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

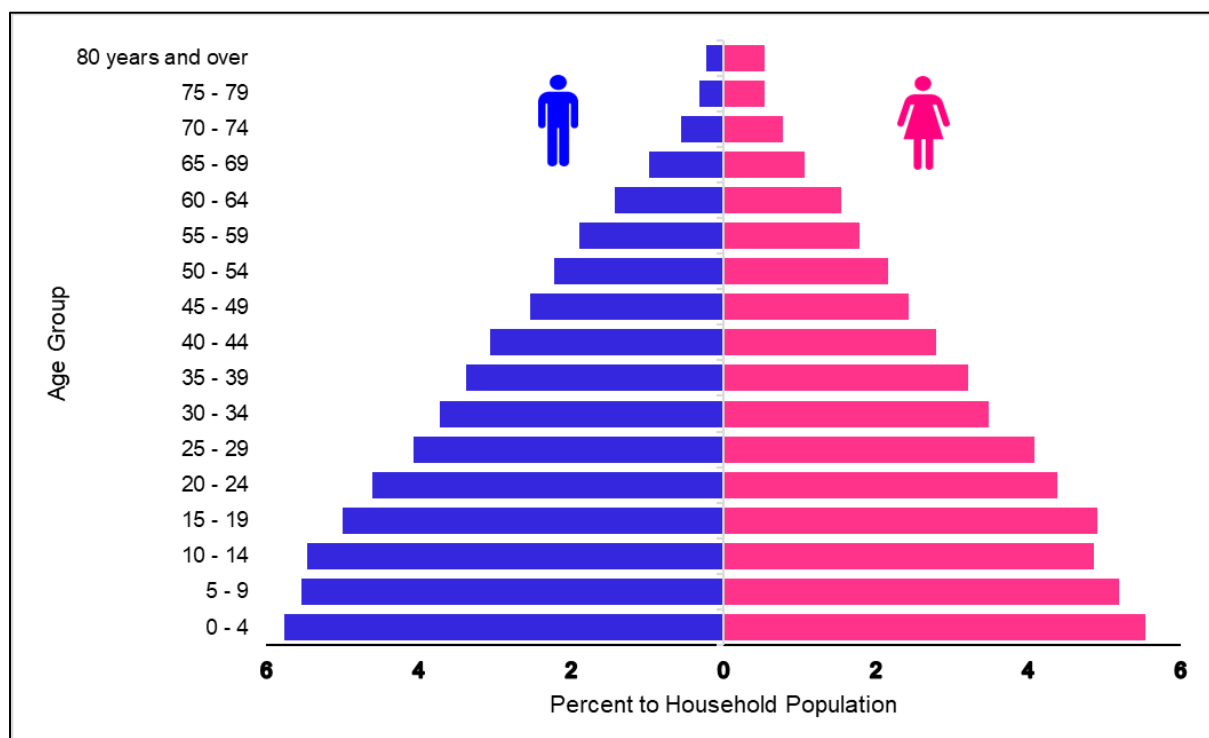
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The municipality of Palo, Leyte had a total population of 76,213 persons based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). The household population of 75,438 persons comprised 99.0 percent of the total population recorded as of the time of census-taking.

Of the 75,438 household population in Palo, Leyte, 38,248 (50.7%) were males while 37,190 (49.3%) were females. By age group, 24,403 (32.3%) 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 47,264 (62.7%) while those in age groups 65 years and over (old dependents) comprised the remaining 3,771 (5.0%). In 2015, persons aged 0 to 14 years, 15 to 64 years, and 65 years and over accounted for 33.3 percent, 62.2 percent, and 4.5 percent, respectively, of the household population.

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



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

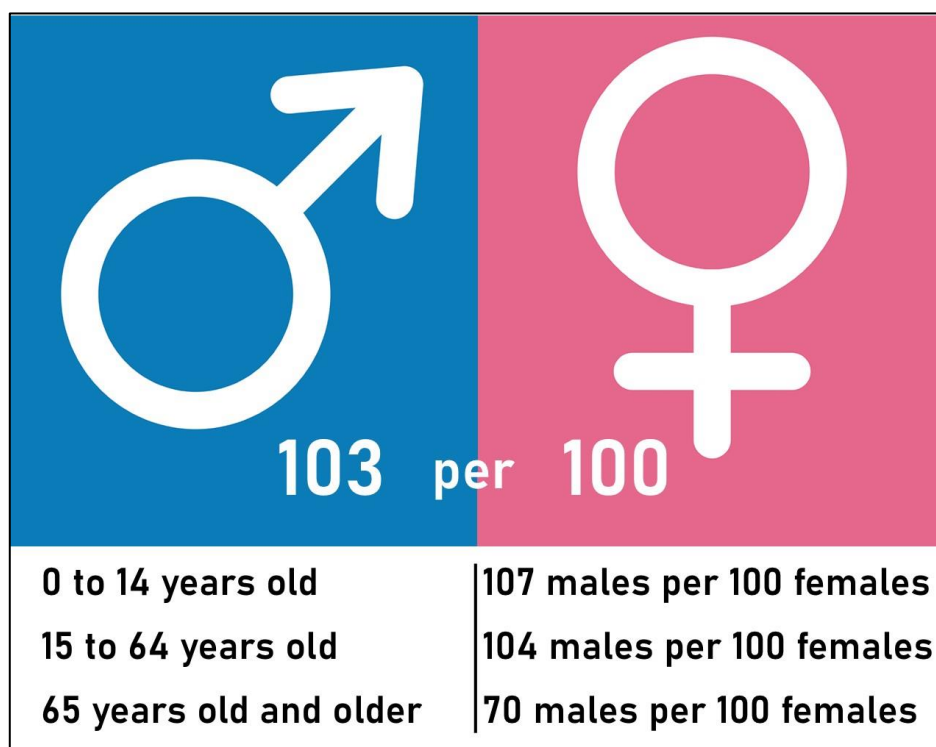
Moreover, there were more males (47.2%) than females (44.8%) among the 0 to 59 age group. However, among the older age group (60 years and over), females (4.5%) outnumbered the males (3.5%). The same trend was also observed in 2015.

Sex ratio stands at 103 males per 100 females

The sex ratio in Palo, Leyte was computed at 103 in 2020. This means that there were 103 males for every 100 females. The sex ratio in 2015 was higher at 106 males per 100 females.

In 2020, children aged below 15 years had a sex ratio of 107 males per 100 females. Moreover, those aged 15 to 64 years had a sex ratio of 104 males per 100 females. On the other hand, among those aged 65 years and over, the sex ratio was 70 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, Palo, 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 104 males per 100 females, lower than the 2015 ratio of 107 males per 100 females. Additionally, children under five comprised 11.3 percent (8,527 persons) of the household population in 2020, a decrease from 11.6 percent (8,129 persons) in 2015.

Table 1. Number and Percent to All Ages of Household Population and Sex by Age Group, Palo, 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	75,438	38,248	37,190	100.0	100.0	100.0	103
0 - 4	8,527	4,347	4,180	11.3	11.4	11.2	104
5 - 9	8,095	4,176	3,919	10.7	10.9	10.5	107
10 - 14	7,781	4,116	3,665	10.3	10.8	9.9	112
15 - 19	7,473	3,767	3,706	9.9	9.8	10.0	102
20 - 24	6,777	3,475	3,302	9.0	9.1	8.9	105
25 - 29	6,149	3,067	3,082	8.2	8.0	8.3	100
30 - 34	5,437	2,808	2,629	7.2	7.3	7.1	107
35 - 39	4,967	2,547	2,420	6.6	6.7	6.5	105
40 - 44	4,421	2,314	2,107	5.9	6.0	5.7	110
45 - 49	3,741	1,911	1,830	5.0	5.0	4.9	104
50 - 54	3,298	1,671	1,627	4.4	4.4	4.4	103
55 - 59	2,768	1,421	1,347	3.7	3.7	3.6	105
60 - 64	2,233	1,070	1,163	3.0	2.8	3.1	92
65 - 69	1,539	731	808	2.0	1.9	2.2	90
70 - 74	1,006	418	588	1.3	1.1	1.6	71
75 - 79	641	234	407	0.8	0.6	1.1	57
80 years and over	585	175	410	0.8	0.5	1.1	43
2015							
All Ages	70,052	35,970	34,082	100.0	100.0	100.0	106
0-4	8,129	4,193	3,936	11.6	11.7	11.5	107
5 - 9	7,743	4,098	3,645	11.1	11.4	10.7	112
10 - 14	7,468	3,890	3,578	10.7	10.8	10.5	109
15 - 19	7,545	3,871	3,674	10.8	10.8	10.8	105
20 - 24	6,830	3,463	3,367	9.7	9.6	9.9	103
25 - 29	5,623	2,916	2,707	8.0	8.1	7.9	108
30 - 34	5,108	2,675	2,433	7.3	7.4	7.1	110
35 - 39	4,457	2,361	2,096	6.4	6.6	6.1	113
40 - 44	3,753	2,001	1,752	5.4	5.6	5.1	114
45 - 49	3,400	1,767	1,633	4.9	4.9	4.8	108
50 - 54	2,812	1,456	1,356	4.0	4.0	4.0	107
55 - 59	2,321	1,154	1,167	3.3	3.2	3.4	99
60 - 64	1,731	849	882	2.5	2.4	2.6	96
65 - 69	1,249	565	684	1.8	1.6	2.0	83
70 - 74	880	378	502	1.3	1.1	1.5	75
75 - 79	531	193	338	0.8	0.5	1.0	57
80 years and over	472	140	332	0.7	0.4	1.0	42

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 23.4 years

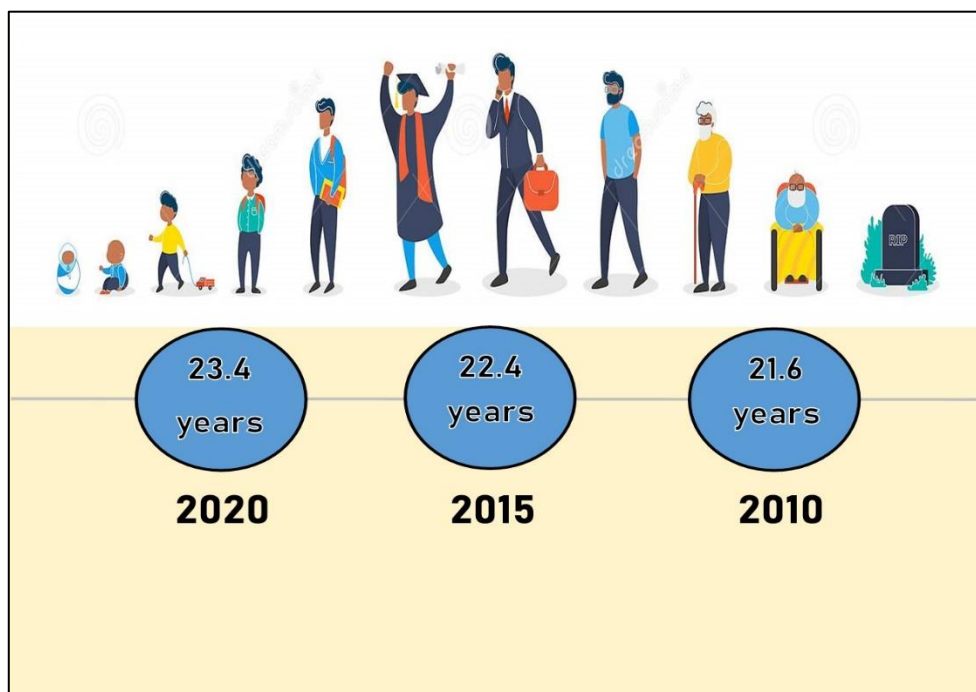
The median age of Palo, Leyte household population continues to increase during the past three censuses. In 2020, the median age was computed at 23.4 years, which means that half of the household population was younger than 23.4 years, while the other half is older than 23.4 years. This is higher than the median ages of 22.4 and 21.6 years that was posted in 2015 and 2010, respectively.



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

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

Dependency ratio decreases to 60 dependents per 100 persons in the working-age group

The 2020 overall dependency ratio of Palo, Leyte was computed at 60, which indicates that for every 100 working-age or economically-active population, there were about 60 dependents (52 young dependents and 8 old dependents). This is lower than the dependency ratio in 2015 at 61 dependents per 100 working-age population (54 young dependents and 7 old dependents).

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

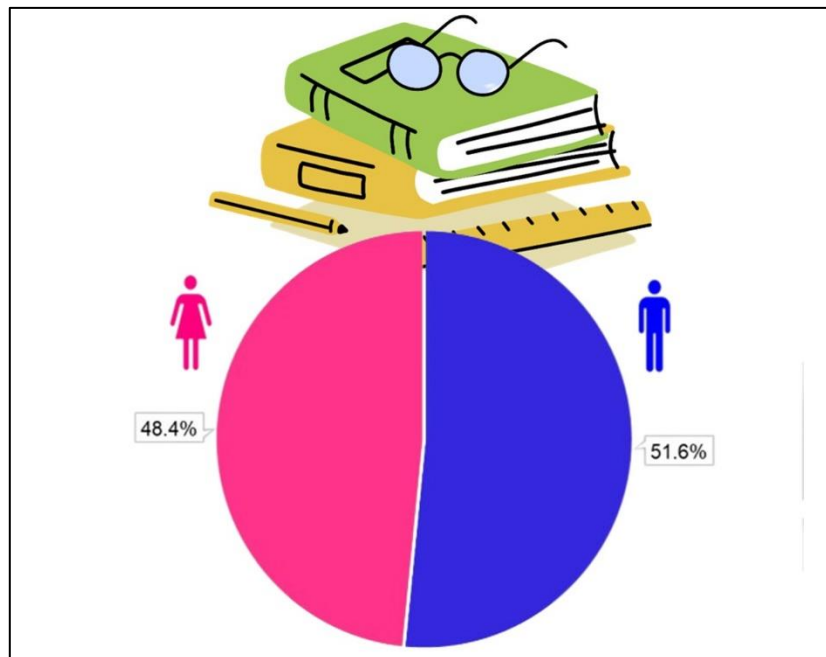
Dependency	2020			2015		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Overall	60	59	60	61	60	62
Young	52	53	51	54	54	53
Old	8	6	9	7	6	9

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

Two in every five household population are of school age

In 2020, the school-age population (5 to 24 years old) accounted for 30,126 (39.9%) of the household population which is higher compared to the 29,586 (42.2%) school-age population that was reported in 2015. Moreover, there were more males (51.6%) than females (48.4%) of the school-age population in 2020.

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

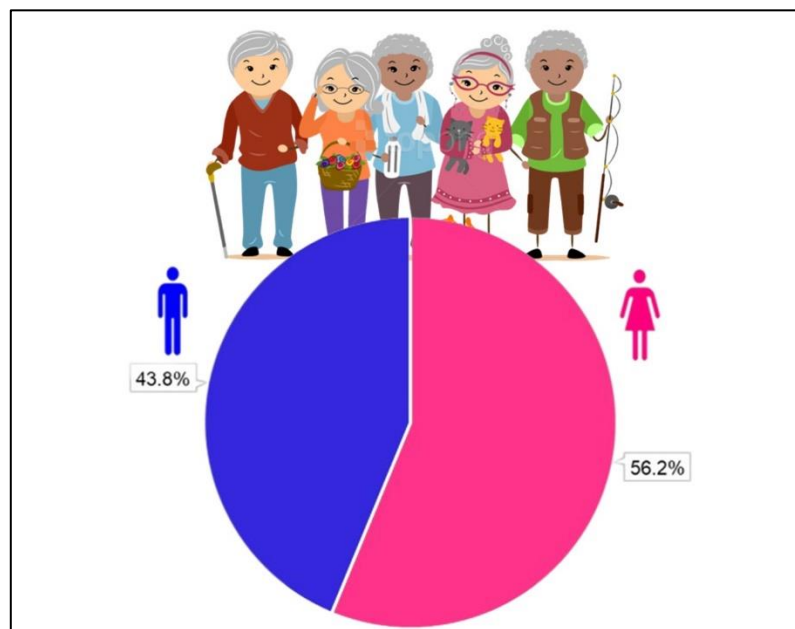


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Senior citizens accounts for 8.0 percent of the household population

In Palo, Leyte, people aged 60 years old and over are regarded as senior citizens, made up 8.0 percent (6,004 persons) of the household population in 2020, higher than the 6.9 percent (4,863 persons) recorded in 2015. There were more females (56.2%) than males (43.8%) among the senior citizens in 2020. The same trend was observed in 2015.

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



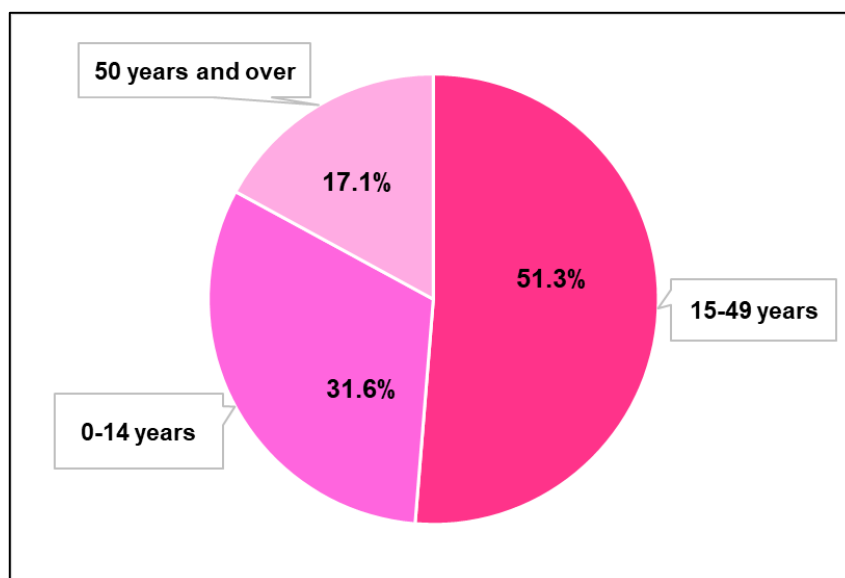
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing



More than half of the female population are of reproductive age

Women of reproductive age (15 to 49 years old) totaled to 19,076 or 51.3 percent of the 37,190 female household population in 2020. This percentage was lower compared to the 51.8 percent or 17,662 females posted in 2015.

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

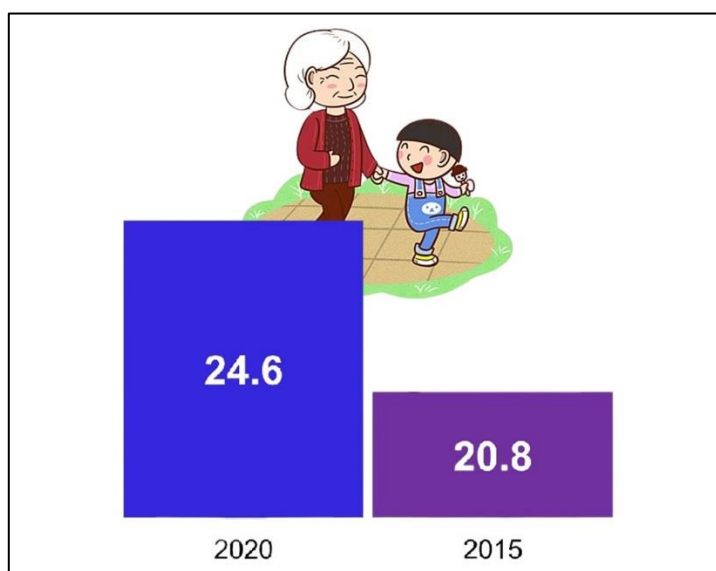


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

Aging index is higher by 3.8 percentage points from 20.8 in 2015 to 24.6 in 2020

In Palo, 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 24.6 percent in 2020. This means that there is about one (1) person aged 60 years and over for every four (4) children under 15 years old. The aging index was lower in 2015 at 20.8 percent.

Figure 7. Aging Index, Palo, 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.

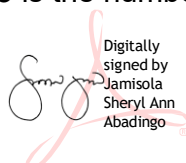
Overall dependency ratio is the number of persons under 15 years old (young dependents) and persons aged 65 and older (old dependents) per one hundred persons 15 to 64 years old (working-age or economically-productive group) in a population.

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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