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## MARRIAGE STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION: FIRST QUARTER 2020

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### SOCCSKSARGEN Region Registered Marriages decreased by 28.52 Percent

A total number of 2,744 marriages were registered in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in the first quarter of 2020. About 28.52 percent decreased from 3,839 marriages in the first quarter of 2019. The biggest decrease was noted in Sultan Kudarat Province from 613 to 240 marriages (-60.85 percent), followed by Cotabato and South Cotabato with 612 and 1,356 registered marriages or about 47.24 & 16.86 percent decreased, respectively.

Moreover, the recorded marriages in Sarangani increased by 19.08 percent and Cotabato City recorded 18 marriages for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 while no reported marriage in the previous year 2019 of the same quarter (*see table 1*).

Table 1. Number of Registered Marriages, by Place of occurrence of SOCCSKSARGEN Region: First Quarter 2020

REGION/PROVINCE/CITY	TOTAL REGISTERED MARRIAGES		Percentage Increase / Decrease
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,839	2,744	-28.52
Cotabato	1,160	612	-47.24
South Cotabato (include GSC)	1,631	1,356	-16.86
Sultan Kudarat	613	240	-60.85
Sarangani	435	518	19.08
Cotabato City	0	18	

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

Note: Figures are results of actual registration without any adjustment of under-registration



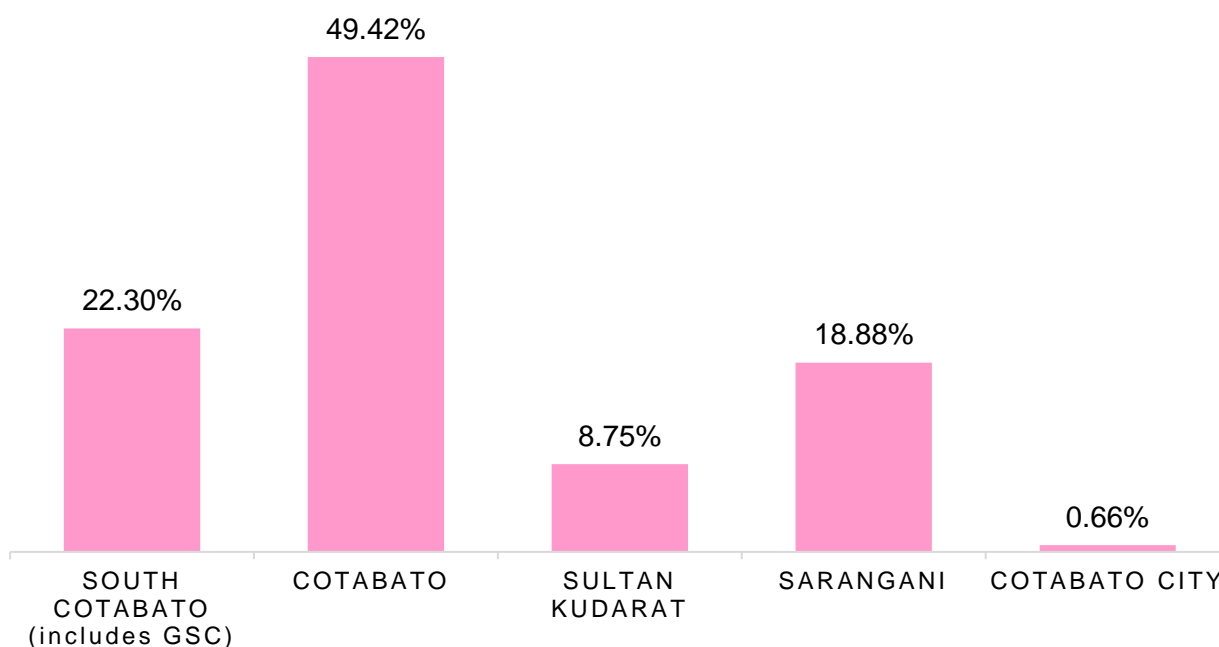


### **South Cotabato Province Registered Highest Number of Registered Marriages in the First Quarter of 2020**

In the first quarter 2020, South Cotabato Province (includes GSC) recorded the highest number of registered marriages, which accounted for 3,356 and Cotabato Province with 612 registered marriages in the first quarter of 2020. Of the total 2,744 marriages in the region in first quarter of 2020, South Cotabato province posted 49.42 percent, followed by Cotabato and Sarangani 22.30 percent and 18.88 percent, respectively.

Furthermore, Sultan Kudarat and Cotabato City had the least registered marriages with 8.75 & 0.66 percentage shares of the total registered marriages (*see Figure 1*).

Figure 1. Number and Percentage Distribution of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence, by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020



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

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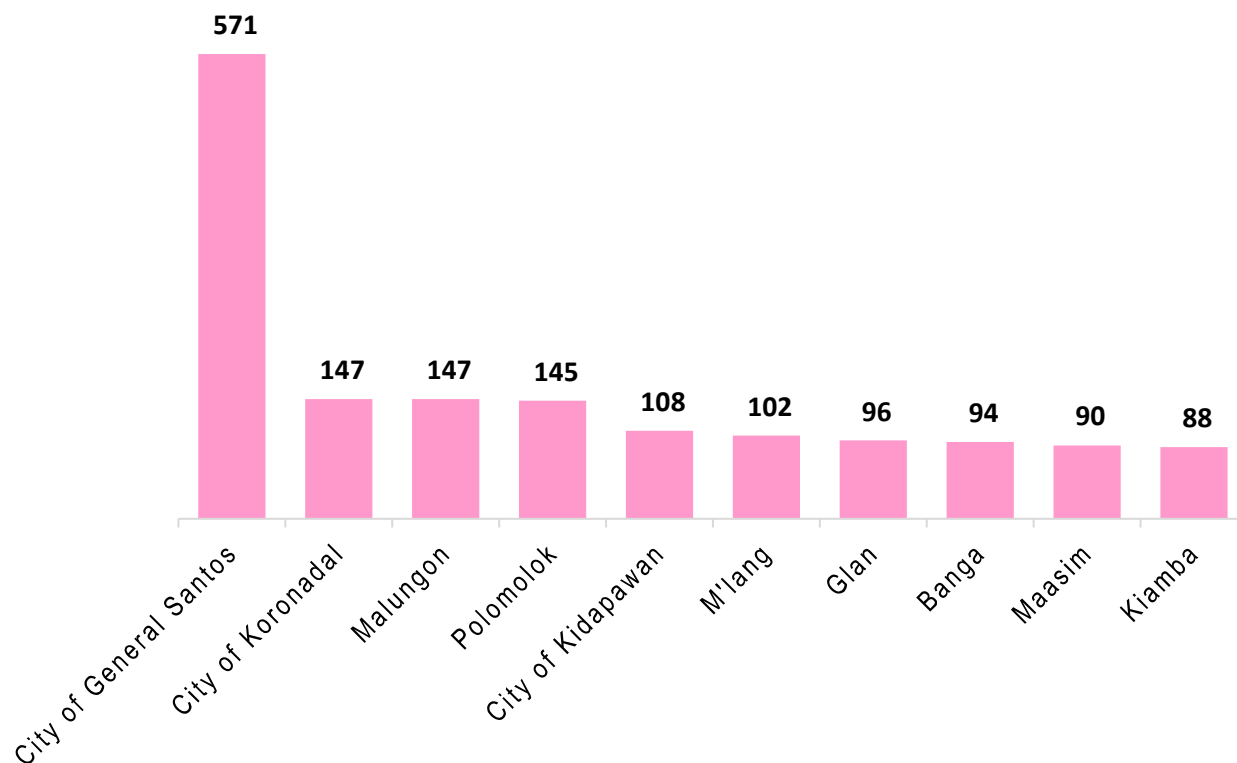


## Top Ten Cities/Municipalities with the Highest Number of Marriage registrations

In first quarter 2020, the top three Cities/Municipalities with the highest number of registered marriages in the region were General Santos City, City of Koronadal and Malungon. Among those mentioned, only General Santos had the highest contributed percentage share (20.81 %) to the regional total of registered marriages (see figure 2).

Municipality of Polomolok recorded 145 marriages or a share of 5.28 percent; City of Kidapawan with 108 or about 3.94 percent; M'lang with 102 or about 3.72 percent; Glan with 96 or about 3.50 percent; Banga with 94 or about 3.43 percent; Maasim with 90 or about 3.28 percent and Kiamba with 88 or about 3.21 percent registered marriages (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Cities/Municipalities with Highest Number of Registered Marriages By Place of Occurrence, SOCCSKSARGEN (City/Municipality): First Quarter 2020



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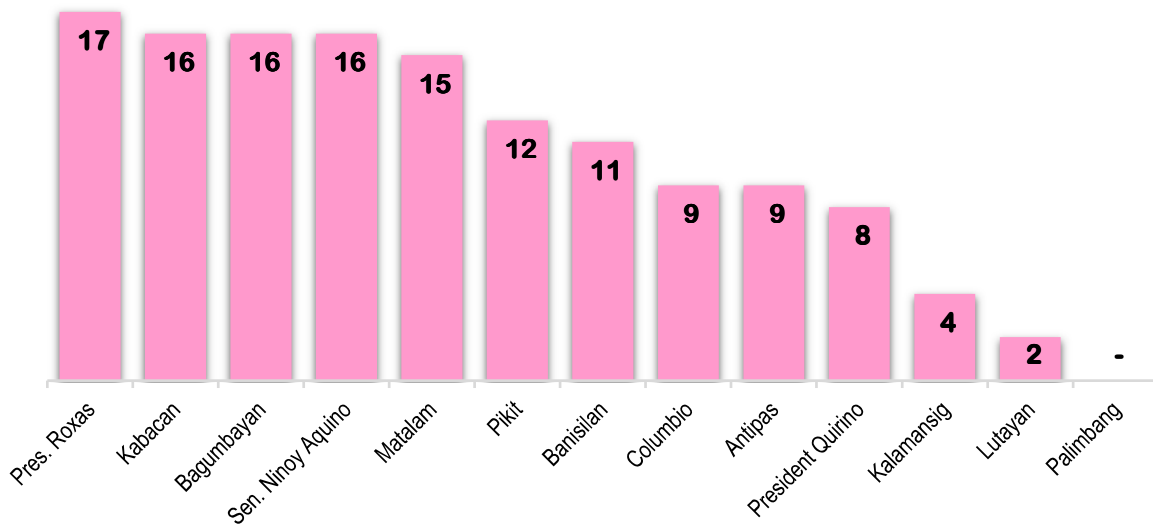


## Top Ten Municipalities with the Least Number of Marriage Registrations in First Quarter of 2020

The municipality of Palimbang has no reported marriage for the first quarter of 2020. Lutayan has the least number of registered marriages in the first quarter of 2020 with 2 or 0.07 percent of total registered marriages in the region. Followed by Kalamansig with 4 registered marriages or 0.15 percent; Pres. Quirino recorded 8 marriages or 0.29 percent; The municipalities of Antipas & Columbio recorded 9 marriages with 0.33 percent.

The remaining top four municipalities namely, Banisilan, Pikit, Matalam, and Pres. Roxas posted 11, 12, 15, and 17 registered marriages, respectively. On the other hand, Sen. Ninoy Aquino, Bagumbayan, Kabacan recorded both 16 marriages or about 0.58 percent of the total registered marriages in first quarter of 2020 (*Figure 3*).

Figure 3. Cities/Municipalities with Least Number of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence, SOCCSKSARGEN (City/Municipality): First Quarter 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division  
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Data on marriages that occurred in first quarter of 2020 by province, and city are shown in Table 2.

In first quarter of 2020, most marriages occurred in January 2020 with 1,263 (46.02%) of the total marriages that occurred in the region for the quarter. The least number of marriages occurred in March with 469 (17.09%) (see Table 2). On the average, there were 18 marriages registered per City/Municipality per month or an average of 915 registered marriages per month in the region for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020.

The South Cotabato Province recorded the highest registered marriages in terms of month, from January – March. Cotabato recorded the second highest for the month of January 2020 with 331 or about 12.06 percent and for the Month of March with 137 marriages or about 4.99 percent of the total registered marriages in the first quarter of 2020.

For the month of February 2020, Sarangani got the second highest, posted with 293 marriages or about 10.68 percent. Cotabato City recorded only 18 marriages for the month of January 2020 while the 2-consecutive months of the quarter has no reported marriages.

Table 2. Number of Registered Marriages by Month by Place of Occurrence, SOCCKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020

REGION/PROVINCE/CITY	Number of Marriages by month and by Place of occurrence			
	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar
REGION XII (SOCCKSARGEN)	2,744	1,263	1,012	469
COTABATO	612	331	144	137
SARANGANI	518	173	293	52
SULTAN KUDARAT	240	134	59	47
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	1,356	607	516	233
CITY OF COTABATO	18	18	-	-

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.*

*Civil Registration is a continuous process. Hence, there is a need to establish certain cut-off period. The data presented herein are events occurred from January to March 2020 and data files submitted at PSA-CRS until 24 July 2020.*

*Note: Figures are results of actual registration without any adjustment of under-registration*

**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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