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Highlights of the Population Result of South Cotabato Province

Based on the results of the 2015 Census of Population

**excluding General Santos City*

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- As of 1 May 2020, the population of the province of South Cotabato is 975, 476 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing results. This accounts for about 19.91 percent of the SOCCSKSARGEN population in 2020.
- The 2020 population is higher by 60,187 from the population of 915,289 in 2015, and 148,276 persons more than the 827,200 in 2010. Furthermore, it was higher by 284,748 persons compared to the population of 690,728 in 2000 (Table 1)

**Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
South Cotabato**

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	690,728
2010	May 1, 2010	827,200
2015	August 1, 2015	915,289
2020	May 1, 2020	975,476

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

- The population of South Cotabato increased by 1.35 percent annually, on average, during the period of 2015 to 2020. By comparison, the rate at which the province's population grew during the period 2010 to 2015 was at 1.94 percent (Table 2)

**Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
South Cotabato**

Reference Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	1.82
2010 to 2015	1.94
2015 to 2020	1.35

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population



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- Among the ten municipality and one city, the City of Koronadal had the biggest population in 2020 with 195,398 persons, followed by Polomolok with 172,605 persons, and T'boli with 101,049 persons.
- Santo Niño had the smallest population with 39,796 persons (Table 3).

**Table 3. Total Population by City/Municipality Based on Various Census:
South Cotabato**

City/Municipality	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
BANGA	69,131	76,343	83,989	89,164
CITY OF KORONADAL (Capital)	133,786	158,273	174,942	195,398
NORALA	40,744	44,635	46,642	46,682
POLOMOLOK	110,709	138,273	152,589	172,605
SURALLAH	66,208	76,035	84,539	89,340
TAMPAKAN	33,011	36,254	39,525	41,018
TANTANGAN	32,636	40,461	43,245	45,744
TBOLI	60,693	79,175	91,453	101,049
TUPI	53,440	61,843	69,976	73,459
SANTO NIÑO	36,228	39,738	40,947	39,796
LAKE SEBU	54,142	76,170	87,442	81,221

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

- The fastest growing municipality/city based on their annual population growth is the municipality of Polomolok with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 2.63 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by the City of Koronadal with 2.35 percent and T'Boli with 2.12 percent (Table 4).



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**Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by City/Municipality
Based on Various Census: South Cotabato**

City/Municipality	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
BANGA	1.00	1.83	1.27
CITY OF KORONADAL (Capital)	1.69	1.92	2.35
NORALA	0.92	0.84	0.02
POLOMOLOK	2.25	1.89	2.63
SURALLAH	1.39	2.04	1.17
TAMPAKAN	0.94	1.66	0.78
TANTANGAN	2.17	1.27	1.19
TBOLI	2.69	2.78	2.12
TUPI	1.47	2.38	1.03
SANTO NIÑO	0.93	0.57	-0.60
LAKE SEBU	3.47	2.66	-1.54

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census of Population and Housing and 2015 Census of Population

- Among the barangays in the province, the largest in terms of population size was Barangay Poblacion, Polomolok with 51,490 persons. It was followed by Cannery Site, Polomolok with 24,543 persons and Barangay General Paulino Santos, Koronadal with 23,242 persons.

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays: South Cotabato, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality	Total Population
1	Poblacion	Polomolok	51,490
2	Cannery Site	Polomolok	24,543
3	General Paulino Santos (Bo.1)	Koronadal City	23,242
4	Santa Cruz	Koronadal City	18,724
5	Ned	Lake Sebu	18,484
6	Santo Niño (Bo. 2)	Koronadal	16,062
7	Poblacion	Tupi	15,398
8	Libertad (Pob.)	Surallah	15,364
9	Magsaysay	Polomolok	13,953
10	Poblacion	Norala	13,238



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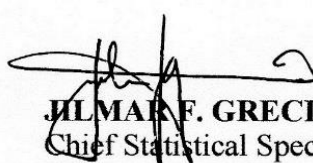
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing

- Barangay Albagan, Tampakan was the least populous barangay in South Cotabato with 652 persons. It was followed by Palo, Tampakan with 911 persons and Lam-Apos of Banga with 1,024 persons (Table 6).

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Barangays: South Cotabato, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality	Total Population
1	Albagan	Tampakan	652
2	Palo	Tampakan	911
3	Lam-Apos	Banga	1,024
4	New Cuyapo	Tantangan	1,158
5	Hanoon	Lake Sebu	1,170
6	T'bolok	Tboli	1,193
7	Mangilala	Tantangan	1,256
8	Mambucal	City of Koronadal	1,269
9	Duengas	Surallah	1,277
10	Improgo Village (Pob.)	Banga	1,374

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


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