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Highlights of the Population Density of SOCCSKSARGEN 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- As of 01 May 2020, the population of Region XII, excluding Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad, is 4,901,486 persons based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population of SOCCSKSARGEN Based on Various Censuses

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2010	May 1, 2010	4,109,571
2015	August 1, 2015	4,545,276
2020	May 1, 2020	4,901,486

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- With a total land area of approximately 22,786.08 square kilometers, the population density of SOCCSKSARGEN in 2020 was posted at 215 persons per square kilometer. This represents an increase of 16 persons per square kilometer (7.8 percent) from the population density of 199 persons per square kilometer in 2015. In 2010, there were 180 persons residing in every square kilometer of land. (Table 2)

Table 2. SOCCSKSARGEN Population Density Based on Various Censuses

Census Year	Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
2010	22,786	180
2015	22,786	199
2020	22,786	215

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population figures in this report were based on the results of the 2020 CPH. To derive the population density (or the number of persons per square kilometer of land), only the population residing in SOCCSKSARGEN territories were considered at the national level. Hence, Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions



abroad were excluded from the total population count. Meanwhile, the land areas were based on the 2013 Masterlist of Land Areas of Cities and Municipalities provided to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) by the Land Management Bureau (LMB).

- SOCCSKSARGEN Region is composed of 4 provinces, 3 component cities, 1 highly urbanized City, 1 independent city, 45 municipalities, and 1,195 barangays.
- In terms of population, SOCCSKSARGEN ranked 10th among the 17 administrative regions, with 4.9 million persons.
- SOCCSKSARGEN was 5th in terms of land area with 22,786 square kilometers.
- Among regions, SOCCSKSARGEN was 11th most densely populated with a population density of 215 persons per square kilometer. This figure is 40 percent lower than the population density of 363 persons per square kilometer posted at the national level.

Table 3. Total Population, Land Area, and Population Density by Region: 2020

Rank	Region	Total Population	Land Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
	Philippines	109,033,245 ^a	300,000.00 ^b	363
1	National Capital Region (NCR)	13,484,462	619.54	21,765
2	IV-A - CALABARZON	16,195,042	16,576.26	977
3	III - Central Luzon	12,422,172	21,906.19	567
4	VII - Central Visayas	8,081,988	15,872.58	509
5	I - Ilocos	5,301,139	12,964.62	409
6	VI - Western Visayas	7,954,723	20,778.29	383
7	V - Bicol	6,082,165	18,114.47	336
8	XI - Davao	5,243,536	20,433.38	257
9	X - Northern Mindanao	5,022,768	20,458.51	246
10	IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	3,875,576	16,904.03	229
11	XII - SOCCSKSARGEN *	4,901,486	22,786.08	215
12	II - Cagayan Valley	3,685,744	29,836.88	124
13	VIII - Eastern Visayas	4,547,150	23,234.78	196
14	XIII - Caraga	2,804,788	21,120.56	133
15	Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) **	4,404,288	36,650.95	120
16	MIMAROPA Region	3,228,558	29,606.25	109

17	Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,797,660	19,818.12	91
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^a Excludes 2,098 Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates, and missions abroad.

^b Estimated total land area of the Philippines. Regional details do not add up to national total due unfinished cadastral surveys.

* Including Cotabato City

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Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing
Land Management Bureau, 2013 Masterlist of Land Areas of Cities and Municipalities

- At 569 persons per square kilometer, Midsayap was the most densely populated among all municipalities of SOCCSKSARGEN. It was followed by Polomolok at 508 persons per square kilometer and Santo Niño at 468 persons per square kilometer. (Table 4)

Table 4. Ten Most Densely Populated Municipalities in SOCCSKSARGEN: 2020

Rank	Province	Total Population	Land Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
1	Midsayap	165,376	290.42	569
2	Polomolok	172,605	339.97	508
3	Santo Niño	39,796	85.01	468
4	Banga	89,164	240.35	371
5	Lambayong	79,739	216.35	369
6	Tupi	73,459	228.00	322
7	M'Lang	98,195	312.13	315
8	Tantangan	45,744	149.70	306
9	Surallah	89,340	297.93	300
10	Libungan	56,269	191.57	294

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing
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- In 2020, nine (9) municipalities had a population density of less than 100 persons per square kilometer. The municipality of Columbio was the most sparsely populated in SOCCSKSARGEN at 36 persons per square kilometer. (Table 5)

Table 5. Nine Most Sparsely Populated Municipalities in SOCCSKSARGEN: 2020

Rank	Province	Total Population	Land Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
1	Columbio	33,527	926.15	36
2	Antipas	26,817	552.50	49
3	Magpet	53,800	1,044.69	51
4	Kalamansig	50,900	699.20	73
5	Arakan	50,558	693.22	73
6	Banisilan	46,995	577.22	81
7	President Roxas	52,512	618.25	85
8	Alamada	68,659	787.50	87
9	Carmen	107,603	1,110.43	97

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing
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- Among the cities of SOCCSKSARGEN in 2020, only General Santos and Cotabato City had a population density of more than 1,000 persons per square kilometer. (Table 6)

Table 6. Population Density of Cities in SOCCSKSARGEN: 2020

Rank	City	Total Population	Land Area (Square Kilometer)	Population Density (Persons Per Square Kilometer)
1	City of Cotabato	325,079	176	1,847
2	City of General Santos	697,315	493	1,415
3	City of Tacurong	109,319	153	713
4	City of Koronadal (Capital)	195,398	277	705
5	City of Kidapawan (Capital)	160,791	358	449

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing
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