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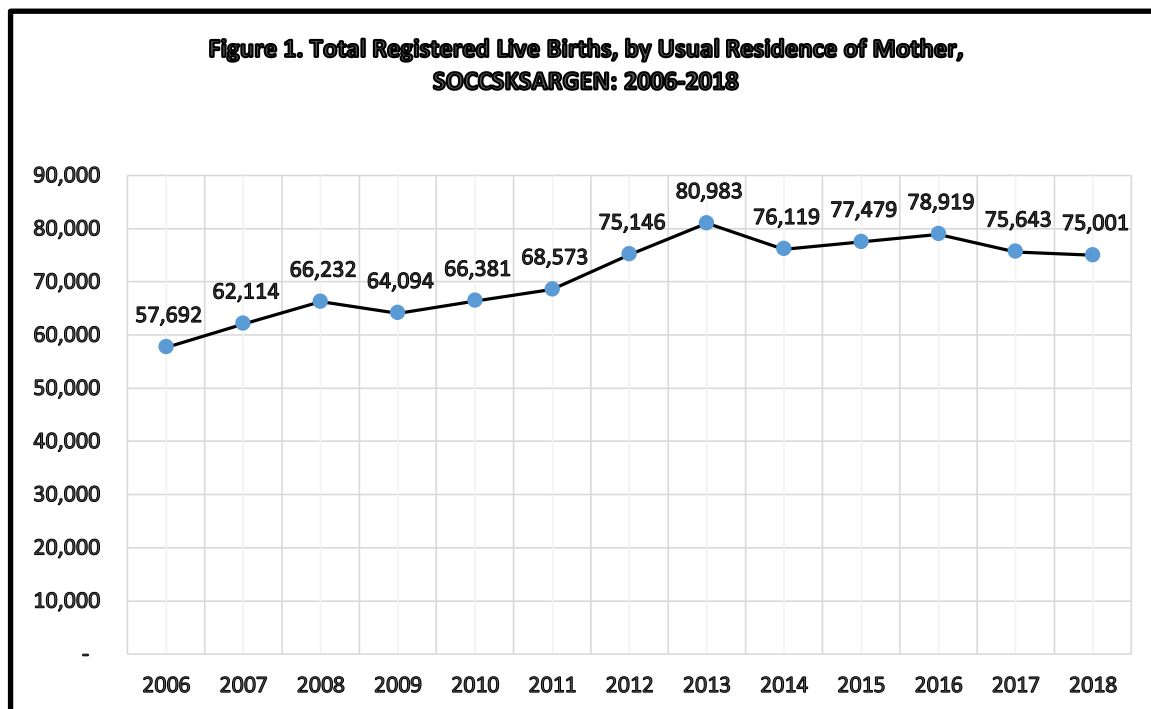
BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION 2017 AND 2018

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Registered births in SOCCSKSARGEN Region decreased by 0.85 percent in 2018

The number of registered live births in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region in 2018 reached 75,001, lower by 0.85 percent from 75,643 in 2017 (see Figure 1). The number of registered births increased in the province of Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani at about 5.04 percent and 4.56 percent in 2018, respectively (see Table 2). The highest number was registered in 2013 at 80,983. Figure shows 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 2006, it ballooned to 75,001 in 2018, reaching its highest in 2013 at 80,983.



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

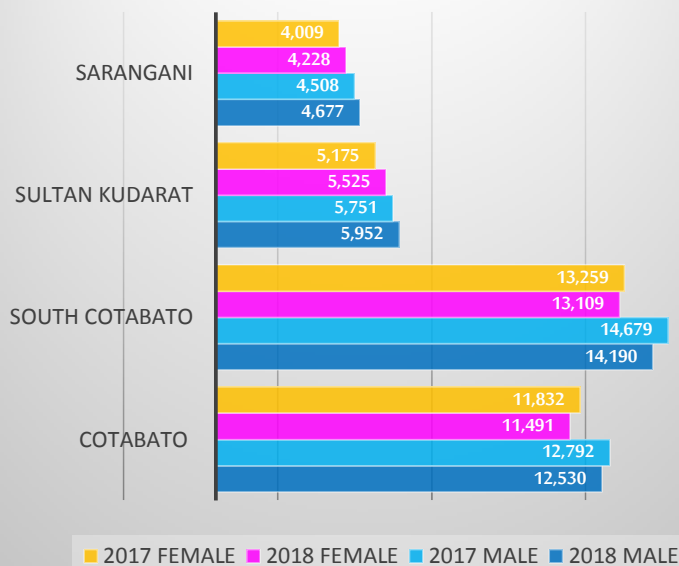


Table 2. Total Registered Births by Province, by Sex and by Usual of Residence of Mother:
SOCCKSARGEN : 2017-2018

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						Growth Rate
	2017			2018			
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCKSARGEN)	75,643	39,658	35,985	75,001	39,085	35,916	(0.85)
COTABATO	24,624	12,792	11,832	24,021	12,530	11,491	(2.45)
SOUTH COTABATO	27,938	14,679	13,259	27,299	14,190	13,109	(2.29)
SULTAN KUDARAT	10,926	5,751	5,175	11,477	5,952	5,525	5.04
SARANGANI	8,517	4,508	4,009	8,905	4,677	4,228	4.56
COTABATO CITY	3,638	1,928	1,710	3,299	1,736	1,563	(9.32)

More males were born than females

Figure 2. Total Registered Birth by Sex and by Usual Residence of Mother by Province, SOCCKSARGEN : 2017-2018



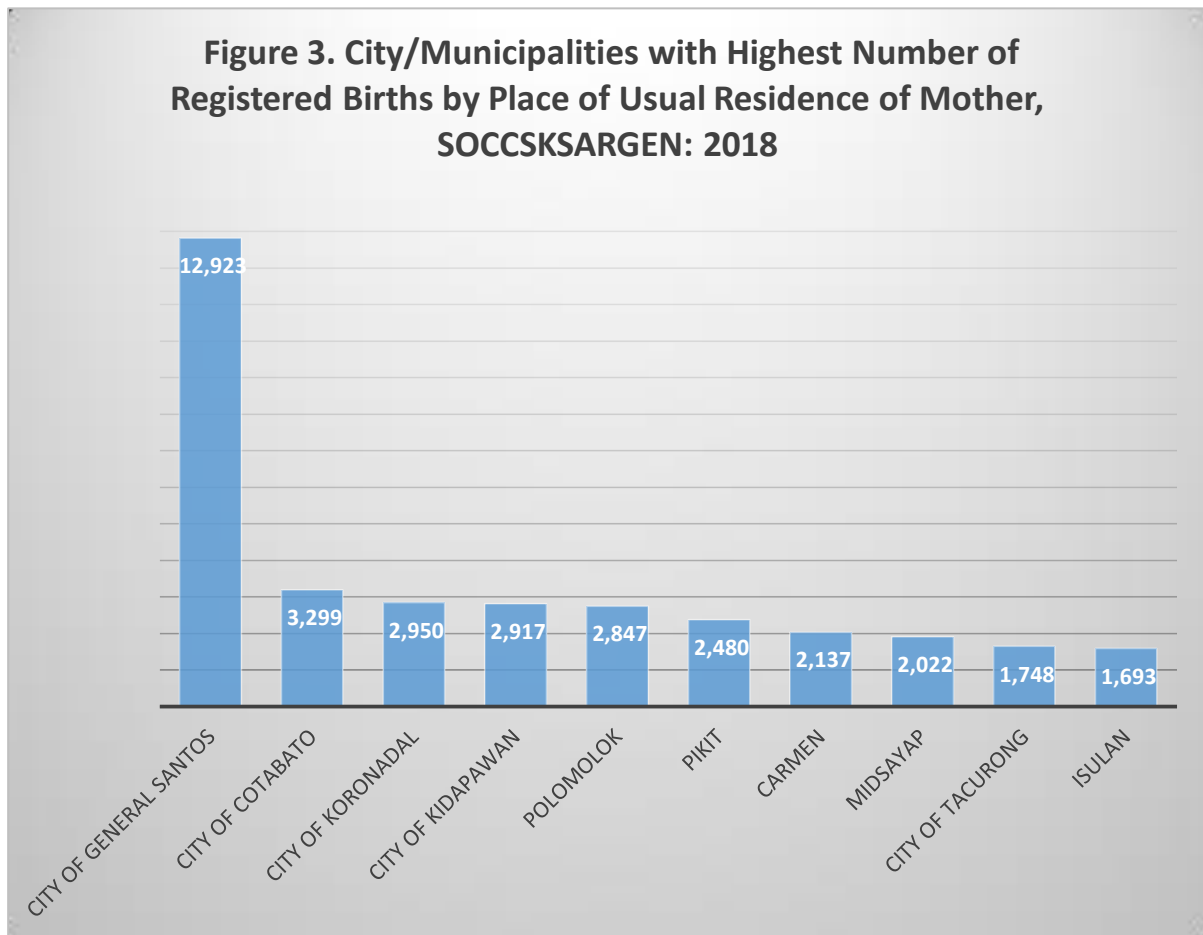
Of the 75,001 registered live births in the region in 2018, about 39,085 or 52.11 percent were males, females numbered 35,916 (47.89 percent). This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies (Figure 2).

On the average, there were 51 live births per month or at most 12 live births per week (see Table 2).

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 birth registrations

In 2018, General Santos City had the most number of registered births in the region at 12,923 constituting 17.23 percent of the regional total. It was followed by Cotabato City with 3,299 or a share of 4.40 percent; City of Koronadal with 2,950 or a share of 3.93 percent; City of Kidapawan with 2,917 or about 3.89 percent; Polomolok with 2,847 or about 3.80 percent; Pikit with 2,480 or about 3.31 percent; Carmen with 2,137 or about 2.85 percent; Midsayap with 2,022 or about 2.70 percent; City of Tacurong with 1,748 or about 2.33 percent; and Isulan with 1,693 or about 2.26 percent registered births.



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

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 2017 to December 2018.



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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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