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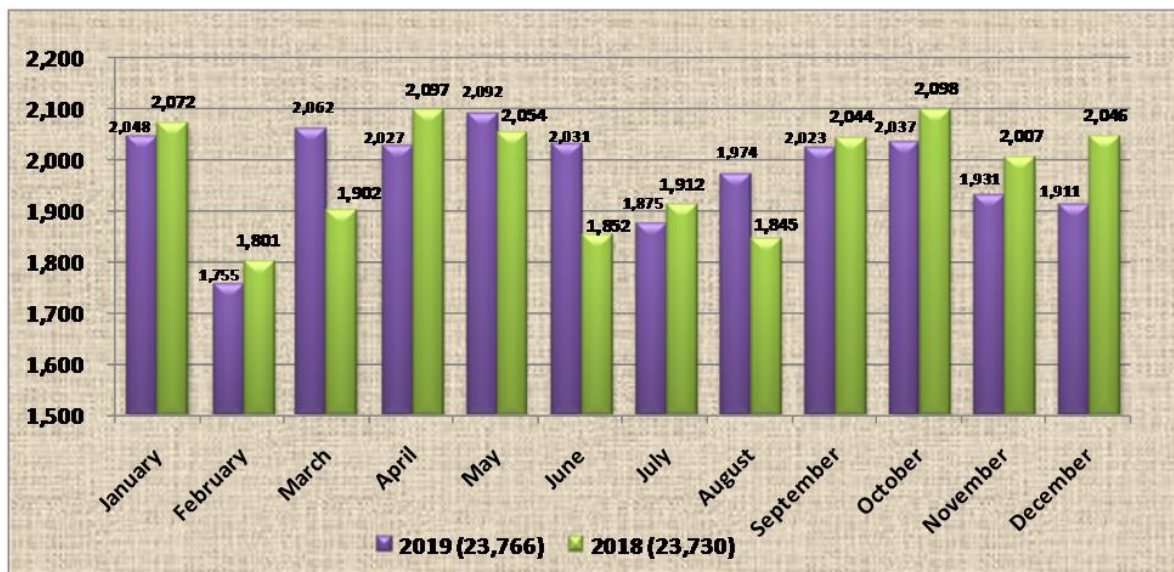
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Cotabato Birth Statistics: 2019

A Slight Increase by 0.15 Percent in Total Registered Live Births

The province of Cotabato has recorded 23,766 live births by place of occurrence for year 2019. As shown in figure 1 below there is a slight increase by 0.15 percent from January to December 2018 compared to January to December of 2019.

Figure 1. Number of Live Births by Place of Occurrence by Month: 2018-2019



Most Number of Registered Births Occurred in the Month of May

In the year 2019, most registered live births occurred in the month of May at 2,092 or 8.80 percent out of the total registered live births in the Province of Cotabato. On the other hand, the least registered live births occurred in the month of February with 1,755 live births only or 7.4 percent share of the total registration. There were 1,981 monthly average registration for year 2019.



City of Kidapawan bags the Highest Occurrence of Live Birth by 31.6 percent

The City of Kidapawan posted the highest number of recorded live births of 7,520 or a whopping 31.64 percent. It has a huge difference in number with the Municipality of Midsayap that comes in second place with 3,099 (13.04%) recorded live births, then followed by the Municipality of Pikit with 2,148 (9.04%), then by the Municipality of M'lang with 1,680 (7.07%) recorded live births, and then by the Municipality of Kabacan with 1,660 (6.98%).

The Municipality of Arakan has the lowest recorded live birth in Province of Cotabato with 170 live births which is only 0.72 percent of the 23,766 total registered live births, then followed by the Municipality of Magpet with 293 (1.23%), and then by the Municipality of Banisilan with 328 (1.38%).

Figure 2. Number of Live Births by Place of Occurrence by City/Municipality



Male Holds the Highest Number of Registered Live Birth Than Female in Cotabato Province

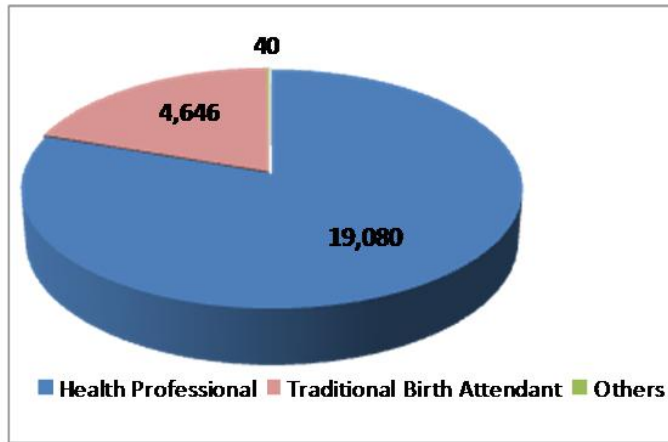
As shown in figure 3, of the 23,766 registered live births in the Province of Cotabato in the year 2019, a total of 12,328 or 52 percent were males, while 11,438 or 48 percent were females. This depicts clearly that there were more male babies born than female babies in the Province of Cotabato with a sex ratio of 108 males for every 100 females.

Figure 3. Number of Male and Female, Percentage, and Sex Ratio



Most Live Birth in Cotabato Province were Attended by Health Professionals

Figure 4. Number of Live Birth by Attendant at Birth and Place of Occurrence



Out of total registered birth by place of occurrence, there were 19,080 live births attended by Health Professionals which is 80.28 percent, while 4,646 or (19.54 %) live births were attended by traditional health attendant and only 40 or (0.17%) live births were attended by other individual other than health professionals and traditional health attendant.

Kidapawan City Recorded the Highest Registered Births Attended by Health Professionals

City of Kidapawan had the highest recorded live birth that was attended by Health Professionals with 7,487 (99.56%) out of the recorded births in the city as shown in Table 1. This data can be best supported by the presence of more health facilities with in the area. Assumption goes that most of the birth deliveries occurred in health facilities.

Table 1. Number of Live Births by Attendant at Birth, by Place of Occurrence, By Municipality

Municipality	Total Number of Live Births	Health Professionals	% Rate	Traditional Birth Attendant	% Rate	Others	% Rate
Alamada	480	106	22.08%	362	75.42%	12	2.50%
Aleosan	399	181	45.36%	218	54.64%	-	
Antipas	689	682	98.98%	7	1.02%	-	
Arakan	170	93	54.71%	77	45.29%	-	
Banisanlan	328	149	45.43%	179	54.57%	-	
Carmen	1,493	204	13.66%	1,288	86.27%	1	0.07%
Kabacan	1,660	1,185	71.39%	475	28.61%	-	
City of Kidapawan	7,520	7,487	99.56%	32	0.43%	1	0.01%
Libungan	1,146	1,079	94.15%	67	5.85%	-	
Magpet	293	239	81.57%	54	18.43%	-	
Makilala	655	618	94.35%	23	3.51%	14	2.14%
Matalam	379	261	68.87%	114	30.08%	4	1.06%
Midsayap	3,099	2,879	92.90%	220	7.10%	-	
M'lang	1,680	1,602	95.36%	72	4.29%	6	0.36%
Pigkawayan	477	286	59.96%	191	40.04%	-	
Pikit	2,148	929	43.25%	1,219	56.75%	-	
President Roxas	435	415	95.40%	20	4.60%	-	
Tulunan	715	685	95.80%	28	3.92%	2	0.28%
TOTAL	23,766	19,080	80.28%	4,646	19.55%	40	0.17%



Top five city/municipalities with high percentage rate of live births attended by Health Professionals were City of Kidapawan, Antipas, Tulumun, Pres. Roxas and Mlang as shown in Table 2. These one city and four municipalities were all noted with existence of government and private hospitals. Other factor also of this high percentage rate was the existing Municipal Ordinance prohibiting home birth deliveries in these city/municipalities.

While the top five municipalities with low percentage rate of live birth attended by health professionals were the municipalities of Carmen, Alamada, Pikit, Aleosan and Banisilan. For the municipality of Carmen, only 204 (13.66%) out of 1,493 live births were attended by Health Professionals. Most of the barangays of these municipalities were located in far flung area that could be a contributing factor of birth deliveries at home only. It can be cited also that these municipalities don't have Municipal Ordinance prohibiting home birth deliveries.

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Explanatory Notes

Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form No. 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrar all throughout the province and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority from January to December 2019.



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