



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCKSARGEN REGION: FIRST QUARTER 2020

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### **SOCCKSARGEN Region registered live births decreased by 2.46 Percent in First Quarter of 2020**

The number of registered live births in SOCCKSARGEN Region in First Quarter of CY 2020 reached 16,646 births by Usual Residence of Mother, lower by 2.46 percent from the same reference period in 2019 (see table 1). Province of Cotabato recorded the highest decreased in birth growth rate with 7.06 percent in the First Quarter of 2020 while it was South Cotabato showed the highest registered increased by 2.20 percent

Table 1. Total Registered Births by Province, by Sex and by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						
	First Quarter 2019			First Quarter 2020			Growth Rate
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCKSARGEN)	17,065	8,884	8,181	16,646	8,726	7,920	-2.60
COTABATO	5,612	2,883	2,729	5,216	2,778	2,438	-7.06
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	6,416	3,385	3,031	6,557	3,385	3,172	2.20
SULTAN KUDARAT	2,670	1,339	1,331	2,487	1,305	1,182	-6.85
SARANGANI	1,920	1,018	902	1,947	1,012	935	1.41
COTABATO CITY	447	259	188	439	246	193	-1.79

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

Note: Figures are results of actual registration without any adjustment of under-registration and Includes babies born in the Philippines whose mother's usual residence is in a foreign country

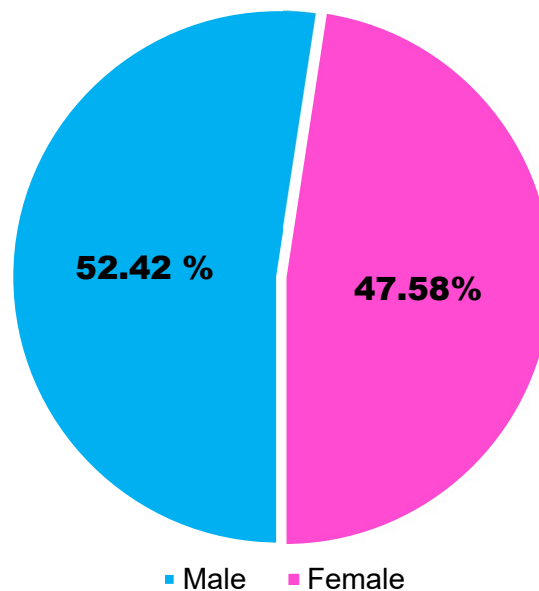




Meanwhile, South Cotabato and Sarangani showed an increased growth rate in registered live births by 2.20 percent and 1.41 percent, respectively. However, growth rate for Sultan Kudarat and Cotabato City decreased by 6.85 percent and 1.79 percent respectively.

## More Males than Females Babies were born in First Quarter 2020

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Sex:  
SOCCSKSARGEN, First Quarter 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division  
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Of the 16,646 registered live births in the region in First Quarter of 2020, more than half (52.42%) of the babies registered were males (8,726), while 47.58 percent (7,920) was the shared registration of its female counterpart. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in First Quarter of 2020 (Table 1 & Figure 1).



The computed sex ratio during the year was 110 which means that there are 110 male babies for every 100 female babies.

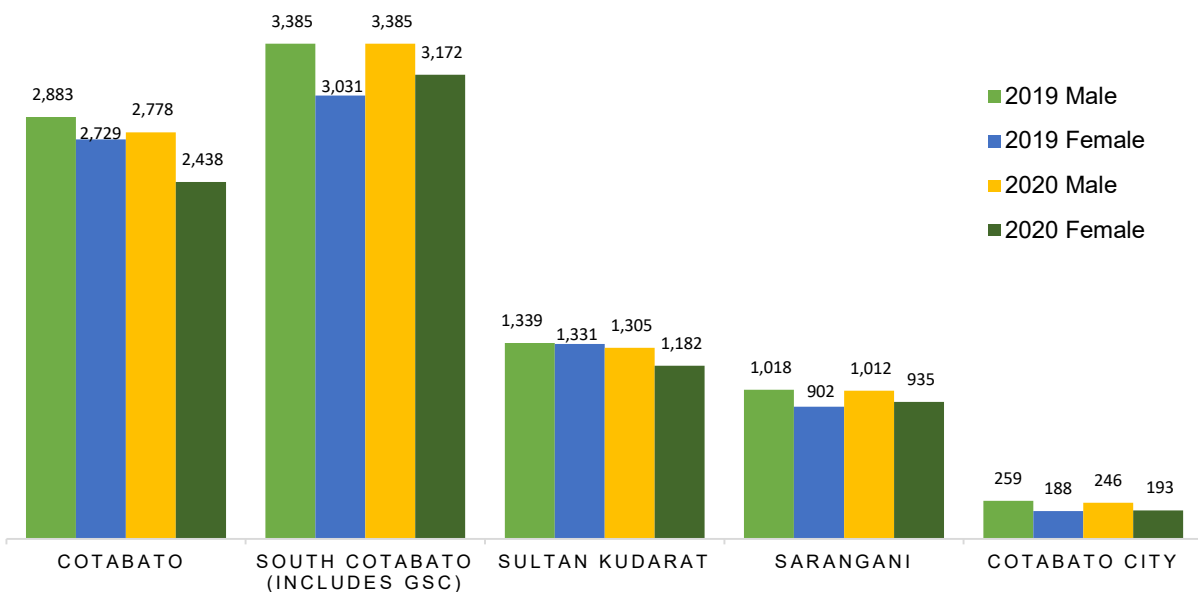
On the average, there were 111 live births per month or at most 25 live births per week or at least 4 babies born per day in SOCCSKSARGEN Region (see Table 1).

### 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 6,557 constituting 39.39 percent of the total registered live births in the region in First quarter of 2020. It was followed by Cotabato with a registered live birth of 5,216 or 31.33 percent; Sultan Kudarat with 2,487 or 14.94 percent and Sarangani with 1,947 or 11.70 percent.

On the other hand, Cotabato City had the least registered live births at 439 or a share of 2.64 percent in First Quarter of 2020, respectively (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Total Registered Live Births by Sex and By Usual Residence of Mother by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2019 and 2020



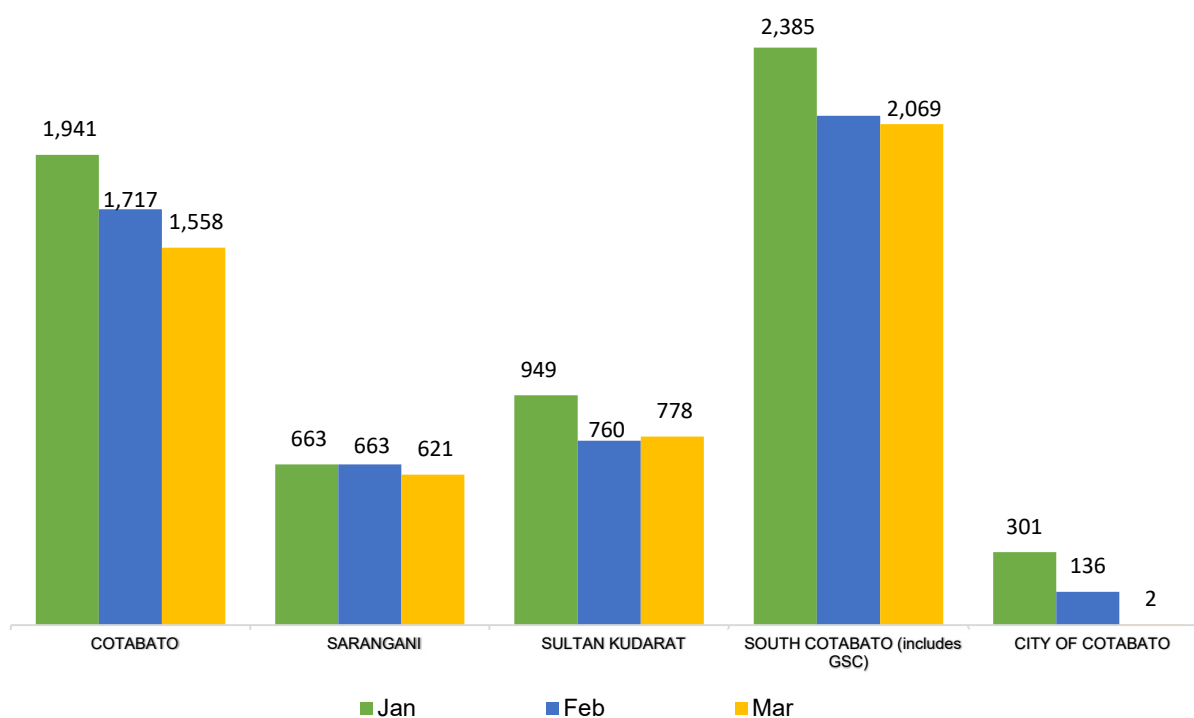
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### Least Number of Birth Registrations in Cotabato City

Least number of birth registrations are shown in the figure 3. Cotabato City had least recorded birth registration of 439 in the First Quarter of 2020 with 301 registered in January; 136 in February and only 2 recorded live birth in March.

Figure 3. Total Registered Live Births by Province, by Month and by Usual Residence of Mother by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020

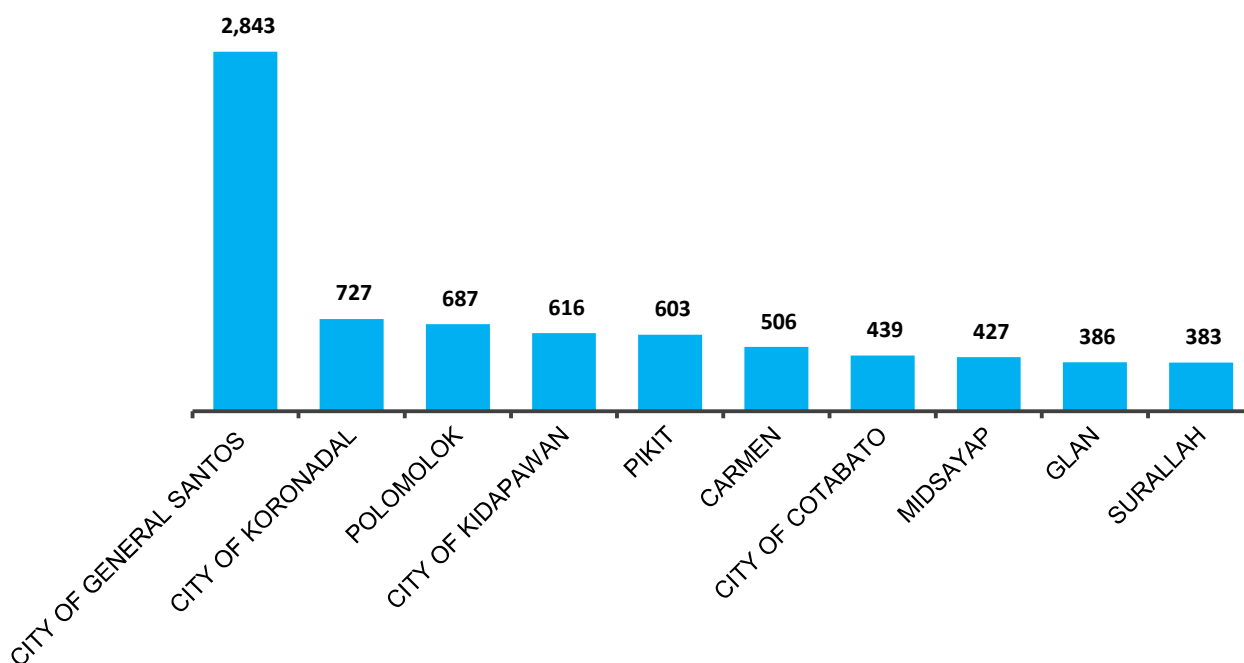


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### Live Births in General Santos City

In First Quarter of 2020, General Santos City had the highest number of registered live births in the region at 2,843 constituting 17.08 percent of the regional total. It was followed by City of Koronadal with 727 or a share of 4.37 percent; Polomolok with 687 or a share of 4.13 percent; City of Kidapawan with 616 or about 3.70 percent; Pikit with 603 or about 3.62 percent; Carmen with 506 or about 3.04 percent; City of Cotabato with 439 or about 2.64 percent; Midsayap with 427 or about 2.57 percent; Glan with 386 or about 2.32 percent; and Surallah with 383 or about 2.32 percent registered births (see Figure 4).

Figure 4. City/Municipalities with Highest Number of Registered Births by Place of Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020



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

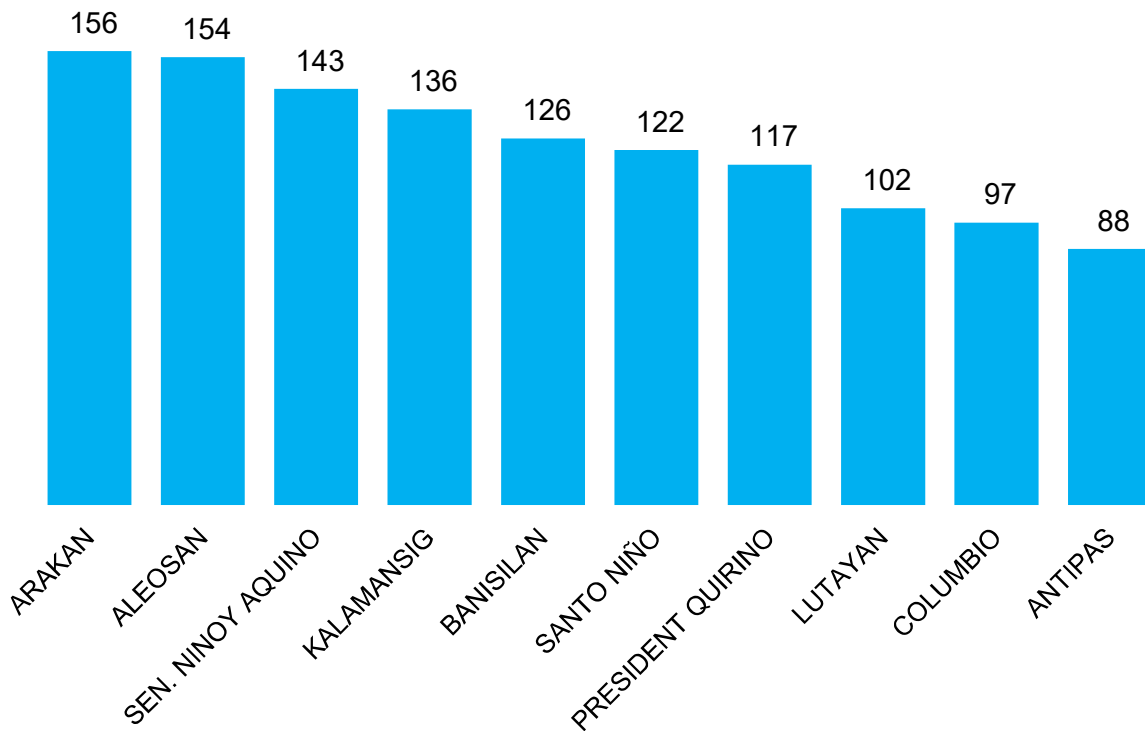
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### Least Number of Birth Registrations in Municipality of Antipas

Top ten Municipalities with least number of birth registrations are shown in the figure 5. Municipality of Antipas had the least recorded birth registration of 88 in the First Quarter of 2020.

Figure 5. Municipalities with Least Number of Registered Births by Place of Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020



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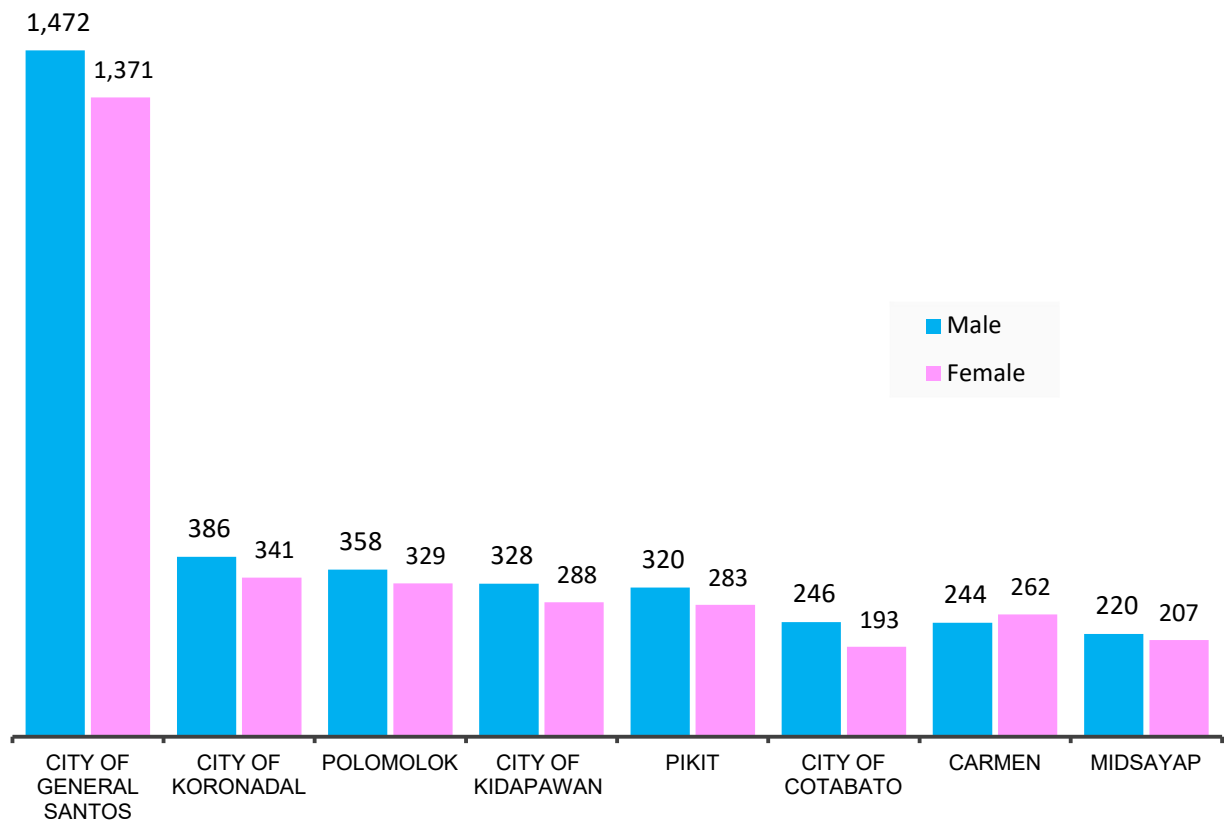


### Top Cities and Municipalities with Highest Birth Registrations in both Sexes

Among the 50 City/Municipalities in SOCCSKSARGEN the top eight with highest registered births in both sexes in First Quarter of 2020 are shown in figure 5.

The highest number of registered births found in the province of South Cotabato. Recorded the highest registered births were Cities of General Santos and Koronadal; followed by Municipality of Polomolok and City of Kidapawan.

Figure 6. Cities and Municipalities with Highest Registered Births by Sex and by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020



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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 2019 to March 2019 and January 2020 – March 2020.*

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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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