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BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION 2019 AND 2020

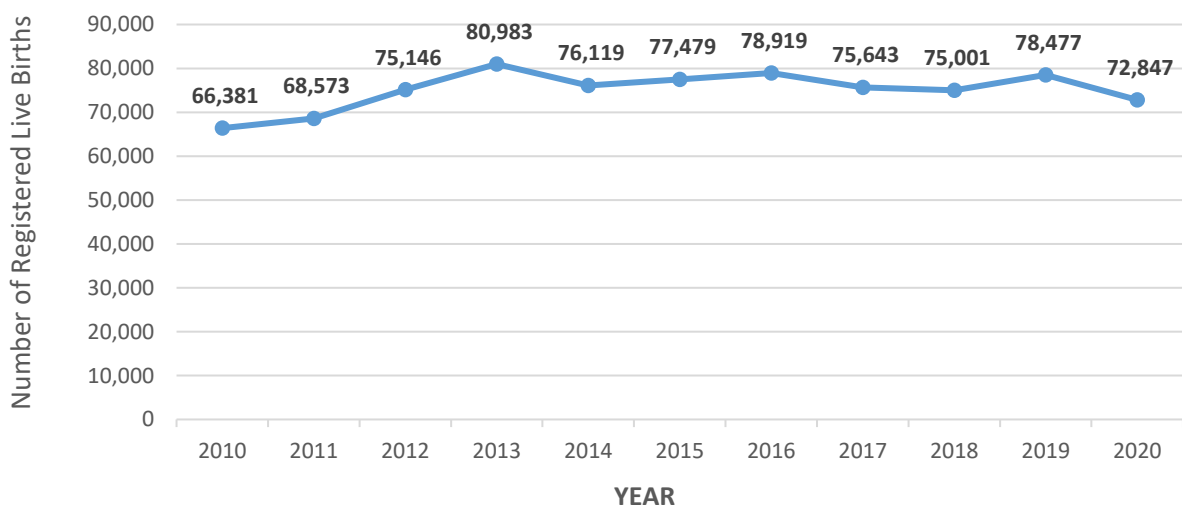
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Registered births in SOCCSKSARGEN Region Decreased by 7.17 percent in 2020

The number of registered live births in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region in 2020 reached 72,847, lower by 7.17 percent from 78,477 in 2019. Generally, the registered live births showed decreasing trend from 2016 to 2020 but a little bit swing in 2019. A decrease of 7.69 percent in the registered live births was noted in the past five years, from 78, 919 in 2016 to 72,847 in 2020 (see Figure 1). The number of registered births with the highest decreased in the province of Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani at about 10.14 percent and 9.37 percent in 2020, respectively (see Table 2). The highest number was registered in 2013 at 80,983.

Figure 1. Total Registered Live Births, by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2010-2020



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

Note: Figures are not adjusted for under-registration.



The highest occurrence of births recorded in South Cotabato

Areas with a relatively large population reported the highest number of live births by place of occurrence and by the usual residence of the mother. Of the total live births, 37.44 percent were born in South Cotabato Province, 31.14 percent in Cotabato, 15.15 percent in Sultan Kudarat, and 11.38 percent in Sarangani Province. Cotabato City contributed a 4.88 percentage share of the total Registered Birth by Usual of Resident of Mother in 2020 (Table 2).

Table 1. Total Registered Births by Province, by Sex and by Usual of Residence of Mother: SOCCSKSARGEN : 2019-2020

REGION/ PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						Growth Rate
	2019			2020			
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	78,477	40,742	37,735	72,847	38,029	34,818	(7.17)
COTABATO (NORTH COTABATO)	24,535	12,765	11,770	22,688	11,814	10,874	(7.53)
SOUTH COTABATO	29,290	15,224	14,066	27,276	14,262	13,014	(6.88)
SULTAN KUDARAT	12,282	6,306	5,976	11,036	5,720	5,316	(10.14)
SARANGAN	9,150	4,758	4,392	8,293	4,315	3,978	(9.37)
COTABATO CITY	3,220	1,689	1,531	3,554	1,918	1,636	10.37

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

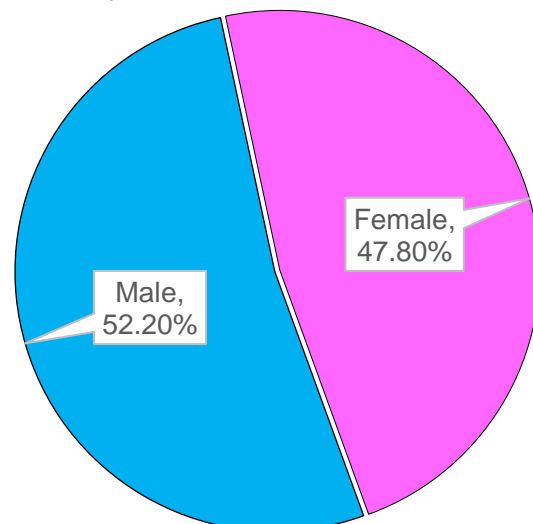
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More males were born than females

Of the 72,847 registered live births in the region in 2020, about 38,029 or 52.20 percent were males, females numbered 34,818 (47.80 percent), resulting in a sex ratio at birth of 109 males per 100 females (Figure 2).

On the average, there were 121 live births per month or 28 live births per week or 4 per day.

Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Sex, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2020





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Most number of births registered in May

In 2020, most registered births occurred in May at 6,566 or 9.01 percent of the total births in the Region. It was followed by January (8.81% share), September (8.74%), and October (8.71%). On the other hand, the month of February had the least number of births (7.52%). See Table 2.

Table 2. Number, Percent Distribution and Daily Average of Registered Live Births by Month of Occurrence, SOCCSKSARGEN: 2020

Month of Occurrence	Number	Percent	Daily Average
	72,847	100	200
January	6,420	8.81	207
February	5,481	7.52	189
March	5,721	7.85	185
April	6,015	8.26	201
May	6,566	9.01	212
June	6,164	8.46	205
July	6,117	8.40	197
August	6,047	8.30	195
September	6,369	8.74	212
October	6,344	8.71	205
November	6,083	8.35	203
December	5,520	7.58	178

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

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In terms of daily average, May and September recorded the highest with an average of 212 births per day, which translates to 9 births per hour. On the contrary, February had the lowest daily average number of births with 178, equivalent to 7 births per hour (Table 3).

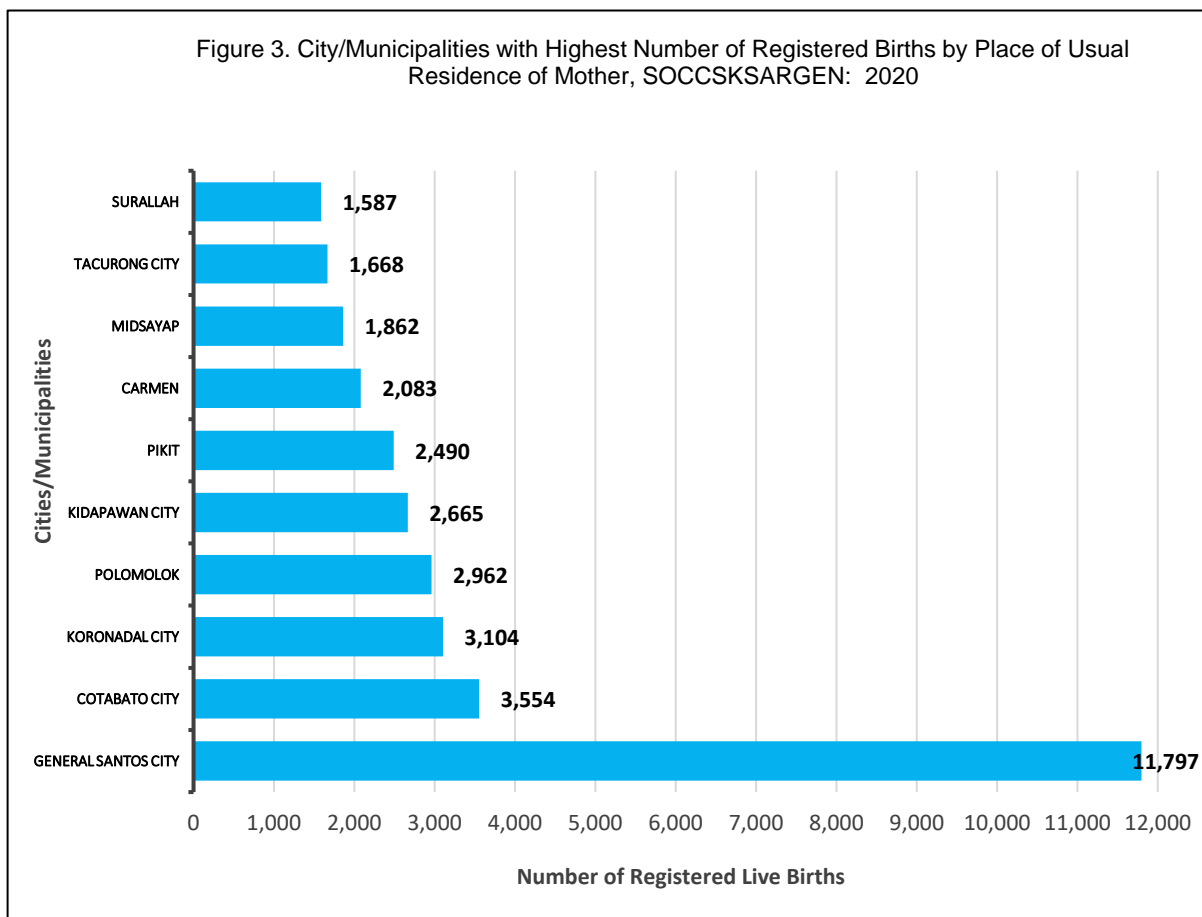


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Top 10 cities/municipalities with the most number of birth registrations

In 2020, General Santos City had the most number of registered births in the region at 11,797 constituting 16.19 percent of the regional total. It was followed by Cotabato City with 3,554 or a share of 4.88 percent; The City of Koronadal with 3,107 or a share of 4.26 percent; Polomolok with 2,962 or about 4.07 percent; The City of Kidapawan with 2,665 or about 3.66 percent; Pikit with 2,490 or about 3.42 percent; Carmen with 2,083 or about 2.86 percent; Midsayap with 1,862 or about 2.56 percent; The City of Tacurong with 1,668 or about 2.29 percent; and Surallah with 1,587 or about 2.18 percent registered births. See Figure 3.



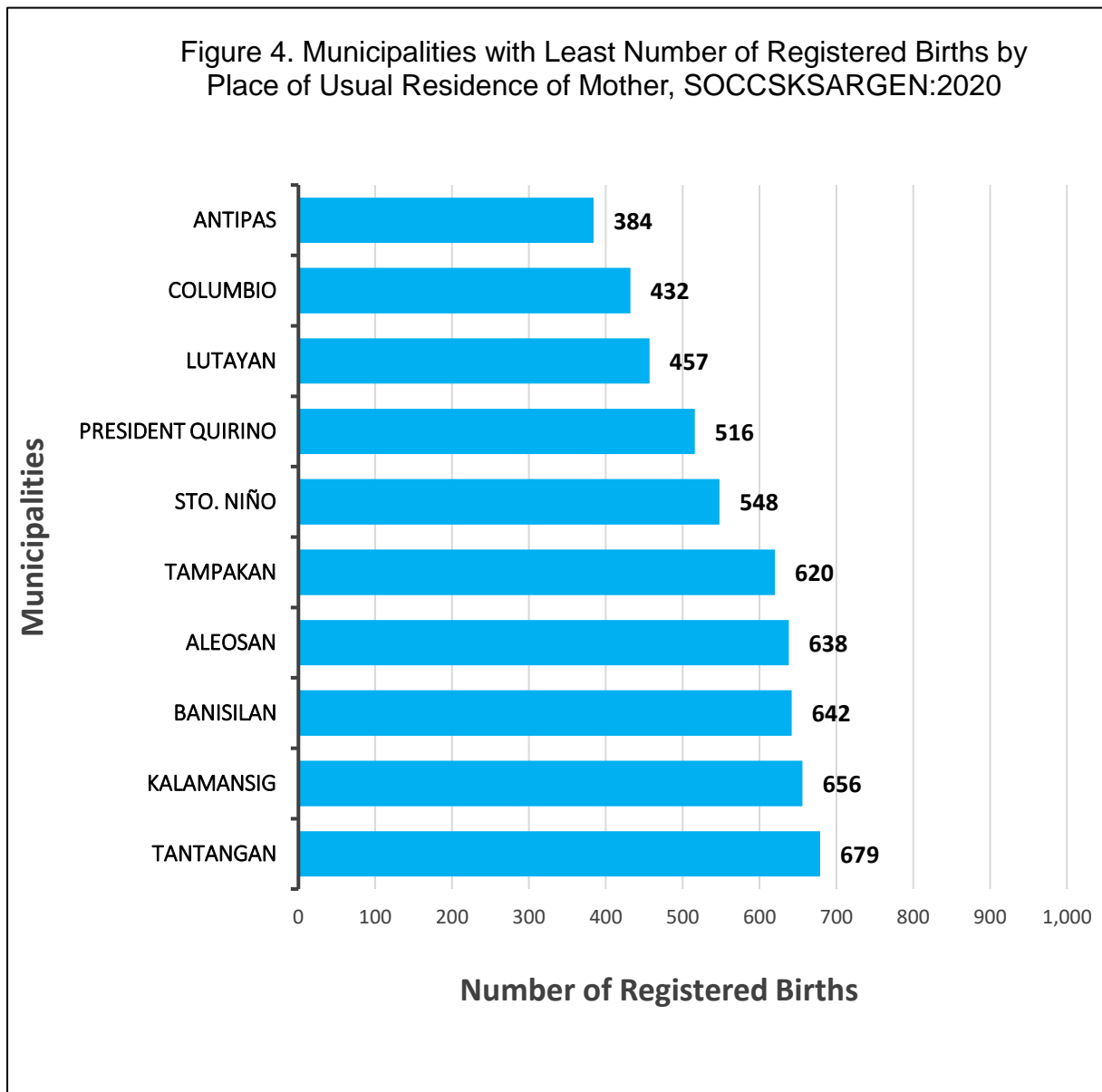
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Least Number of Birth Registrations in Municipality of Antipas

Top ten Municipalities with least number of birth registrations are shown in the figure 4. Municipality of Antipas had the least recorded birth registration of 384 in 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 2020 to December 2020 (Preliminary as of 31 May 2021)

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 the 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 include 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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