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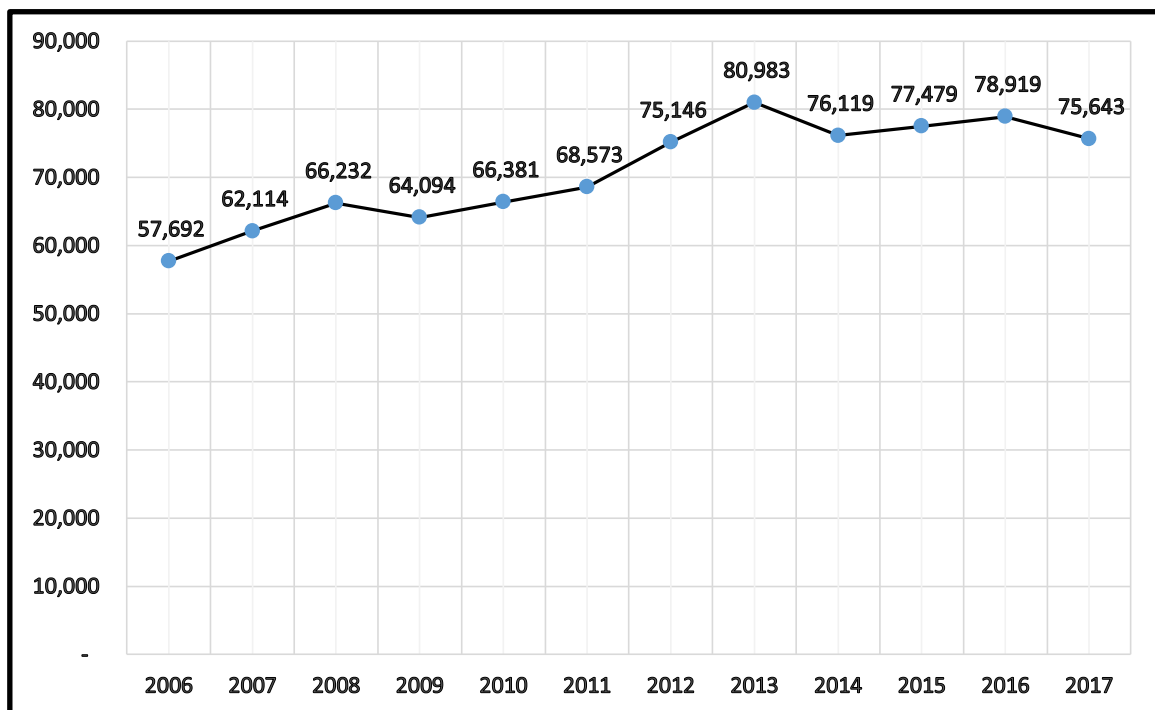
SOCCKSARGEN's Birth Statistics: 2017

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SOCCKSARGEN Region registered live births decreased by 4.15 percent in 2017

The number of registered live births in the SOCCKSARGEN Region in 2017 reached 75,643, lower by 4.15 percent from 78,919 in 2016. The highest number was registered in 2013 at 80,983. Figure 1 revealed that the number of registered live births in the region has been increasing annually by 2.2 percent during the period 2007-2017. From 57,672 in 2016, it ballooned to 75,643 in 2017, reaching its highest in 2013 at 80,983.

Figure 1. Live Births by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCKSARGEN: 2006-2017



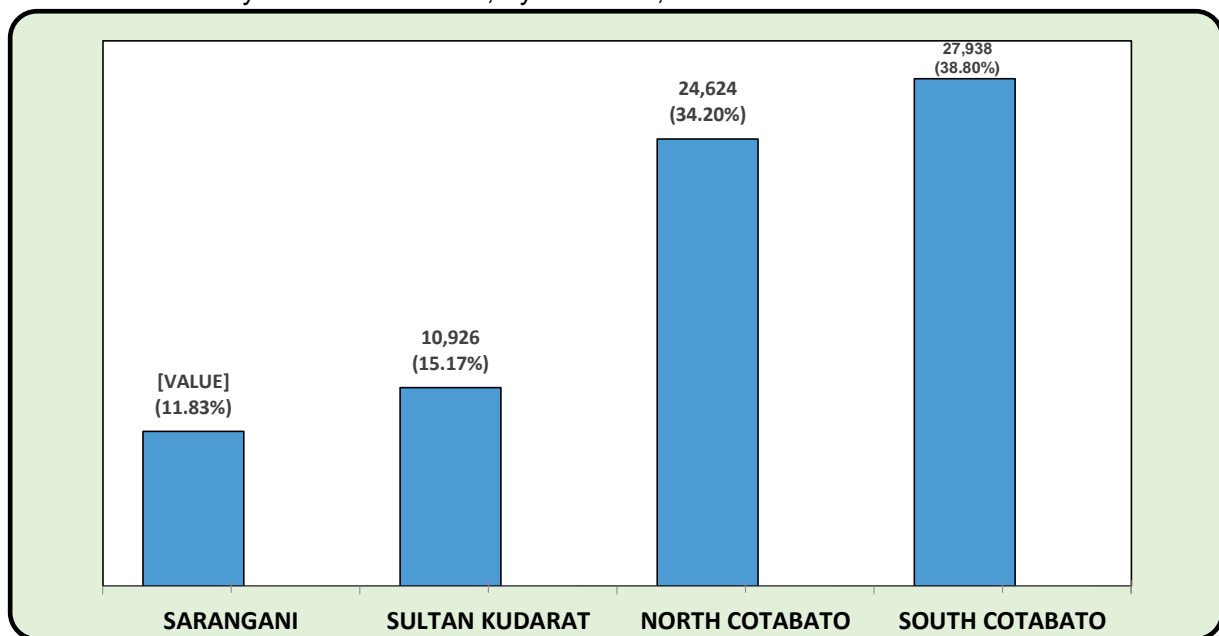
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division



South Cotabato Province had the highest number of registered live births

Among the four provinces in the region, South Cotabato had the highest registered live births at 27,938 constituting 36.93 percent of the total registered live births in the region in 2017. It was followed by North Cotabato with a registered live birth of 24,624 or 35.55 percent and Sultan Kudarat with 10,926 or 14.44 percent. Sarangani had the least registered live births at 8,517 or a share of 11.26 percent in 2017 (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Number and Percentage Distribution of Registered Live Births by Usual Residence, by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2017



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

Registered live births highest in October

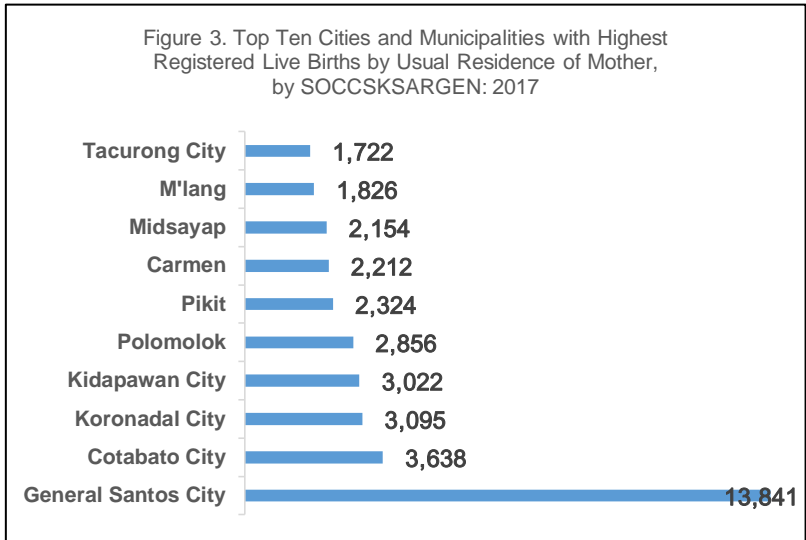
In 2017, October had the highest registered live births with 7,045 (9.0 percent) followed by September with 6,988 (8.9 percent). February had the least registered live births with 5,555 (7.1 percent) and January with 6,254 (8.00 percent) (see Table 1 and Figure 3).

Table 1. Number and Percent Distribution of Live Births by Usual Residence of Mother, by Month, by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN : 2017

	Number	Percent
Total	78,152	100.0
January	6,254	8.0
February	5,555	7.1
March	6,426	8.2
April	6,355	8.1
May	6,718	8.6
June	6,319	8.1
July	6,615	8.5
August	6,451	8.3
September	6,988	8.9
October	7,045	9.0
November	6,853	8.8
December	6,573	8.4

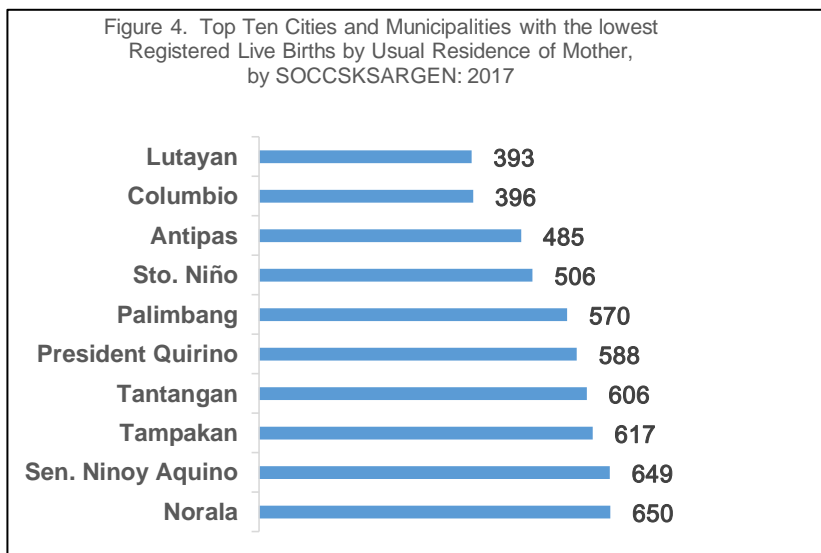
Top ten cities/municipalities with the highest number of birth registrations

At 13,841, General Santos City had the highest number of registered live births by usual residence of the mother in 2017. It was followed by Cotabato City with 3,638 registered births, Koronadal City with 3,095, Kidapawan City with 3,022, Polomolok with 2,856, Pikit with 2,324, Carmen with 2,212, Midsayap with 2,154, M'lang with 1,826 and Tacurong City with 1,722. (see Figure 3).



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

Top ten cities/municipalities with the least number of birth registrations



Lutayan and Columbio had the least number of registered live births by usual residence of the mother at 393 and 396, respectively. It was followed by Antipas with 485 registered live births, Sto. Niño with 506, Palimbang with 570, Pres. Quirino with 588, Tantangan with 606, Tampakan with 617, Sen. Ninoy Aquino with 649 and Norala with 650. (see Figure 4).

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



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More males were born than females

Of the 78,152 registered live births in the region in 2017, about 39,658 or 52.43 percent were males and 35,985 (47.57 percent) were females. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies (Table 1). On the average there were 51 live births per month or at most 12 live births per week. (see Table 2).

Table 2. Total Number of Registered Live Births by Usual Residence of Mother by Sex, by Province/City, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2017

REGION, PROVINCE/CITY	Male		Female	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	39,658	52.43	35,985	47.57
NORTH COTABATO	12,792	51.95	11,832	48.05
SOUTH COTABATO	14,679	52.54	13,259	47.46
SULTAN KUDARAT	5,751	52.64	5,175	47.36
SARANGANI	4,508	52.93	4,009	47.07
COTABATO CITY	1,928	53.00	1,710	47.00

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, CRS, Vital Statistics Division



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Explanatory Notes

The data on vital statistics presented in this special release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form No. 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Registrars all throughout the country and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority-Civil Registration Service. The data presented herein are events that occurred from January to December 2017.

Definition of Terms

Live Birth is a complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, which after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such a birth is considered live born.

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.

Usual Residence of the Mother refers to the place where the mother habitually resides.

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