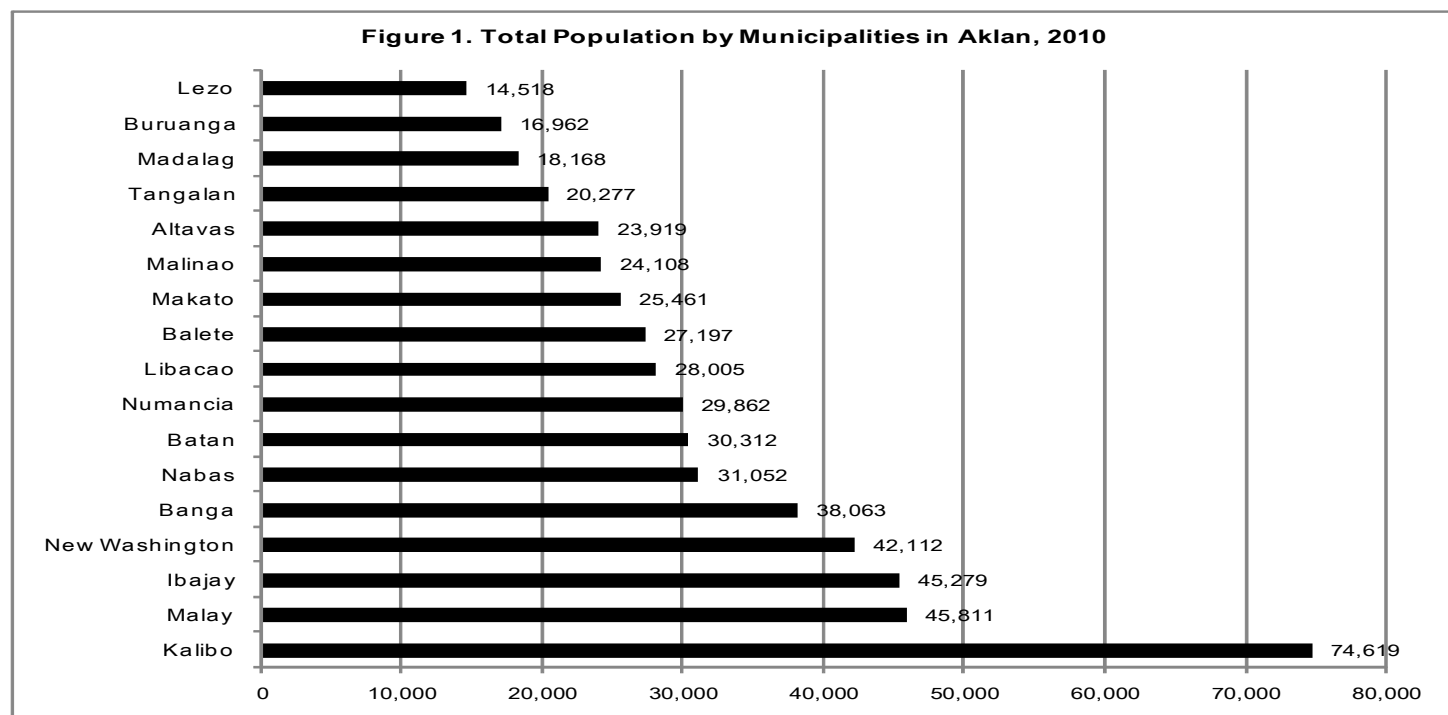
Aside from Malay, other municipalities which exceeded provincial and regional population growth rate (PGR) average are Nabas (2.18), New Washington (2.17), Numancia (1.95), and Kalibo (1.80). More than half of the municipalities in the province had decreased PGR between the years 2000 and 2010 from its previous census between 1990-2000. Among the municipalities which registered an increase in PGR during the period specified, Malay and Nabas got the highest marks.

Reference Period	Average Annual Growth Rate (in percent)
2000-2010	1.73
1990-2000	1.72

Kalibo has the largest number of population

Kalibo, which is the capital town of the province, has the largest population of 74, 619. This was followed by Malay with 45, 811 and Ibajay with 45, 279. The combined population of these three municipalities comprised one-third (30.93%) of the Aklan's population.

On the other hand, Lezo has the least population with 14, 518. This is followed by Buruanga with 16, 962 and Madalag with 18, 168. The three towns constitute the smallest municipalities in the province.

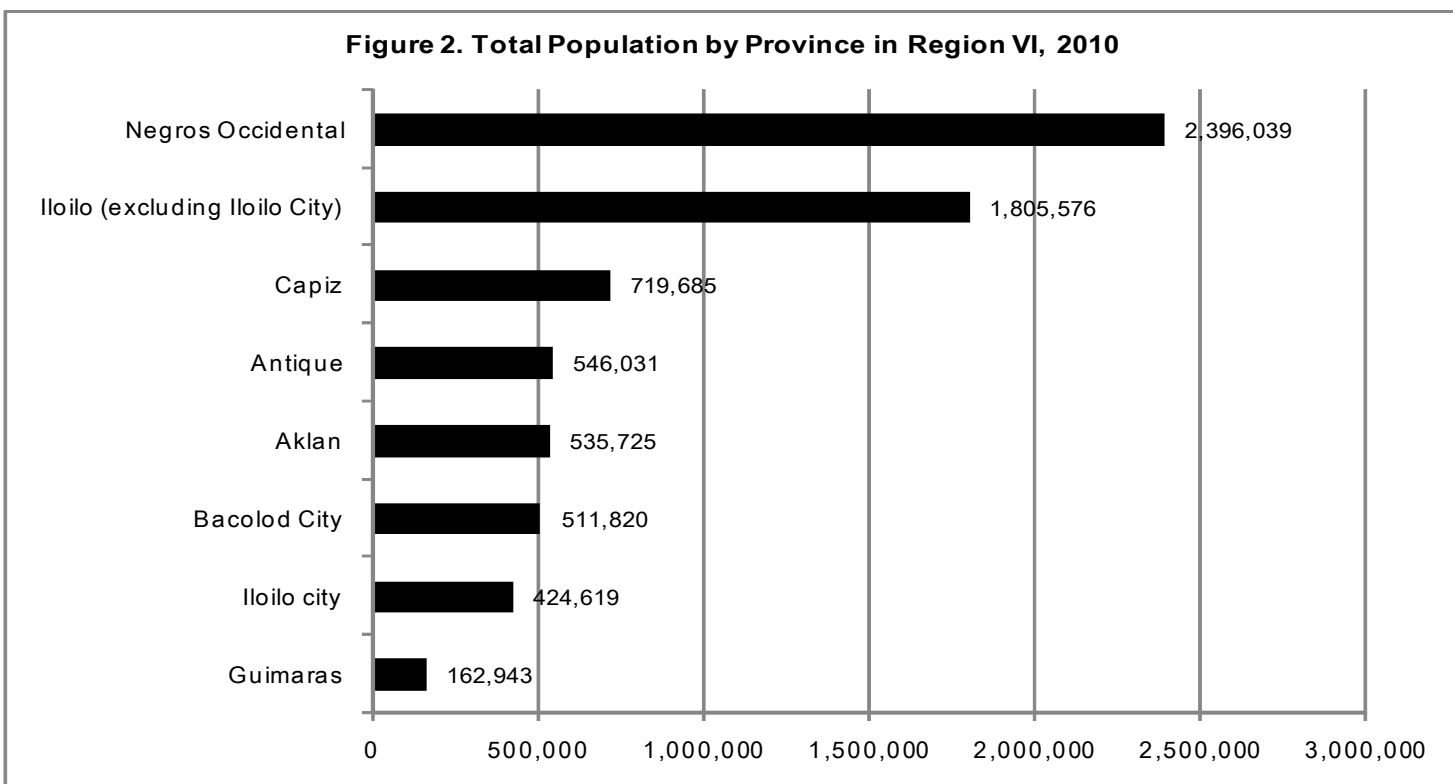


Aklan ranked 5th in population size in Region VI

In Western Visayas, the Province of Aklan ranks 5th among the six (6) provinces in terms of population size. It comprises one-fourth of the total population of Negros Occidental (2, 396, 039). Excluding its capital city of Bacolod, Negros Occidental is the most populous province in the region. The population size of the entire province is higher by 0.33 percent or 23, 905 compared to Bacolod City with 511, 820 persons.

In terms of population growth rate, Aklan is the second fastest growing province in Region VI, following Bacolod City (excluding Negros Occidental). On the other hand, Capiz has the slowest population growth rate with 0.96 percent.

Figure 2. Total Population by Province in Region VI, 2010



**Table 1. Population and Annual Growth Rates by Municipality
Province of Aklan: 1990, 2000, and 2010**

Province/Municipality	Total Population			Population Growth Rate		
	1-May-90	1-May-00	1-May-10	1990-2000	2000-2010	1990-2010
Philippines	60,703,810	76,506,928	92,337,852	2.34	1.90	2.12
Region VI-Western Visayas	5,393,333	6,211,038	7,102,438	1.42	1.35	1.38
AKLAN	380,497	451,314	535,725	1.72	1.73	1.72
Altavas	20,531	22,496	23,919	0.92	0.61	0.77
Balete	19,842	23,616	27,197	1.76	1.42	1.59
Banga	28,651	32,128	38,063	1.15	1.71	1.43
Batan	25,710	27,889	30,312	0.82	0.84	0.83
Buruanga	12,653	15,077	16,962	1.77	1.18	1.48
Ibajay	35,640	39,643	45,279	1.07	1.34	1.20
Kalibo	51,387	62,438	74,619	1.97	1.80	1.88
Lezo	10,343	12,393	14,518	1.82	1.59	1.71
Libacao	21,429	25,983	28,005	1.94	0.75	1.35
Madalag	15,166	17,441	18,168	1.41	0.41	0.91
Makato	19,230	22,777	25,461	1.71	1.12	1.41
Malay	14,378	24,519	45,811	5.48	6.45	5.96
Malinao	20,180	23,699	24,108	1.62	0.17	0.89
Nabas	20,538	25,014	31,052	1.99	2.18	2.09
New Washington	30,147	33,981	42,112	1.20	2.17	1.68
Numancia	19,899	24,614	29,862	2.15	1.95	2.05
Tangalan	14,773	17,606	20,277	1.77	1.42	1.59

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Antique	406,361	472,822	546,031	1.53	1.45	1.49
Capiz	584,091	654,156	719,685	1.14	0.96	1.05
Guimaras	117,990	141,450	162,943	1.83	1.42	1.63
Iloilo(excluding Iloilo City)	1,337,981	1,559,182	1,805,576	1.54	1.48	1.51
Iloilo City	309,505	366,391	424,619	1.70	1.49	1.59
Negros Occidental (excluding Bacolod City)	1,892,728	2,136,647	2,396,039	1.22	1.15	1.19
Bacolod City	364,180	429,076	511,820	1.65	1.78	1.71

TECHNICAL NOTES

Growth Rate - the amount of increase that a specific variable has gained within a specific period and context

Total Population - all usual residents of the country or all persons present in the country at the time of the census.

The 2010 Census of Population and Housing (2010 CPH) was undertaken by the National Statistics Office in May-June 2010 pursuant to Batas Pambansang Blg. 72 and Commonwealth Act 591. The 2010 CPH was designed to take an inventory of the population and housing units in the Philippines nationwide and to collect information about their characteristics. Information on the count of the population and living quarters were collected with 12:01 a.m. of May 1, 2010 as the census reference time and date.

About 438 fieldworkers were deployed by NSO in the Province of Aklan, majority of whom were DepEd public school teachers, during the nationwide census taking in 2010.

The population counts proclaimed by the President as official for all purposes were based on census questionnaires accomplished by the enumerators all over the country. Questionnaires were processed in Census Processing Centers using the Optimal Mark Recognition (OMR) technology along with the Census Integrated Processing System developed by NSO.

The successful completion of census-taking was made possible with the support of the local and national officials, government agencies, local government units, media, private agencies, and non-government organizations.