



SPECIAL RELEASE

BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION: FIRST QUARTER 2021

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SOCCSKSARGEN Region registered lower live births in the First Quarter of 2021 compared to the First Quarter Last Year

The number of registered live births in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in the First Quarter of CY 2021 is 14,907 births by Usual Residence of Mother, lower by 10.45 percent from the same reference period in 2020 (see table 1). The province of South Cotabato recorded the highest decrease in birth growth rate in First Quarter of 2021 with 15.91 followed by Sarangani with 10.84 percent decrease in growth rate.

Table 1. Total Registered Births by Province, by Sex and by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2021

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						Growth Rate
	First Quarter 2020			First Quarter 2021			
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	16,646	8,726	7,920	14,907	7,882	7,025	-10.45
COTABATO	5,216	2,778	2,438	4,686	2,507	2,179	-10.16
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	6,557	3,385	3,172	5,514	2,894	2,620	-15.91
SULTAN KUDARAT	2,487	1,305	1,182	2,275	1,217	1,058	-8.52
SARANGANI	1,947	1,012	935	1,736	915	821	-10.84
COTABATO CITY	439	246	193	696	349	347	58.54

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

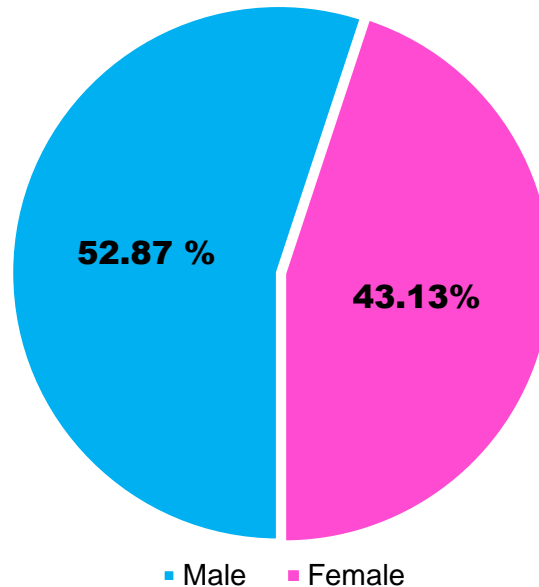
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Meanwhile, Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat showed a decreased growth rate as well by 10.16 percent and 8.52 percent, respectively. However, the growth rate for Cotabato City increased by 58.54 percent.



More Male than Female Babies were born in the First Quarter of 2021

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Sex:
SOCCSKSARGEN, First Quarter 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division
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Of the 14,907 registered live births in the region in the First Quarter of 2021, more than half (52.87%) of the babies registered were males (7,882), while 43.13 percent (7,025) were female. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in the First Quarter of 2021 (Table 1 & Figure 1).

The computed sex ratio during the year was 112, which means that there are 112 male babies for every 100 female babies.

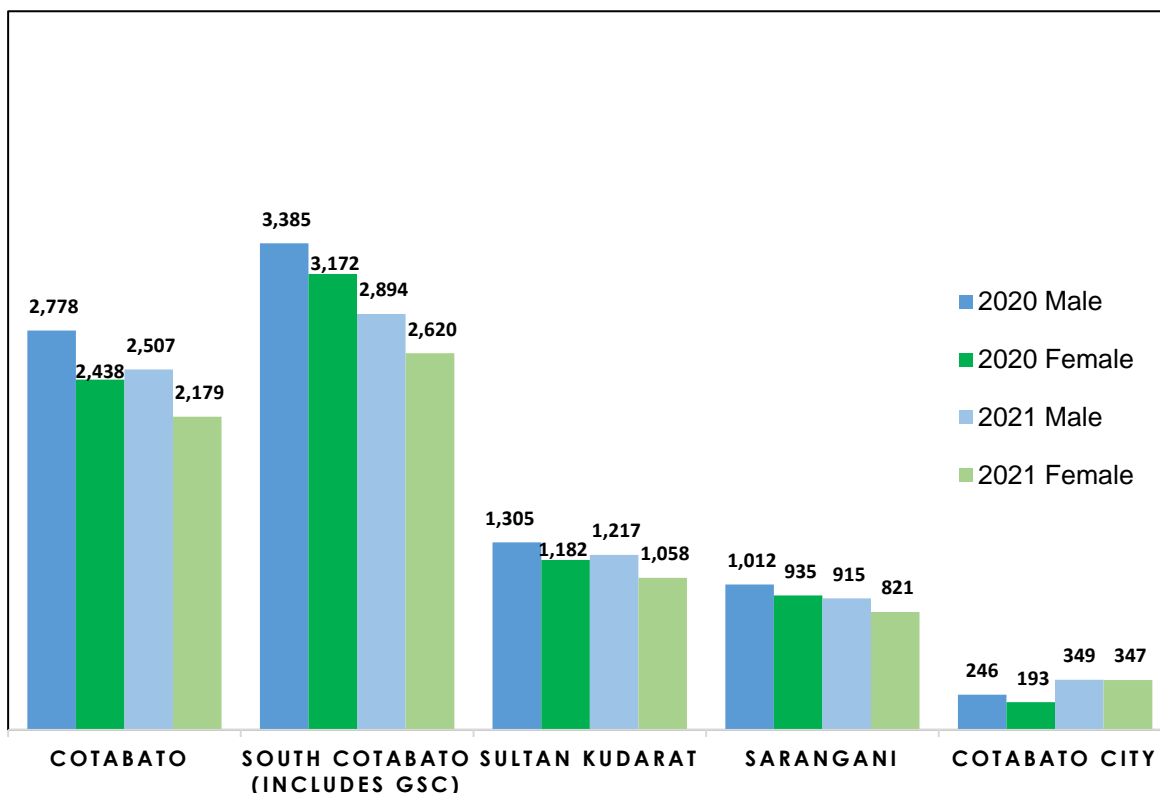
On the average, there were 99 live births per month or at most 22 live births per week or at least 3 babies born per day in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in the first quarter of year 2021 (see Table 1).

The highest occurrence of births recorded in South Cotabato

Among the four provinces in the region, South Cotabato had the highest number of registered live births at 5,514 constituting 36.99 percent of the total registered live births in the region in the First quarter of 2021. It was followed by Cotabato with a registered live birth of 4,686 or 31.43 percent; Sultan Kudarat with 2,275 or 15.26 percent and Sarangani with 1,736 or 11.65 percent.

On the other hand, Cotabato City had the least registered live births at 696 or a share of 4.67 percent in the First Quarter of 2021, respectively (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Total Registered Live Births by Sex and By Usual Residence of Mother by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2020 and 2021



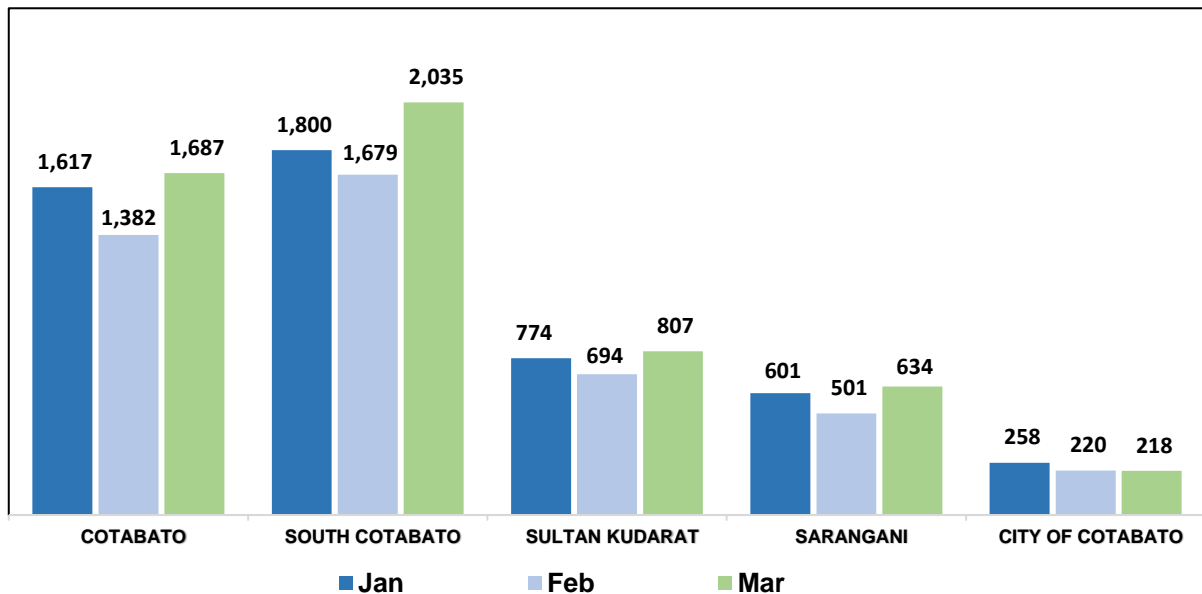
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Least Number of Birth Registrations in Cotabato City

The least number of birth registrations is shown in figure 3. Cotabato City had the least recorded birth registration of 696 in the First Quarter of 2021 with 258 registered in January; 220 in February and 218 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 2021

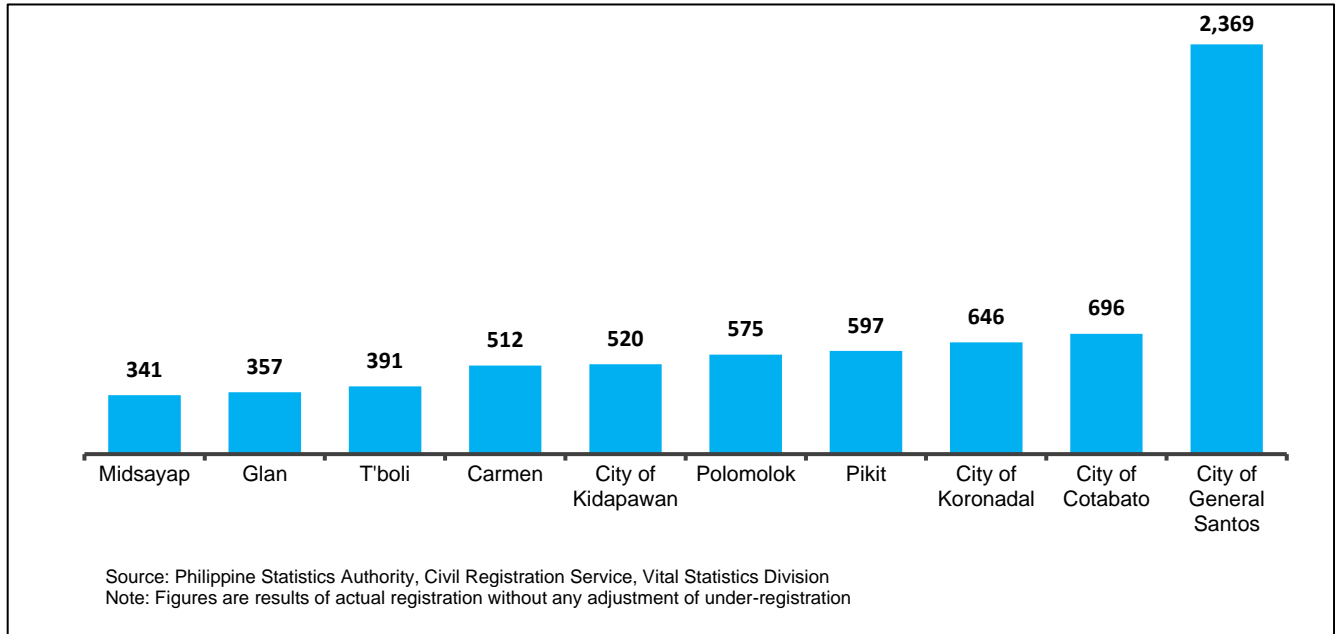


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General Santos City Registered Most Number of Live Births

In the First Quarter of 2021, the Top three (3) Cities that had the highest registered number of births were the Cities of General Santos, Cotabato, and Koronadal. General Santos City had the highest number of registered live births in the region at 2,369 constituting 15.89 percent of the regional total. It was followed by the City of Cotabato with 696 or a share of 4.67 percent and the City of Koronadal with 646 or a share of 4.33 percent. Figure 4 shows the ranking of the Cities and Municipalities in terms of the number of registered live births during the quarter.

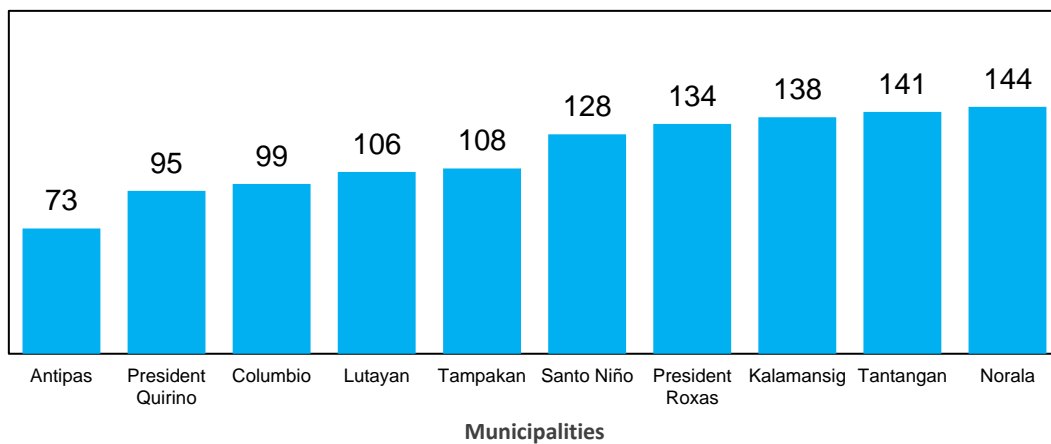
Figure 4. City/Municipalities with Highest Number of Registered Births by Place of Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2021



Least Number of Birth Registrations in Municipality of Antipas

The top ten Municipalities with the least number of birth registrations are shown in figure 5. The municipality of Antipas had the least recorded birth registration of 73 in the First Quarter of 2021 and also in the same quarter of 2020.

Figure 5. Municipalities with Least Number of Registered Births by Place of Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2021



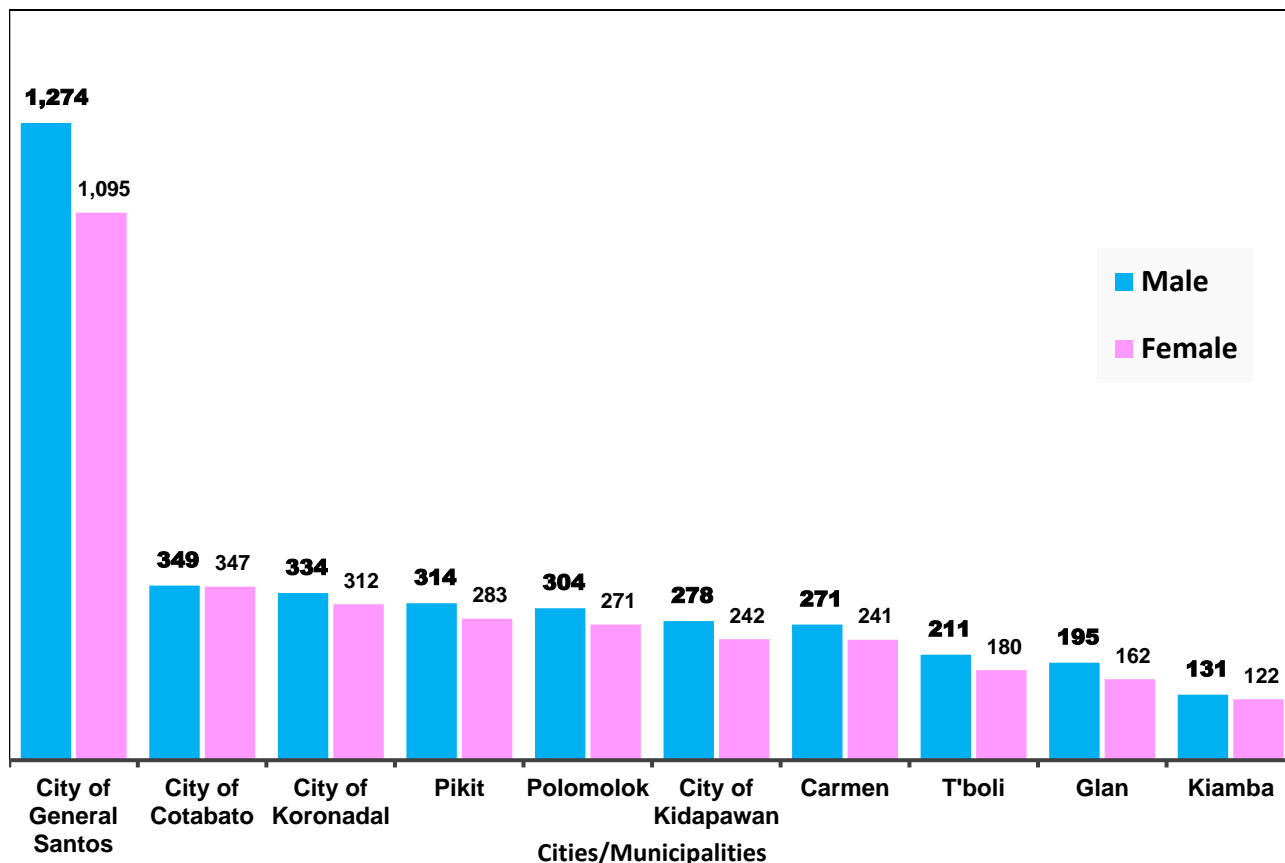
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Top Cities and Municipalities with Highest Birth Registrations in both Sexes

Among the 50 Cities/Municipalities in SOCCSKSARGEN, the top ten (10) with the highest registered births in both sexes in the First Quarter of 2021 are shown in figure 5.

Most City/Municipality belong to Top 10 for both sexes is found in the province of South Cotabato. Recorded the highest registered births were the Cities of General Santos, City of Cotabato, and the City of Koronadal.

Figure 6. Cities and Municipalities with Highest Registered Births by Sex and by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2021



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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 March 2020 and January 2021 – March 2021.

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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 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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