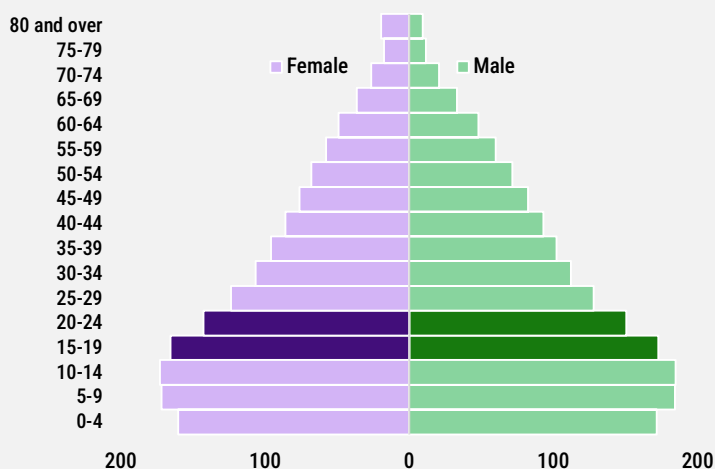


# MIMAROPA REGION PROFILE

## 2021 YOUNG ADULT FERTILITY AND SEXUALITY STUDY



**Population Pyramid of MIMAROPA Region: 2020**  
(in thousands)



Source: Household population data from the 2020 Census of Population and Housing

The MIMAROPA region exhibits an expansive population pyramid, indicating a young and growing population.

There are 0.6 million youth aged 15-24 in MIMAROPA region, constituting almost a fifth (19.6%) of the regional population. The region accounts for 3% of the country's youth population.

The following are the sociodemographic characteristics of the youth in MIMAROPA region compared with the whole country, based on the results from the 2021 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS5).

**Table 1. Percent distribution of youth by selected background characteristics: MIMAROPA Region and Philippines, YAFS 2021**

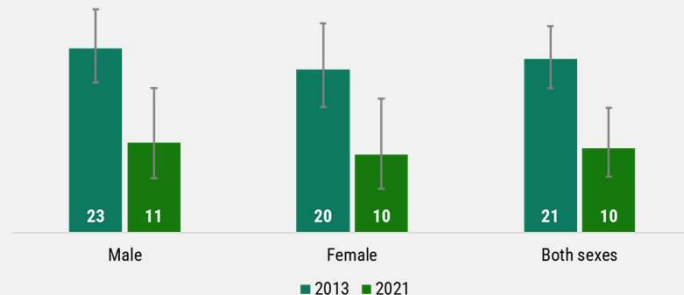
Background Characteristics	MIMAROPA	Philippines
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	50.9	48.8
Female	49.1	51.2
<b>Age</b>		
15-19	61.0	58.9
20-24	39.0	41.1
<b>Educational attainment</b>		
No education/Elementary level	*	7.0
Grades 7-10	32.5	40.2
Grades 11-12	30.5	28.5
Some college or higher	35.0	24.3
<b>Socioeconomic status (wealth quintile)</b>		
Lowest (Poorest)	16.8	15.1
Second	18.1	17.8
Middle	28.5	19.2
Fourth	19.7	22.0
Highest (Wealthiest)	16.9	25.9

Note. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

**Figure 1. Percentage of youth in MIMAROPA who are smoking cigarettes**



**Figure 2. Percentage of youth in MIMAROPA who have had sex before age 18**



The tables below provide a picture of MIMAROPA Region youth behavior in terms of the percentages of ages 15-24 who engage in certain activities and exhibit particular attributes.

**Table 2. Percentage of youth by substance use experience, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Substance use and abuse	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Ever tried smoking	31.2	54.5	39.9	1.5	9.2	4.6	17.0	31.3	22.6
Currently smoking	8.3	30.1	16.5	–	3.0	1.2	4.3	16.2	9.0
Ever tried vaping	26.0	43.1	32.4	1.9	7.8	4.3	14.5	25.0	18.6
Currently vaping	1.5	1.7	1.6	–	2.0	0.8	0.8	1.8	1.2
Ever tried drinking	59.1	86.1	69.2	32.8	64.7	45.8	46.6	75.2	57.7
Currently drinking	32.0	67.4	45.2	4.6	18.2	10.1	18.9	42.2	28.0

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**Table 3. Percentage of youth by suicidal experiences and experience of violence, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Suicide and violence	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Ever thought of committing suicide	12.7	12.4	12.6	19.6	25.8	22.1	16.0	19.2	17.3
Ever tried to commit suicide	6.8	5.7	6.4	9.9	11.4	10.5	8.3	8.6	8.4
Been physically hurt by someone in the past 12 months	19.6	15.0	17.8	17.1	8.3	13.5	18.4	11.5	15.7
Ever harassed someone using technology	14.0	5.0	10.6	4.5	-	2.7	9.5	2.4	6.7
Ever been harassed by someone using technology	18.7	11.3	15.9	13.4	12.0	12.8	16.2	11.7	14.4

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**Table 4. Percentage of youth with sexual experience, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Sexual risk behaviors	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Ever had premarital sex (PMS)	7.7	47.8	22.7	2.5	21.6	10.3	5.2	34.4	16.6
Ever had sex before the age of 18, among those aged 18-24	10.9	11.2	11.0	5.5	11.8	9.6	8.5	11.5	10.3
Used contraceptive at first PMS, among those who had PMS	*	(75.3)	76.2	*	(62.5)	(56.2)	*	71.2	70.1
Ever had casual sex among those who had sex	*	(28.2)	24.0	-	(9.2)	(7.8)	*	21.0	18.0
Ever been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant	-	22.9	9.0	3.8	29.3	13.7	1.5	23.1	9.9

Note. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. A dash indicates that a figure is less than 0.1 percent.

**Table 5. Percentage of female youth aged 15-19 who have begun childbearing, by single age: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Teenage fertility	Current age					
	15	16	17	18	19	15-19
Young women who have begun childbearing	*	-	-	*	(13.3)	3.8

Note. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. A dash indicates that a figure is less than 0.1 percent.

**Table 6. Percentage of youth who are aware of sexually transmitted infections, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Sexual health awareness	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Aware of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)	53.6	41.2	48.9	44.0	73.1	55.8	49.0	57.5	52.3
Heard of HIV and/or AIDS	75.9	87.6	80.3	84.0	96.9	89.2	79.7	92.4	84.7
Comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV and/or AIDS	9.7	15.3	12.0	28.2	46.3	36.2	19.0	32.0	24.5

**Table 7. Percentage of youth by use of information and communication technology, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Use of information and communication technology	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Use the internet	90.6	89.1	90.1	86.7	94.0	89.7	88.7	91.6	89.9
Has access to a smartphone	91.0	89.3	90.3	93.7	95.9	94.6	92.3	92.7	92.4
Had <i>incidental</i> exposure to pornographic or sexually explicit content in the last 3 months	57.3	57.5	57.4	48.3	65.1	55.2	53.0	61.4	56.3
Had <i>intentional</i> exposure to pornographic or sexually explicit content in the last 3 months	34.3	26.9	31.5	8.6	6.9	8.0	22.0	16.7	19.9
Ever sent sex photos or videos through phone or internet	5.2	7.1	5.9	0.8	1.2	1.0	3.1	4.0	3.5
Ever received sex photos or videos through phone or internet	39.7	48.3	42.9	26.5	44.1	33.7	33.4	46.1	38.4
Ever engaged in phone sex	1.7	11.2	5.2	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.3	5.8	3.1

**Table 8. Percentage of youth by selected lifestyle indicators, by sex and age group: MIMAROPA Region, YAFS 2021**

Lifestyle	Male			Female			Both sexes		
	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24	15-19	20-24	15-24
Do physical exercise	69.0	75.5	71.4	56.1	59.1	57.3	62.8	67.1	64.5
With at least 8 average hours of sleep everyday	77.4	63.3	72.1	74.8	73.7	74.4	76.2	68.6	73.2

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