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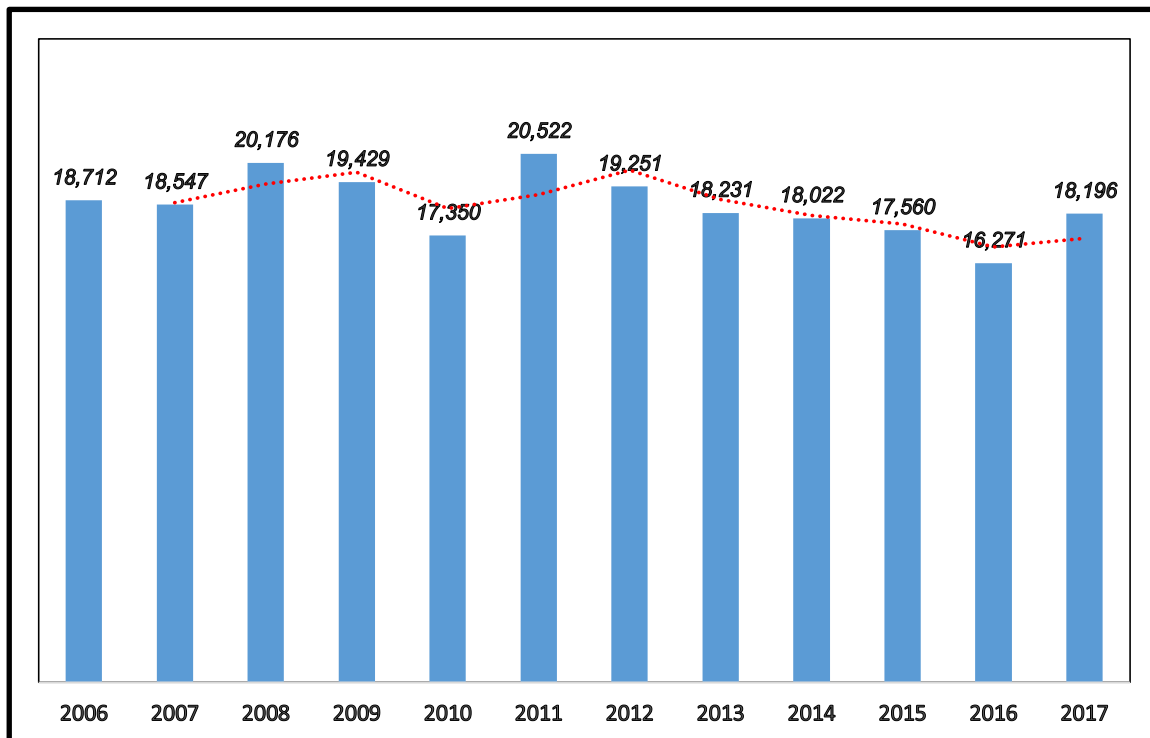
REGISTERED MARRIAGES IN SOCCKSARGEN REGION: 2017

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SOCCKSARGEN Region Registered Marriages Increased by 11.83 Percent

In 2017, a total of 18,196 marriages were registered in SOCCKSARGEN Region, about 11.83 percent higher from 16,271 in 2016. As shown in Figure 1 below, the fitted trendline on the number of registered marriages from 2006 to 2017 showed a downtrend. The highest registration was noted in 2011 at 20,522 while the lowest was posted in 2016 at 16,271.

Figure 1. Total Registered Marriage by Place of Occurrence, SOCCKSARGEN: 2006-2017



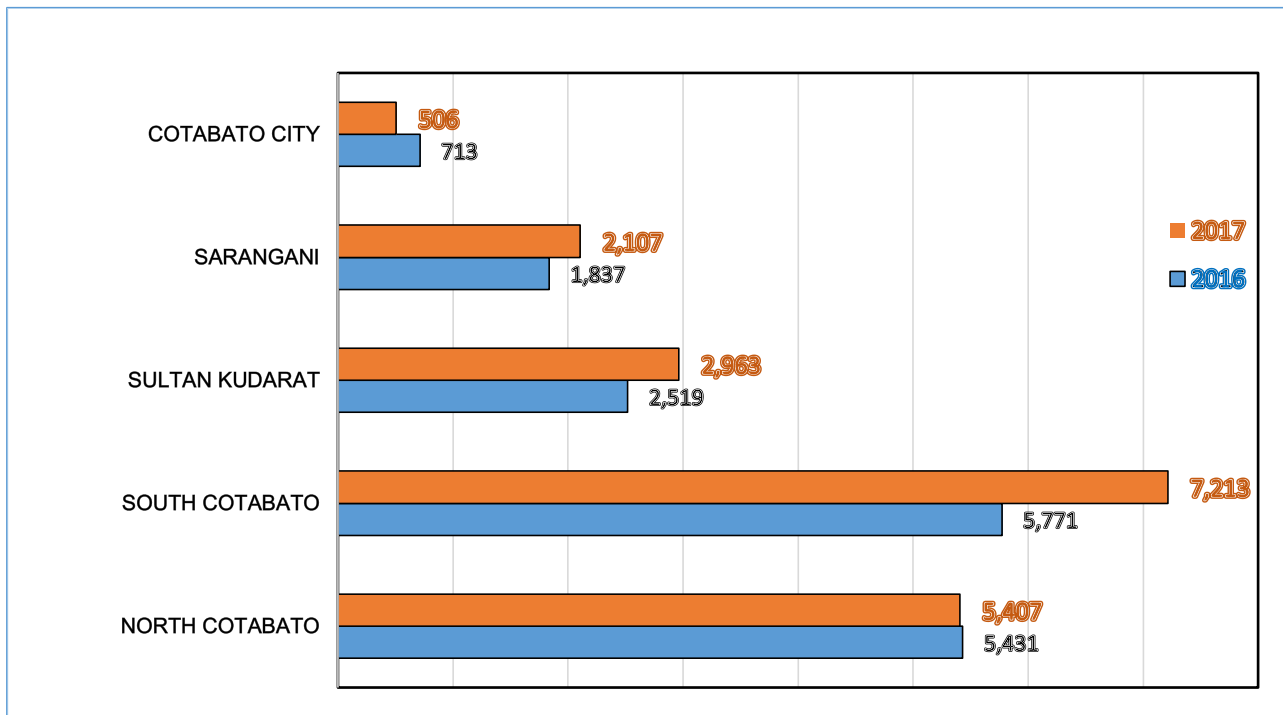
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division



Marriage by Place of Occurrence

Of the 18,196 total registered marriages in the region, 24.99 percent registered in South Cotabato at 7,213. Sultan Kudarat was next with 2,963 constituting 17.63 percent and Sarangani with 2,107 with a share of 14.70 percent. A decrease in registered marriages was noted in Cotabato City (29.03%) and North Cotabato (0.44%) (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Total Registered Marriage by Place of Occurrence by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2016-2017

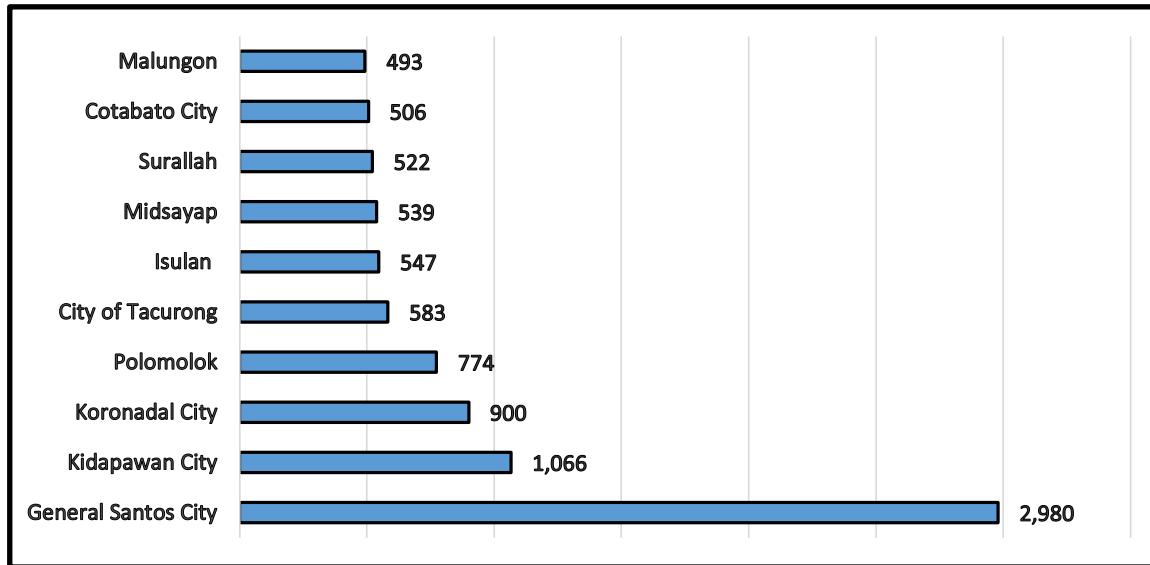


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division
Note: Figure are not adjusted for under-registration

Top 10 cities/municipalities with the most number of marriage registrations

In 2017, General Santos City had the most number of registered marriages in the region with 2,980 constituting 16.38 percent of the regional total. It was followed by the City of Kidapawan with 1,066 or a share of 5.86 percent; City of Koronadal with 900 or about 4.95 percent; Polomolok with 774 or about 4.25 percent; City of Tacurong with 583 or about 3.20 percent; Isulan with 547 or about 3.01 percent; Midsayap with 539 or about 2.96 percent; Surallah with 522 or about 2.87 percent; Cotabato City with 506 or about 2.78 percent and Malungon with 493 or about 2.71 percent registered marriages.

Figure 3. Highest Number of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence (City/Municipality), SOCCSKSARGEN: 2017

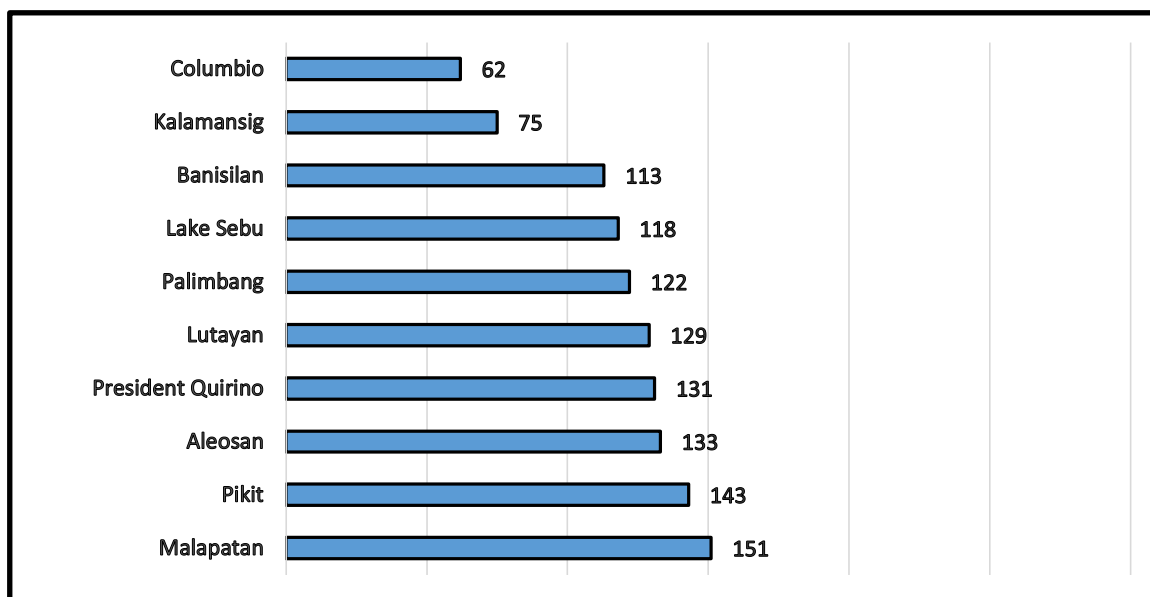


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division

Top 10 municipalities with the least number of marriage registrations

Columbio had the least number of registered marriages in Region XII in 2017 with 62 marriages per year and with an average of 2 registered marriages per month. (see figure 4).

Figure 4. Least Number of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence (Municipality), SOCCSKSARGEN: 2017

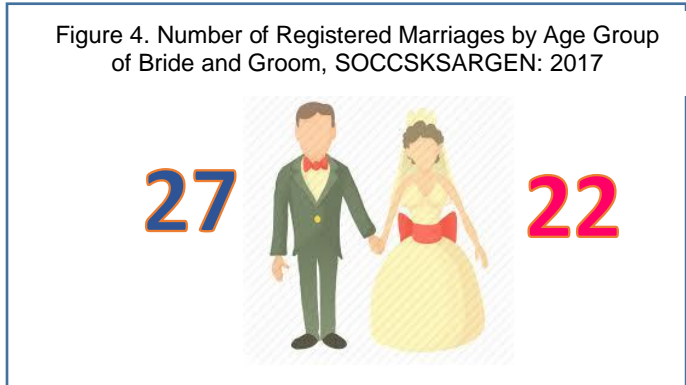


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AGE OF GROOM AND BRIDE

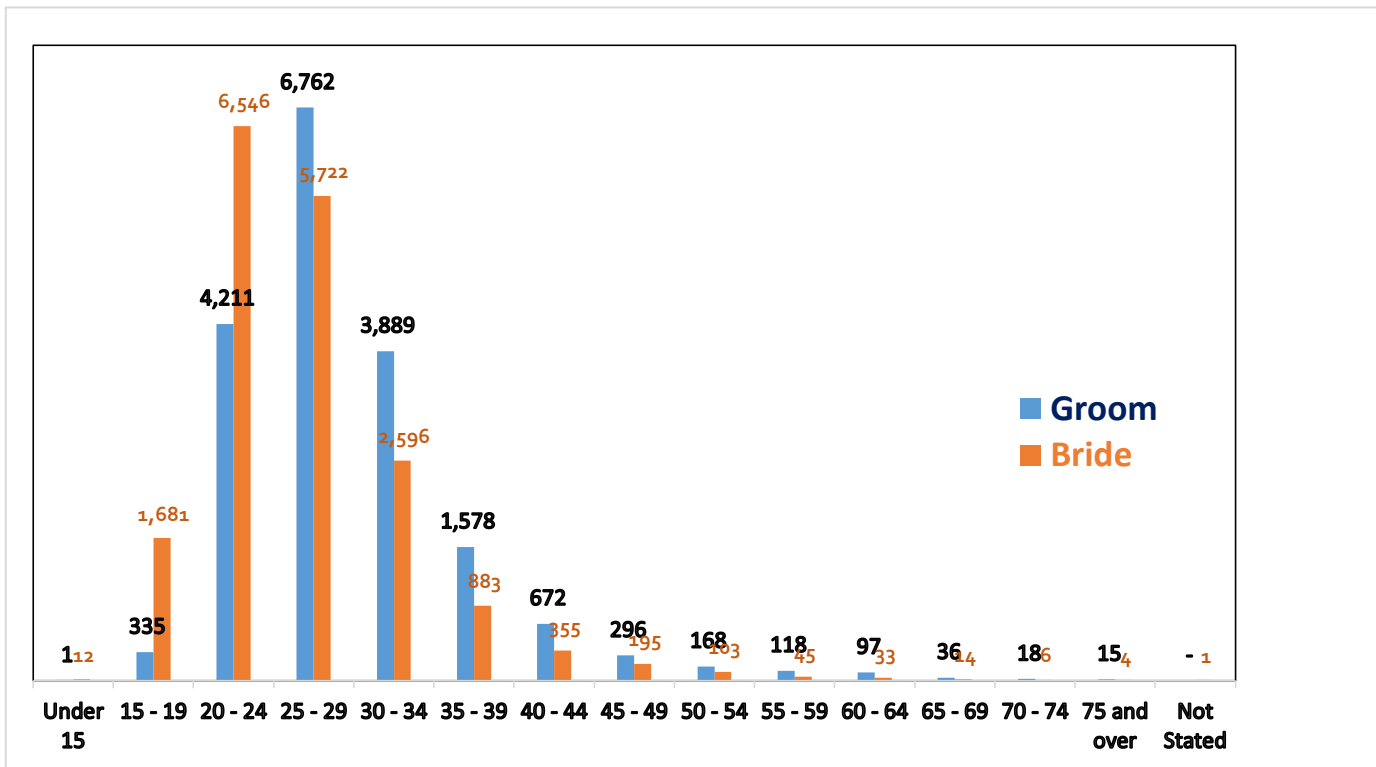
Men marry at an older age compared to women. The reported median age for grooms was 27 years old while that for brides was 22 years old or about five years lower than the median age of grooms.

Most brides married between ages 20-24 years old, grooms between ages 25-29



In 2017, more than a third of the brides (6,546 or 35.97 percent) were between the ages 20-24 years old while grooms (6,762 or 37.16 percent) tied the knot between the ages 25-29 years old. Noticeably, marriages after these age group tend to slow down as the age group increases. Teenage brides numbered 1,681 and 335 grooms, and they were under 15 years of age when they got married (see Figure 5).

Figure 5. Number of Registered Marriages by Age Group of Bride and Groom, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2017



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division



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Explanatory Notes

The data on marriages presented here were obtained from the Certificate of Marriage (Municipal Form No. 97) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars all throughout the country and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Information presented includes registered of marriages which occurred from January to December 2017 and received at the Civil Registration Service until 31 March 2018. Figures presented are not adjusted for under

Definition of Terms

Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life.

Civil Registration is a recording of vital acts and events in the civil registers and the resulting documents are called vital events.

Vital Acts and Events includes births, deaths, marriages and all such events that have something to do with an individual's entrance and departure from life together with the changes in civil status that may occur to a person during his/her lifetime.

Place of occurrence refers to the place where the vital event took place.

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