What is the Census of Population and Housing?
The Census of Population and Housing (CPH) refers to the entire process of collecting, compiling, evaluating, analyzing, publishing, and disseminating data about the population and living quarters in a country. It entails the listing and recording of the characteristics of each individual and each living quarter as of a specified time and within a specified territory. The 2020 CPH will be the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing to be undertaken in the country since the first census in 1903.

What is the main objective of the 2020 CPH?
It aims to provide government executives, policy and decision makers, and planners with updated population and housing data as bases to their social and economic development plans, policies, and programs.

What are the basic uses of the statistics that will be derived from the 2020 CPH?
In government:
- formulation of policies and programs concerning various segments of the population (infants, children, youth, elderly, women of reproductive age, voting age, and working age);
- formulation of policies and programs relative to the delivery of basic services, such as on health, education, employment, housing, infrastructure, disaster relief, and other socio-economic concerns;
- allocation of resources and revenues;
- creation/conversion of political and administrative units; and
- redistricting and apportionment of congressional seats.

In business and industry:
- identification of sites for establishing businesses;
- determination of consumer demands for various goods and services; and
- improvement of supply of labor for the production of goods and services.

In research and academic institutions:
- conduct of researches on population and related disciplines; and
- study of population growth and geographic distribution as bases in preparing population projections at the national and subnational levels.

What is the assurance of the public that the information given to the census enumerator will not be used for other purposes?
All personnel involved in the 2020 CPH are required to keep in STRICT CONFIDENCE all information obtained during the census that pertains to any particular household or person.

What are the legal bases of the PSA in conducting the 2020 CPH?
Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 (Philippine Statistical Act of 2013)
- PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of administrative recording system, and compilation of national accounts.

- Section 6(b) mandates the PSA “to prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy”.

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- PSA is accorded the authority to conduct population censuses every ten (10) years beginning in 1980.

What are the obligations of the respondents in this census?
Paragraph 1 Section 27 of RA 10625 states that “respondents of primary data collection activities such as censuses and sample surveys are obliged to give truthful and complete answers to statistical inquiries. The gathering, consolidation, and analysis of such data shall likewise be done in the most truthful and credible manner”.

Paragraph 2 of Section 27 of RA 10625 further states that “any individual who refuses or fails to give truthful and complete answers to statistical inquiries will be imposed a penalty of one (1) year imprisonment and a fine of one hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00)”.

Is census collection a violation of the Data Privacy Act?
No. As stipulated in RA No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, it is the policy of the state to protect the fundamental human right of privacy, of communication while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth, and recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected.

The collection of personal information of individuals during the CPH does not violate the law. Specifically stated in the Act thereto:
- Section 4(e) states that this act does not apply to “information necessary in order to carry out the functions of public authority, which includes the processing of personal data for the performance by the independent, central monetary authority and the law enforcement and regulatory agencies of their constitutionally and statutorily mandated functions”.
- Section 12(e) states that the processing of personal information shall be permitted only if not otherwise prohibited by law, and when the processing is necessary in order to fulfill functions of public authority, which necessarily includes the processing of personal data for the fulfillment of its mandate.
- Section 19 provides for the non-applicability of the rights of the data subject if the processed personal information are used only for the needs of scientific and statistical research and on the basis of such, no activities are carried out and no decision are taken regarding the data.
What are the questionnaires to be used in the 2020 CPH?

CPH Form 2 (Common Household Questionnaire) gathers information on selected demographic, socio-economic, and housing/household characteristics of the household population.

CPH Form 3 (Sample Household Questionnaire) gathers additional information on demographic, socio-economic, and housing/household characteristics of the household population, aside from those already included in CPH Form 2.

CPH Form 4 (Institutional Population Questionnaire) gathers information on selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics of persons residing in institutional living quarters (ILQ).

CPH Form 5 (Barangay Schedule) gathers information on selected physical characteristics/facilities, number of establishments by type, informal settlers, and in-movers/out-movers to/from the barangay.

What are the data items included in the 2020 CPH?

- Name of the household head or his/her spouse
- Relationship to the household head or his/her spouse
- Sex
- Age
- Citizenship
- Marital status
- Educational attainment
- Employment status
- Employment characteristics
- Kind of building
- Number of floors of the building
- Type of building
- Source of financing of the housing unit
- Acquisition of the housing unit
- Tenure status of the housing unit/lot
- Floor area of the housing unit
- Construction materials of the floor
- Construction materials of the roof of the building
- Construction materials of the walls
- Construction materials of the ceiling
- Presence of operator in crop farming, livestock and poultry raising, aquaculture and fisheries
- Language generally spoken at home
- Place of work
- Usual activity/occupation
- Overseas worker
- School attendance
- Highest grade/year completed
- Functional difficulty
- Citizenship
- Religious affiliation
- Marital status
- Birth registration
- Age
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Relationship to the household head/residence status of IQ members
- Name of the household head/members/persons living in ILQ
- Tenure status of the housing unit/lot
- Source of water supply for drinking
- Source of water supply for cooking
- Fuel for cooking
- Fuel for lighting
- Presence of relocation area
- Presence of barangay facilities/characteristics
- Presence of informal settlers
- In-movers to the barangay
- Out-movers from the barangay
- Presence of Internet
- Presence of landline
- Presence of mobile phone
- Presence of internet connectivity

Who shall be the respondents in the census?

For CPH Form 2 and CPH Form 3:
- head of the household or his/her spouse or
- any responsible member of the household who can provide accurate information about the household and all its members.

For CPH Form 4:
- manager/administrator or
- individual members of the institution or ILQ

For CPH Form 5:
- Punong Barangay or
- any incumbent barangay official

When will the census enumeration be conducted?

- The 2020 CPH will be conducted in September 2020.
- All persons to be enumerated as members of a household or as residents of an ILQ will be those alive as of 12:01 a.m. of 01 May 2020.

Who will act as census enumerators and supervisors?

The PSA will hire enumerators and supervisors. They will be supervised by PSA personnel during the census operations. All personnel that will be involved in the 2020 CPH shall be provided with proper identification cards duly signed by the PSA National Statistician or his authorized representative.

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