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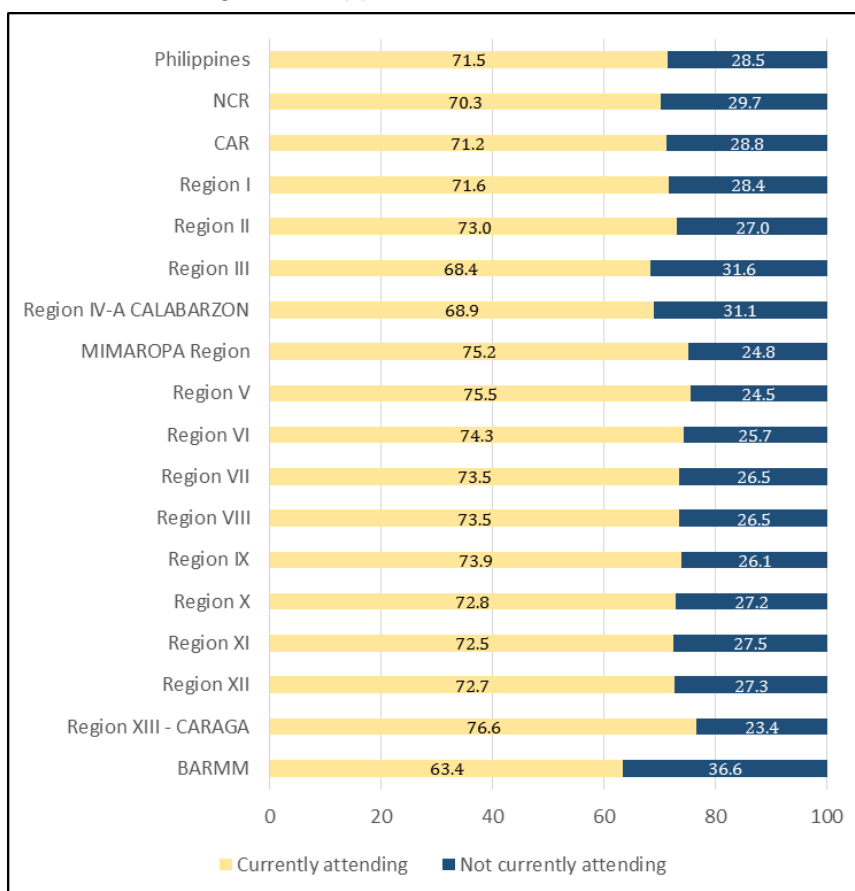
SOCCKSARGEN Region Registers 72.7 Percent School Attendance in 2019

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In 2019, about 71.5 percent of the population aged 3 to 24 years in the Philippines were enrolled or attending school. Among the regions, CARAGA had the highest school attendance at 76.6 percent. This was followed by Region V-Bicol (75.5%) and MIMAROPA (75.2%). SOCCSKSARGEN Region ranked tenth in terms of school attendance at 72.7 percent while the remaining 27.3 percent of the population aged 3 to 24 years were not enrolled.

Figure 1. Percentage of Population Aged 3 to 24 Years by Schooling Status and Region, Philippines 2019 APIS



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2019 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS)



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School refers to formal schools, including vocational/technical schools offering post-secondary courses obtained from formal education. Information on attendance in school for children 3 to 5 years old were included to capture early childhood educational learning in schools like nursery, kindergarten, and preparatory schools.

Table 1. Population Aged 3 to 24 Years by Schooling Status by Sex, Age Group and Region and Residence, SOCCSKSARGEN Region (in thousands): 2019

Age Group and Region	Population aged 3 to 24 Years (Total, in thousands)	Currently Attending			Not Currently Attending		
		Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
SOCCSKSARGEN	2,216	1,610	812	799	606	322	284
Percent to Total	100	72.7	36.6	36	27.3	14.5	12.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	
3-5	347	13.8	12.9	14.6	20.7	21.8	19.5
6-9	421	25.7	26.5	24.8	*	*	*
10-12	304	18.5	18.4	18.6	*	*	*
13 - 14	209	12.4	12.5	12.2	*	*	*
15 - 16	190	10.9	11.2	10.7	2.3	*	*
17 - 19	297	13.3	12.1	14.5	13.7	15.3	12
20 - 24	449	5.5	6.4	4.7	59.4	54.8	64.6

* An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2019 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS)

About 1.61 million of the total population aged 3 to 24 years old in SOCCSKSARGEN Region were currently attending school. Of these number, more than half or about 50.4 percent were males while 49.6 percent were females.

Also, the following were the top three (3) age groups currently attending school in the region - 25.7 percent, aged 6 to 9 years old; 18.5 percent, aged 10 to 12 years old; and 13.8 percent, aged 3 to 5 years old.

On the other hand, for the 27.3 percent population who were not enrolled or not currently attending school, about 53.1 percent were males and 46.9 percent were females. Majority (59.4%) of those who were not enrolled were in the age group 20 to 24 years old; 64.6 percent of them were females and males constituted about 54.8 percent.



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Table 2. Population Aged 3 to 24 Years Who Were Attending School by Grade/Year Level Attending, by Sex, SOCCSKSARGEN Region (in thousand): 2019

Current Grade/Year and Region/ Residence	Both Sexes	Male	Female
REGION XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	1,610	812	799
Total	100	100	100
Pre-school (Prep/ Kinder/ Nursery)	12.3	11.8	12.7
Grades I to III	22.0	22.9	21.0
Grade IV	5.5	5.2	5.9
Grade V	7.6	8.1	7.1
Grade VI	6.6	7.2	6.1
Junior High School (Grade 7 to 10)	26.6	27.4	25.9
Senior High School (Grade 11 to 12)	10.4	8.6	12.2
Post-Secondary Non-Tertiary	*	*	*
Post-Secondary Short Cycle Tertiary	*	*	*
College (Year 1 to Higher)	7.7	7.4	8.0
Master/Doctoral Undergraduate	*	*	*
IPEd/ Madrasah/ SPED/ ALS	*	*	*

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Also, in 2019, those currently attending school population in elementary level constituted 41.7 percent while high school level accounted for 37.0 percent.

Among males and females, more males (43.4%) attend school in elementary level than females (40.1%). However, during high school level (Junior and Senior High Schools), more females attended school at 38.1 percent compared to 36.0 males.

More females also reached college at 8.0 percent than 7.4 percent males.



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Table 3. Population Aged 6 to 24 Years Who Were Not Attending School by Reason for Not Attending School, by Sex, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: 2019

Reason for Not Attending School, Region and Residence	Both Sexes	Male	Female
REGION XII - SOCCSKSARGEN	480	252	228
Total	100	100	100
Accessibility of school	*	*	*
Illness/ disability	*	*	*
Marriage/ family matters	24.2	11	38.7
High cost of education/ financial concern	10.3	13.1	7.1
Employment	22.4	26.1	18.3
Finished schooling or finished post-secondary or college	12.5	7.9	17.5
Looking for work	7.1	7.1	7.1
Lack of personal interest	18.9	31.1	*
Problem with school record/ birth certificate	*	*	*
Too young to go to school	*	*	*
Others	*	*	*

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SOCCSKSARGEN Region recorded to have a total population of 480 thousand aged 6 to 24 years old who were not attending school. Males numbered 252 thousand outnumbering females with only 228 thousand.

Primary reason for not attending school was due to marriage/family matters at 24.2 percent. It was followed by employment (22.4%) and lack of personal interest (18.9%).

Among males, 31.1 percent reasoned lack of interest while 38.7 percent mentioned marriage/family matters.



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Definition of Terms:

Highest Educational Attainment – the highest grade or year completed in school, college, or university.

School – refers to formal schools, including vocational/technical schools offering post-secondary courses to obtain formal education.

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