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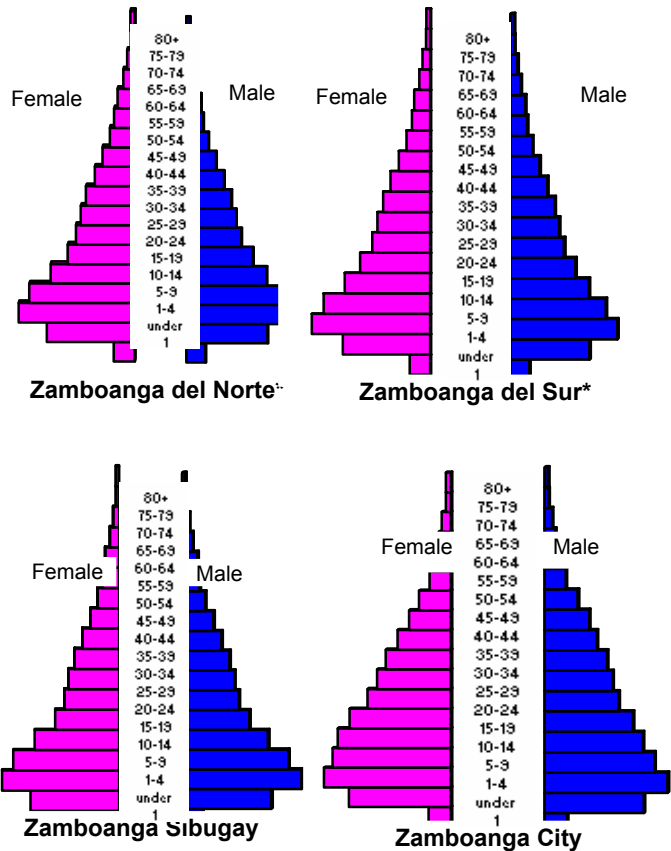
Rapid population growth has adverse effects on social services provided by the government. Major changes in households and family life have given women greater opportunities. But they have made more complex, and often, more difficult, women's struggle to balance family, household and economic responsibilities. Below are priority issues in the sector:

- Serious implications of changing population size, family structure, emerging typologies of family, composition and distribution vis-à-vis available resources/services on the status of women;
- Multiple burden due to inclination of family members to define certain roles for men and women; and
- Need to address gender issues of the youth, elderly and disabled men and women.

To address some of the above issued, the following policies were promulgated:

- Enactment of the Family Code which, to date is the most enlightened piece of legislation to promote equality and justice among family members; and
- The importance of the Filipino family as the fundamental unit of society is underscored in the 1987 Constitution and other existing legislation. The Constitution and other legislation recognize that well-functioning and happy families constitute the necessary foundation for social stability, economic progress and development.

Figure 1.1
HOUSEHOLD POPULATION PYRAMIDS BY PROVINCE/CITY,
REGION IX: 2000

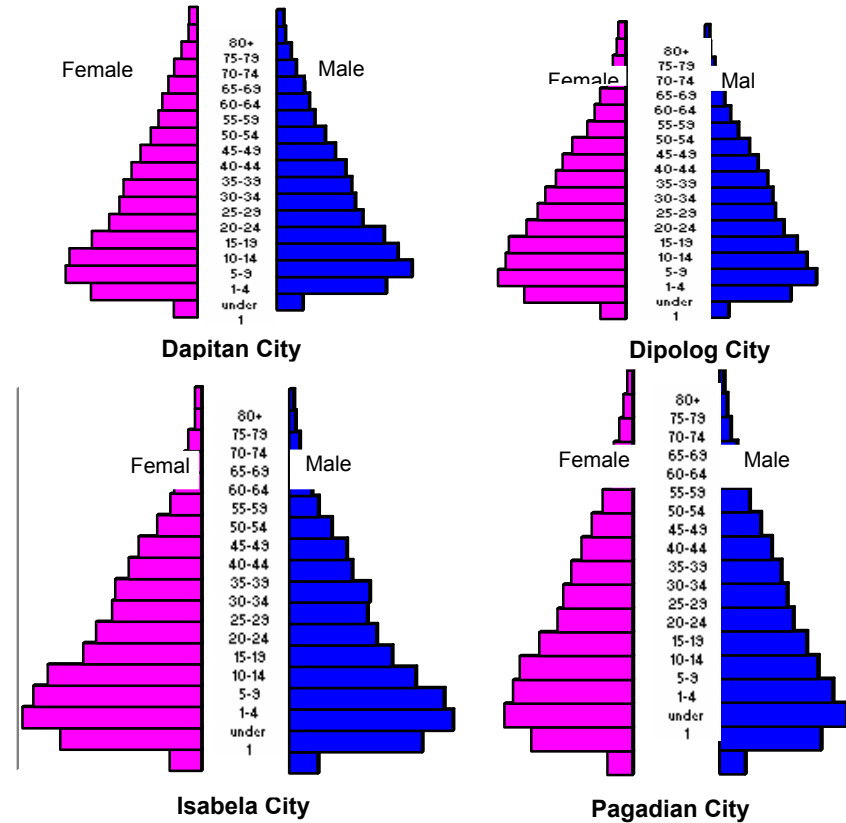


* Excludes city(ies)

Source: National Statistics Office (NSO)

The results of the 2000 Census of Population showed that Zamboanga Peninsula has a relatively young population as depicted by the broad bases of the pyramids representing the provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay, and the cities of Dapitan, Dipolog, Isabela, Pagadian and Zamboanga. The structures of these pyramids show that the bulk of the population has ages 15 years

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old and below, and as the age increases the population count decreases. It also portrayed that the highest population count is among the 5-9 years age group and the lowest was among the 70 years old and older. This trend is evident for both women and men in the region..

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**Table 1.1
HOUSEHOLD POPULATION BY SEX, AGE-GROUP AND
PROVINCE/CITY, REGION IX: 2000**

Age Group	Zamboanga del Norte*					Zamboanga del Sur*				
	Women		Men		Sex Ratio	Women		Men		Sex Ratio
	Number	%	Number	%		Number	%	Number	%	
All Ages	319,833	48.8	334,910	51.2	104.7	340,767	49.2	351,876	50.8	103.3
Under 1	8,394	2.6	8,665	2.6	103.2	8,857	2.6	8,995	2.6	101.6
1-4	34,821	10.9	36,653	10.9	105.3	37,459	11.0	38,046	10.8	101.6
5-9	46,032	14.4	48,109	14.4	104.5	50,636	14.9	51,402	14.6	101.5
10-14	41,788	13.1	42,457	12.7	101.6	45,953	13.5	45,888	13.0	99.9
15-19	33,366	10.4	35,248	10.5	105.6	36,210	10.6	37,631	10.7	103.9
20-24	26,604	8.3	28,068	8.4	105.5	29,169	8.6	31,197	8.9	107.0
25-29	23,381	7.3	24,314	7.3	104.0	24,313	7.1	25,771	7.3	106.0
30-34	21,369	6.7	22,419	6.7	104.9	22,355	6.6	23,338	6.6	104.4
35-39	19,360	6.1	20,827	6.2	107.6	19,655	5.8	21,109	6.0	107.4
40-44	15,839	5.0	17,052	5.1	107.7	16,565	4.9	17,641	5.0	106.5
45-49	12,798	4.0	13,522	4.0	105.7	13,148	3.9	13,950	4.0	106.1
50-54	9,941	3.1	10,421	3.1	104.8	10,094	3.0	10,403	3.0	103.1
55-59	8,198	2.6	8,806	2.6	107.4	7,934	2.3	7,979	2.3	100.6
60-64	6,904	2.2	7,206	2.2	104.4	6,784	2.0	6,997	2.0	103.1
65-69	4,558	1.4	4,705	1.4	103.2	4,781	1.4	4,785	1.4	100.1
70-74	3,043	1.0	3,139	0.9	103.2	3,293	1.0	3,320	0.9	100.8
75-79	1,659	0.5	1,635	0.5	98.6	1,871	0.5	1,752	0.5	93.6
80+	1,778	0.6	1,664	0.5	93.6	1,690	0.5	1,672	0.5	98.9

*Excludes cities

Source: National Statistics Office (NSO)

The 2000 Census Results revealed that in Zamboanga del Norte, the ratio of men to women was 104.7, which indicates that there were more men than women in the province. This is true among the ages under 1 to 74 years old. But the number of women was higher than men among 75 to 79 and 80 years old and over.

In Zamboanga del Sur, the ratio of men to women in 2000 was 103.3 indicating that there were about 103 men for every 100 women in the province during the year. However, there were more women than men among ages 10-14 and 75 to 80 years old and over.

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**Table 1.1 - Continued
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Age Group	Zamboanga Sibugay					Zamboanga City				
	Women		Men		Sex Ratio	Women		Men		Sex Ratio
	Number	%	Number	%		Number	%	Number	%	
All Ages	240,041	48.5	254,621	51.5	106.1	299,291	49.9	300,501	50.1	100.4
Under 1	6,349	2.6	6,449	2.5	101.6	6,717	2.2	7,150	2.4	106.4
1-4	28,060	11.7	28,573	11.2	101.8	30,376	10.1	31,846	10.6	104.8
5-9	36,795	15.3	38,331	15.1	104.2	37,740	12.6	39,495	13.1	104.7
10-14	33,247	13.9	34,065	13.4	102.5	35,233	11.8	35,181	11.7	99.9
15-19	26,397	11.0	27,549	10.8	104.4	33,675	11.3	31,545	10.5	93.7
20-24	19,923	8.3	21,537	8.5	108.1	30,193	10.1	28,313	9.4	93.8
25-29	17,053	7.1	18,151	7.1	106.4	24,875	8.3	23,680	7.9	95.2
30-34	15,706	6.5	16,728	6.6	106.5	21,962	7.3	21,770	7.2	99.1
35-39	13,801	5.7	15,155	6.0	109.8	19,441	6.5	19,998	6.7	102.9
40-44	11,313	4.7	12,569	4.9	111.1	15,934	5.3	16,702	5.6	104.8
45-49	8,720	3.6	9,977	3.9	114.4	12,520	4.2	14,262	4.7	113.9
50-54	6,706	2.8	7,371	2.9	109.9	9,496	3.2	10,587	3.5	111.5
55-59	5,093	2.1	5,658	2.2	111.1	6,361	2.1	6,760	2.2	106.3
60-64	4,276	1.8	4,868	1.9	113.8	5,341	1.8	5,261	1.8	98.5
65-69	2,789	1.2	3,286	1.3	117.8	3,628	1.2	3,368	1.1	92.8
70-74	1,865	0.8	2,204	0.9	118.2	2,761	0.9	2,336	0.8	84.6
75-79	956	0.4	1,154	0.5	120.7	1,499	0.5	1,207	0.4	80.5
80+	992	0.4	996	0.4	100.4	1,539	0.5	1,040	0.3	67.6

Source: National Statistics Office (NSO)

In Zamboanga Sibugay, the ratio of men to women in 2000 was 106.1 indicating that there were about 106 men for every 100 women in the province during the year. It can be noted that across all ages men outnumbered women.

In Zamboanga City, the ratio of men to women was 100.4 showing that men slightly outnumbered women. But the number of women surpassed that of the men among ages 10 to 34 years old and among 60 to 80 years old and over.