



## **“SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF LARION BAJO, TUGUEGARAO CITY RESIDENTS”**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This research study presents the socio demographic profile of the residents of Larion Bajo, Tuguegarao City. Majority of the respondents are female ranges from 31-40 years old, married and College graduates. Most of the respondents are Roman Catholic having P5,001-10,000 monthly income, employed with 4-6 members of the family. The result of the study also reveals that there are 23 persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the community. The result of this study allows us to better understand certain background characteristics of Larion Bajo which can be a powerful tool to uncover the needs or strengths of the community to guide planning, policy development and decision making.*

Key words: Larion Bajo, blacksmith, socio demographic profile

### **INTRODUCTION**

Tuguegarao City is one of the Philippines' fastest growing cities, serving as a hub for the provinces of Cagayan, Kalinga, Apayao, and northern Isabela. It is the center of Excellence in Education, Commerce, Trade and Culture [1]. It is a major urban center and primary growth center in North eastern Luzon. Tuguegarao City is 483 kilometers (300 miles) north of Manila, about an hour by plane and ten hours by land. [2]. Historically, Irayas and Itawes lived in the town and relied primarily on fishing, farming, hunting, and livestock raising. Furthermore, ancient natives have ventured on weaving cloth and making of household and farm implements [3].

Tuguegarao is not only a home for historical sites but also for the age-old blacksmithing. Larion Bajo is one of the barangays in Tuguegarao City, in here, the clinking keeps going. Almost a century ago, three Ilocanos who escaped the strangling situation in the Ilocos region during the time of the Spaniards introduced blacksmithing to Tuguegarao.



They moved to barangay Larion Bajo and started relaying their tradition in the community. Forging metals became their practice from then on, and they produced a variety of knives, one of which is the bolo, which is commonly used by farmers [4].

This industry has been the livelihood of the barangay in decades. Every household has its own blacksmithing activity with common products such as bolo, tabas, knives, ax, and the like. Their raw materials are bought from different bus and mini-bus companies that has spare part called “molye” not in use anymore and sold to the blacksmiths at a very minimal amount on a per kilo basis. These products are sold regionwide [5]. During the early times, the family’s survival was due to blacksmith.

This study aims to determine the sociodemographic profile of Larion Bajo, Tuguegarao City. This will allow us to better understand certain background characteristics which can be a powerful tool to uncover the needs or strengths of the community to guide planning, policy development and decision making.

## **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

This study was conducted to determine the socio demographic profile of Larion Bajo, Tuguegarao City residents.

Specifically, the study attempted to answer the following questions:

1. What is the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of:
  - 1.1 Gender
  - 1.2 Age
  - 1.3 Marital Status
  - 1.4 Educational Background
  - 1.5 Family Income
  - 1.6 Source of Income
  - 1.7 Religion
  - 1.8 Size of the family
  - 1.9 Number of Person’s with disabilities (PWD)



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## **METHODOLOGY**

### *Research Design*

The researcher used the descriptive design utilizing questionnaire as primary tool in gathering the needed data of the study.

### *Respondents and Sampling Procedure*

The respondents were the residents of Larion Bajo, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

### *Data Analysis*

The data gathered through sets of questionnaire was tallied and interpreted through frequency count.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This chapter presents the findings and interpretation of data and discussions in tabular presentations.

### **Profile of the respondents**

**Gender.** Table 1 presents that there are 282 respondents of the survey. One hundred forty-three (143) or 50.71% are female while 139 or 42.99% are male.

**Age.** It can be gleaned from the table that 71 or 25.18% of the respondents belongs to 31-40 years old, 59 or 20.92% are 42-50 years old and 58 or 20.57% are 21-30 years old. There are 41 or 14.54% belongs to 51-60 years old, 27 or 9.57% are 61 and above and 26 or 9.22% belongs to 11-20 years old. This implies that majority of the respondents are in their working and productive age.

**Marital Status.** The table shows that 154 or 54.61% are married, 51 or 18.09 are single, 41 or 14.54% are separated and 36 or 12.77% are widowed.

**Educational Background.** Table 1 presents that 65 or 23.05% of the respondents are College graduate, 52 or 18.44% are Elementary graduate, 47 or 16.67% are, 43 or 15.25% are Highschool graduate, 36 or 12.77% are Highschool undergraduate, 26 or 9.22% are Elementary undergraduate, 9 or 3.19% holds Post graduate degrees and 4 or 1.42% are Vocational graduate. This implies that majority of the respondents finished their tertiary education.



**Family Income.**It can be seen from the table that 94 or 33.33% of the respondents earns P5001-10,000, 78 or 27.66% earns P10,001 to 20,000, 49 or 17.38% earns P5000 and below, 41 or 14.54% earns P20,001-30,000 and 20 or 7.09% earns P30,001 and above. According to the data from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the income less than P10,957 is categorized as poor [6].

**Source of Income.**The table shows that 95 or 33.69% of the respondents' source of income is employment/work, 87 or 30.85% is blacksmith, 60 or 21.28% is business, 21 or 7.45% comes from the support of family and relatives and 19 or 6.74% comes from monthly pension.

**Religion.**Table 1 presents that 107 or 37.94% of the respondents are Roman Catholic, 70 or 24.82% are Jehovah's Witness, 62 or 21.99% are Iglesiani Cristo and 43 or 15.25% are Born Again.

**Size of the family.**The table reveals that 99 or 35.11% of the respondents has 4-6 members of the family, 83 or 29.43% has 6 to 8, 53 or 18.79% has 1 to 4 and 47 or 16.67 has 9 and above members of the family.

**Number of PWDs.**The table shows that there are 18 or 78.26% of the respondents are female PWDs and 5 or 21.74% male PWDs.

**Table 1. Profile of the respondents**

Variable	Frequency	Percentage
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	143	50.71%
Male	139	49.29%
<b>Age</b>		
11-20	26	9.22%
21-30	58	20.57%
31-40	71	25.18%
42-50	59	20.92%
51-60	41	14.54%
61 above	27	9.57%
<b>Marital Status</b>		
Single	51	18.09%



Married	154	54.61%
Widowed	36	12.77%
Separated	41	14.54%
<b>Educational Background</b>		
Elementary Undergraduate	26	9.22%
Elementary Graduate	52	18.44%
High School Undergraduate	36	12.77%
High School Graduate	43	15.25%
Vocational Undergraduate	0	0
Vocational Graduate	4	1.42%
College Undergraduate	47	16.67%
College Graduate	65	23.05%
Post Doctorate Graduate	9	3.19%
<b>Family Income</b>		
Php 5,000 and below	49	17.38%
Php 5,001 to P10,000	94	33.33%
Php 10,001 to 20,000	78	27.66%
Php 20,001- 30,000	41	14.54%
Php 30,001 and above	20	7.09%
<b>Source of Income</b>		
Employment/Work	95	33.69%
Blacksmith	87	30.85%
Business	60	21.28%
Support from relatives	21	7.45%
Pension	19	6.74%
<b>Religion</b>		
Roman Catholic	107	37.94%
Iglesiani Cristo	62	21.99%
Born Again	43	15.25%
Jehovah's Witnesses	70	24.82%
<b>Size of the Family</b>		



1-4	53	18.79%
4-6	99	35.11%
6-8	83	29.43%
9 and above	47	16.67%
<b>Number of PWDs</b>		
Female	18	78.26%
Male	5	21.74%

## CONCLUSION

The result of the study reveals that majority of the respondents are female ranges from 31-40 years old, married and College graduates. Most of the respondents are Roman Catholic having P5,001- 10,000 monthly income, employed with 4-6 members of the family. The result of the study also reveals that there are 23 persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the community.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings and conclusion of the study, the researchers suggest the following.

1. Training needs assessment survey should be conducted to identify the possible intervention to assist the barangay in every aspect of development.
2. Provide trainings to members of the community on how to advertise their blacksmith products.

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