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Age and Sex Distribution in the Municipality of Merida (2020 Census and Population and Housing)

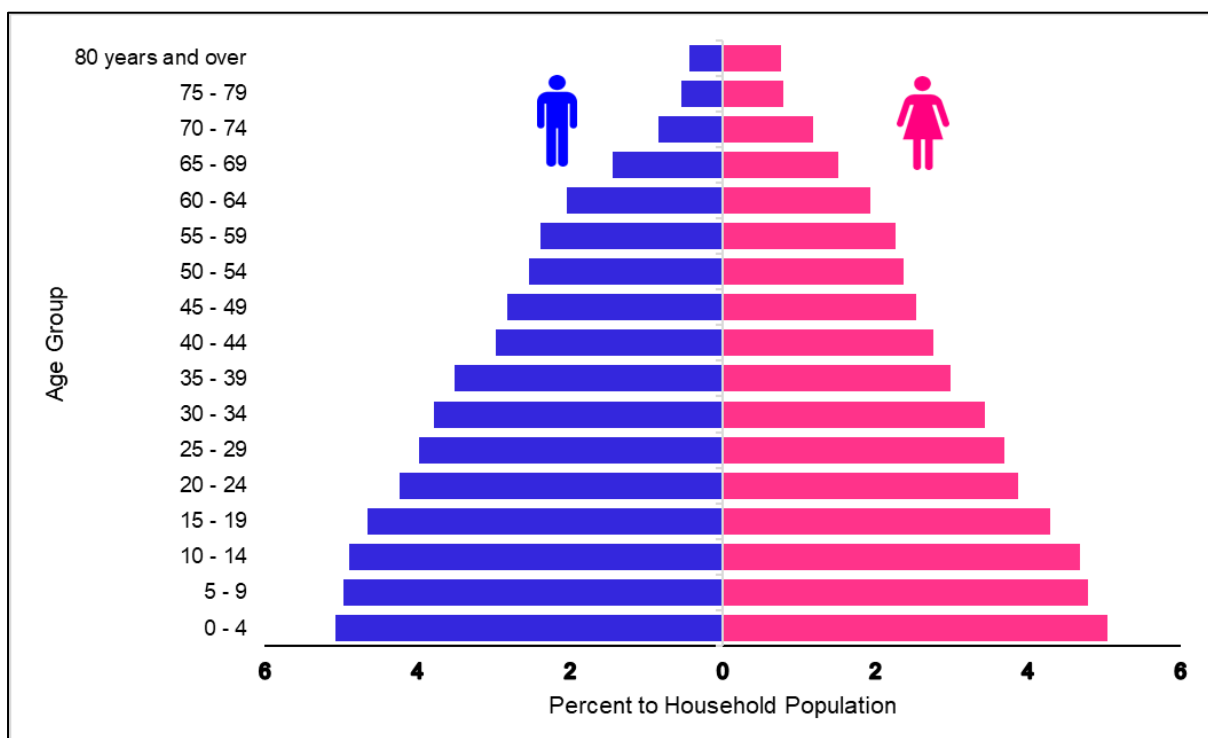
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The municipality of Merida, Leyte had a total population of 31,574 persons based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). The household population of 31,541 persons comprised 99.9 percent of the total population recorded as of the time of census-taking.

Of the 31,541 household population in Merida, Leyte, 16,110 (51.1%) were males while 15,431 (48.9%) were females. By age group, 9,285 (29.4%) were under 15 years of age (young dependents). On the other hand, persons aged 15 to 64 years (working-age or economically-active population) totaled to 19,883 (63.0%) while those in age groups 65 years and over (old dependents) comprised the remaining 2,373 (7.5%). In 2015, persons aged 0 to 14 years, 15 to 64 years, and 65 years and over accounted for 30.3 percent, 63.0 percent, and 6.7 percent, respectively, of the household population.

Figure 1. Age-Sex Population Pyramid of Merida, Leyte: 2020



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

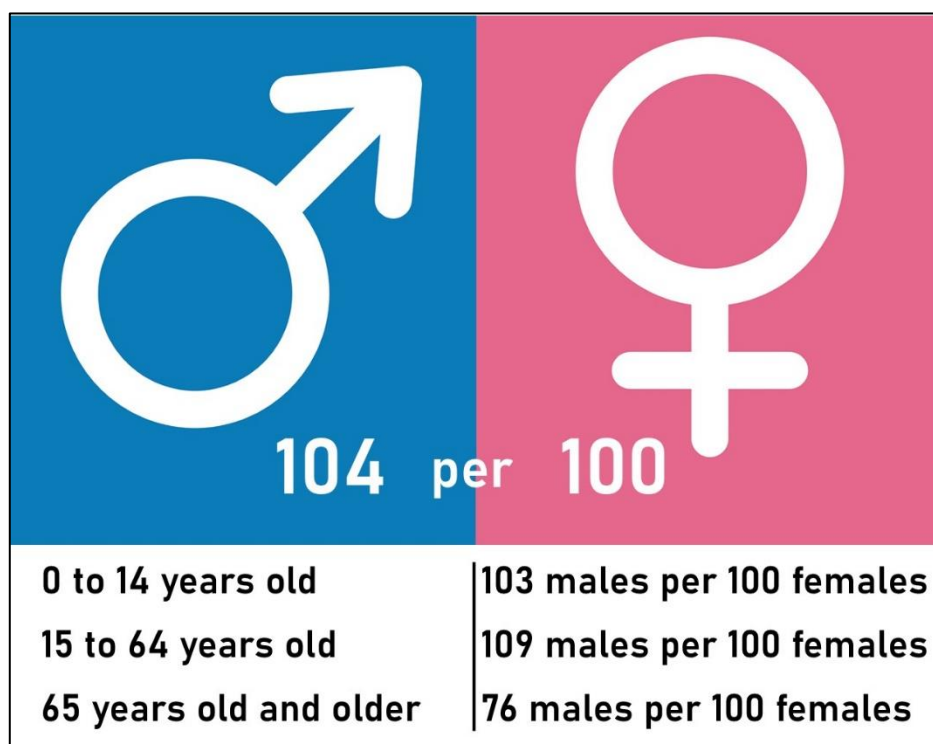
Moreover, there were more males (45.8%) than females (42.7%) among the 0 to 59 age group. However, among the older age group (60 years and over), females (6.2%) outnumbered the males (5.3%). The same trend was also observed in 2015.

Sex ratio stands at 104 males per 100 females

The sex ratio in Merida, Leyte was computed at 104 in 2020. This means that there were 104 males for every 100 females. The sex ratio in 2015 was higher at 105 males per 100 females.

In 2020, children aged below 15 years had a sex ratio of 103 males per 100 females. Moreover, those aged 15 to 64 years had a sex ratio of 109 males per 100 females. On the other hand, among those aged 65 years and over, the sex ratio was 76 males per 100 females. This depicts a longer life expectancy among females than males or a higher mortality rate among males than females in the older age groups.

Figure 2. Sex Ratio by Selected Age Group, Merida, Leyte: 2020



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

There were more males than females in children under five years old

The sex ratio for children under five years old in 2020 was 101 males per 100 females, lower than the 2015 ratio of 103 males per 100 females. Additionally, children under five comprised 10.1 percent (3,188 persons) of the household population in 2020 which the same as posted in 2015 at 10.1 percent (3,030 persons).

Table 1. Number and Percent to All Ages of Household Population and Sex by Age Group, Merida, Leyte: 2020 and 2015

Age Group and Year	Number			Percent to All Ages			Sex Ratio
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
2020							
All Ages	31,541	16,110	15,431	100.0	100.0	100.0	104
0 - 4	3,188	1,599	1,589	10.1	9.9	10.3	101
5 - 9	3,078	1,567	1,511	9.8	9.7	9.8	104
10 - 14	3,019	1,542	1,477	9.6	9.6	9.6	104
15 - 19	2,823	1,468	1,355	9.0	9.1	8.8	108
20 - 24	2,557	1,334	1,223	8.1	8.3	7.9	109
25 - 29	2,418	1,253	1,165	7.7	7.8	7.5	108
30 - 34	2,278	1,195	1,083	7.2	7.4	7.0	110
35 - 39	2,048	1,106	942	6.5	6.9	6.1	117
40 - 44	1,805	935	870	5.7	5.8	5.6	107
45 - 49	1,687	889	798	5.3	5.5	5.2	111
50 - 54	1,544	798	746	4.9	5.0	4.8	107
55 - 59	1,469	754	715	4.7	4.7	4.6	105
60 - 64	1,254	643	611	4.0	4.0	4.0	105
65 - 69	934	454	480	3.0	2.8	3.1	95
70 - 74	639	265	374	2.0	1.6	2.4	71
75 - 79	419	169	250	1.3	1.0	1.6	68
80 years and over	381	139	242	1.2	0.9	1.6	57
2015							
All Ages	29,863	15,320	14,543	100.0	100.0	100.0	105
0-4	3,030	1,539	1,491	10.1	10.0	10.3	103
5 - 9	3,086	1,578	1,508	10.3	10.3	10.4	105
10 - 14	2,945	1,499	1,446	9.9	9.8	9.9	104
15 - 19	2,779	1,454	1,325	9.3	9.5	9.1	110
20 - 24	2,644	1,368	1,276	8.9	8.9	8.8	107
25 - 29	2,383	1,275	1,108	8.0	8.3	7.6	115
30 - 34	2,035	1,083	952	6.8	7.1	6.5	114
35 - 39	1,827	953	874	6.1	6.2	6.0	109
40 - 44	1,701	877	824	5.7	5.7	5.7	106
45 - 49	1,571	810	761	5.3	5.3	5.2	106
50 - 54	1,489	768	721	5.0	5.0	5.0	107
55 - 59	1,309	688	621	4.4	4.5	4.3	111
60 - 64	1,065	537	528	3.6	3.5	3.6	102
65 - 69	776	362	414	2.6	2.4	2.8	87
70 - 74	526	238	288	1.8	1.6	2.0	83
75 - 79	350	160	190	1.2	1.0	1.3	84
80 years and over	347	131	216	1.2	0.9	1.5	61

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

Note: Details may not add up to total due to rounding

Median age measures at 26.8 years

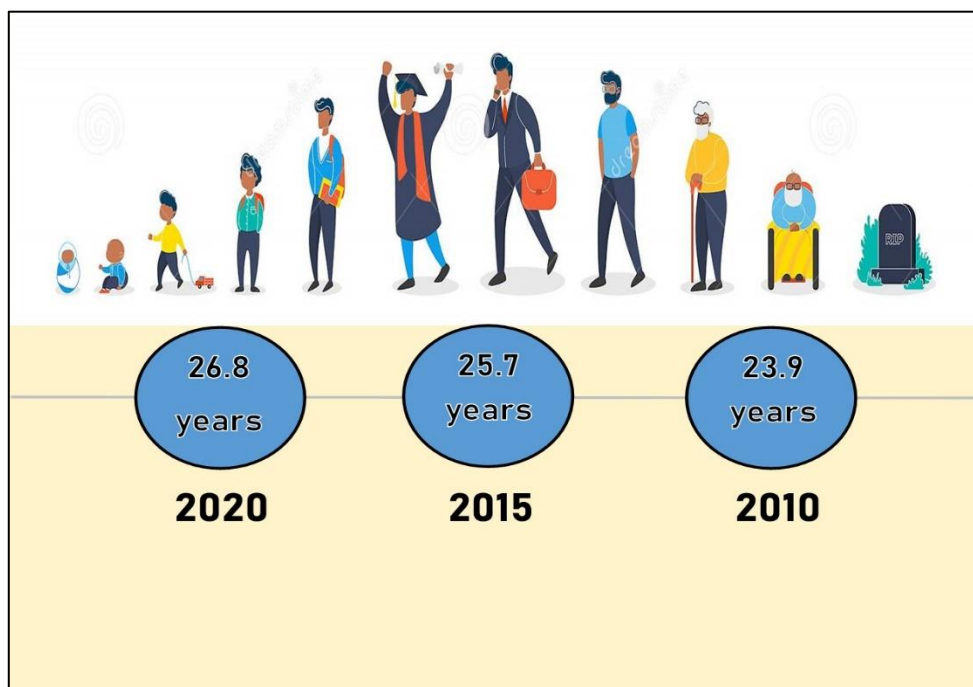
The median age of Merida, Leyte household population continues to increase during the past three censuses. In 2020, the median age was computed at 26.8 years, which means that half of the household population was younger than 26.8 years, while the other half is older than 26.8 years. This is higher than the median ages of 25.7 and 23.9 years that was posted in 2015 and 2010, respectively.



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Figure 3. Median Age, Merida, Leyte: 2010, 2015, and 2020

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2010 and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

Dependency ratio remains at 59 dependents per 100 persons in the working-age group

The 2020 overall dependency ratio of Merida, Leyte was computed at 59, which indicates that for every 100 working-age or economically-active population, there were about 59 dependents (47 young dependents and 12 old dependents). This is the same as the dependency ratio in 2015 at 59 dependents per 100 working-age population (48 young dependents and 11 old dependents).

Table 2. Age dependency Ratio of the Household Population by Sex, Mayorga, Leyte: 2015 and 2020

Dependency	2020			2015		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Overall	59	55	62	59	56	62
Young	47	45	48	48	47	49
Old	12	10	14	11	9	12

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

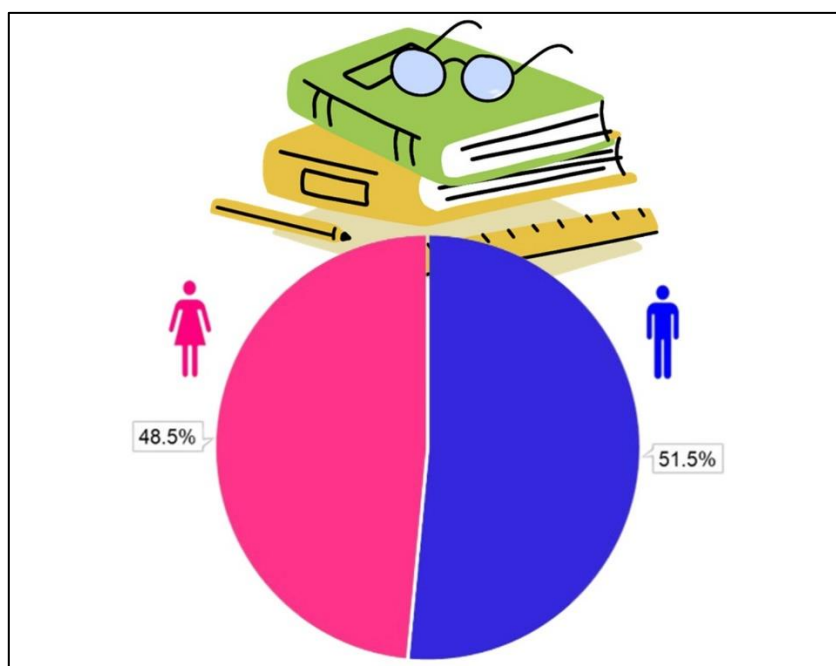
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Two in every five household population are of school age

In 2020, the school-age population (5 to 24 years old) accounted for 11,477 (36.4%) of the household population which is higher compared to the 11,454 (38.4%) school-age population that was reported in 2015. Moreover, there were more males (51.5%) than females (48.5%) of the the school-age population in 2020.



Figure 4. Percentage Distribution of School-age Population 5 to 24 Years Old by Sex, Merida, Leyte: 2020

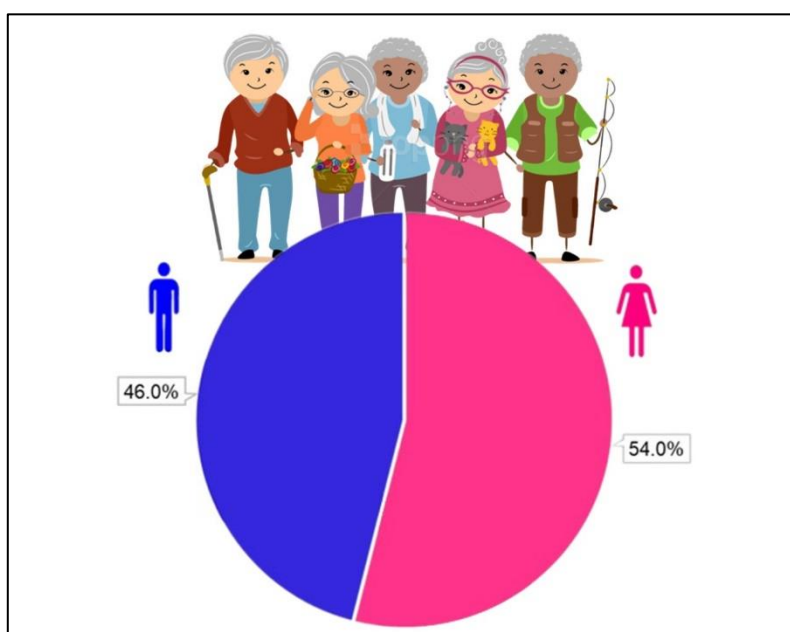


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Senior citizens accounts for 11.5 percent of the household population

In Merida, Leyte, people aged 60 years old and over are regarded as senior citizens, made up 11.5 percent (3,627 persons) of the household population in 2020, higher than the 10.3 percent (3,064 persons) recorded in 2015. There were more females (54.0%) than males (46.0%) among the senior citizens in 2020. The same trend was observed in 2015.

Figure 5. Percentage Distribution of Senior Citizens by Sex, Merida, Leyte: 2020



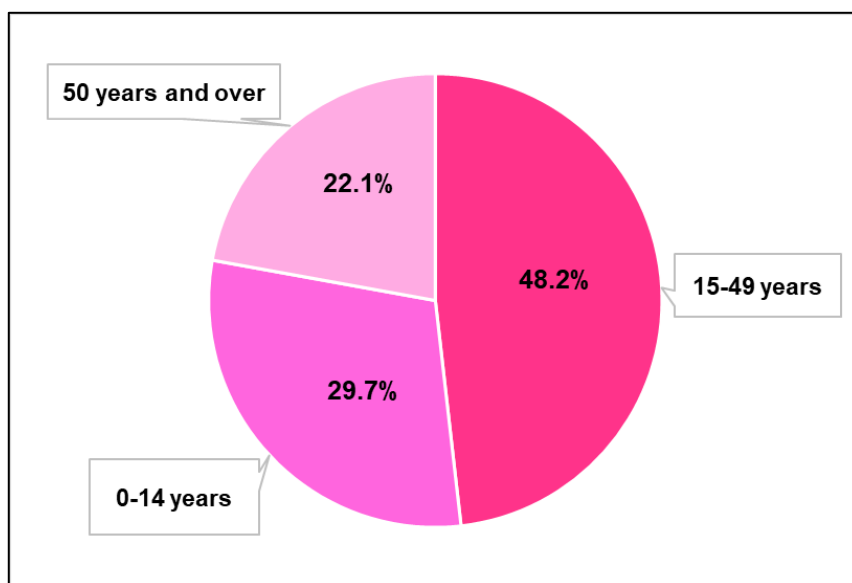
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing



Nearly half of the female population are of reproductive age

Women of reproductive age (15 to 49 years old) totaled to 7,436 or 48.2 percent of the 15,431 female household population in 2020. This percentage was lower compared to the 49.0 percent or 7,120 females posted in 2015.

Figure 6. Percentage Distribution of Women by Selected Age Group, Merida, Leyte: 2020

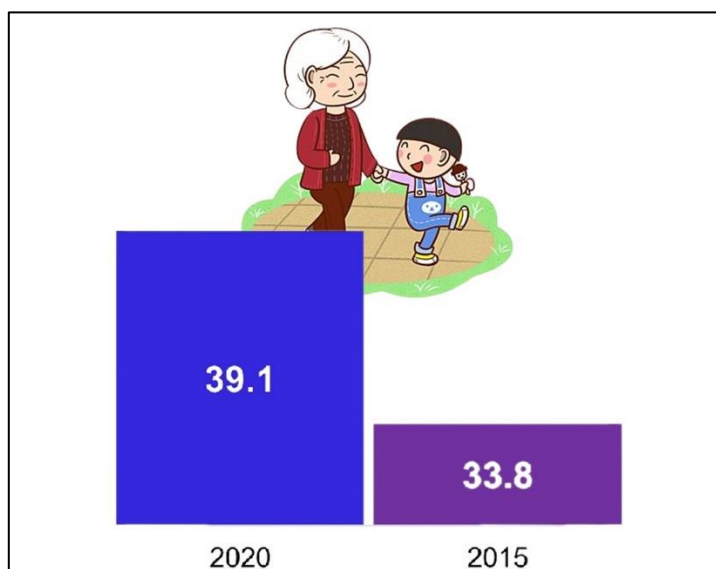


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Aging index is higher by 5.3 percentage points from 33.8 in 2015 to 39.1 in 2020

In Merida, Leyte, the aging index or the proportion of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 persons under the age of 15 years was computed at 39.1 percent in 2020. This means that there are about two (2) persons aged 60 years and over for every five (5) children under 15 years old. The aging index was lower in 2015 at 33.8 percent.

Figure 7. Aging Index, Merida, Leyte: 2020 and 2015



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

TECHNICAL NOTES

The Philippine Statistics Authority conducted the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) in September 2020, with 01 May 2020 as reference date.

The 2020 CPH was the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing that was undertaken in the Philippines since the first census in 1903. It was designed to take inventory of the total population and housing units in the country and collect information about their characteristics.

The Philippine Standard Geographic Codes as of April 2022 was used for the disaggregation of geographic levels of the 2020 CPH.

Age refers to the interval of time between the person's date of birth and his/her last birthday prior to the census reference date. It is expressed in completed years or whole number.

Aging index is calculated as the number of persons 60 years old and over per one hundred persons under the age of 15 years.

Aging of population is a process in which the proportions of adults and elderly increase in a population, while the proportions of children and adolescents decrease. This process results in a rise in the median age of the population. Aging occurs when fertility rates decline while life expectancy remains constant or improves at the older ages.

Household is a social unit consisting of person or a group of persons who sleep in the same housing unit and have a common arrangement in the preparation and consumption of food.

Household population refers to all persons who are members of the household.

Median age is the age that divides the population into two numerically equal groups; that is, half of the population are younger than this age and the other half are older.

Overall dependency ratio is the number of persons under 15 years old (young dependents) and persons aged 65 and older (old dependents) per one hundred persons 15 to 64 years old (working-age or economically-productive group) in a population.

Population pyramid is a bar chart, arranged vertically, that shows the distribution of a population by age and sex. By convention, the younger ages are at the bottom, with males on the left and females on the right.

Sex is the biological and physiological reality of being a male or female.

Sex ratio is the number of males per one hundred females in a population.

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