



SPECIAL RELEASE

BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION: FIRST QUARTER 2019

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Registered Births in SOCCSKSARGEN Region Increased by 10.27 Percent in First Quarter of 2019

The number of registered live births in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region in First Quarter 2019 reached 17,065 births. It is an increase by 10.27 percent from 15,476 births in first quarter of 2018 (see table 1). Province of Sultan Kudarat recorded the highest birth growth rate with 15.68 percent, followed by Cotabato Province with 15.45 percent. South Cotabato and Sarangani Provinces showed increased in registered live births by 11.14 percent and 3.95 percent, respectively. Cotabato City however, showed decreased by 34.93 percent.

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

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						
	1 st Quarter 2018			1 st Quarter 2019			Growth Rate
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	15,476	8,054	7,422	17,065	8,884	8,181	10.27
COTABATO	4,861	2,539	2,322	5,612	2,883	2,729	15.45
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	5,773	2,995	2,778	6,416	3,385	3,031	11.14
SULTAN KUDARAT	2,308	1,183	1,125	2,670	1,339	1,331	15.68
SARANGANI	1,847	968	879	1,920	1,018	902	3.95
COTABATO CITY	687	369	318	447	259	188	-34.93

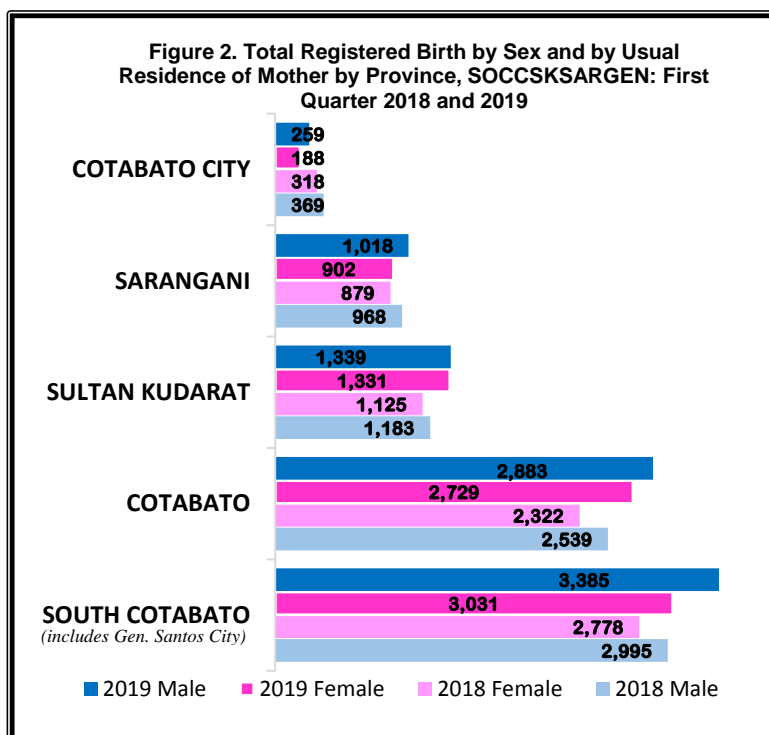
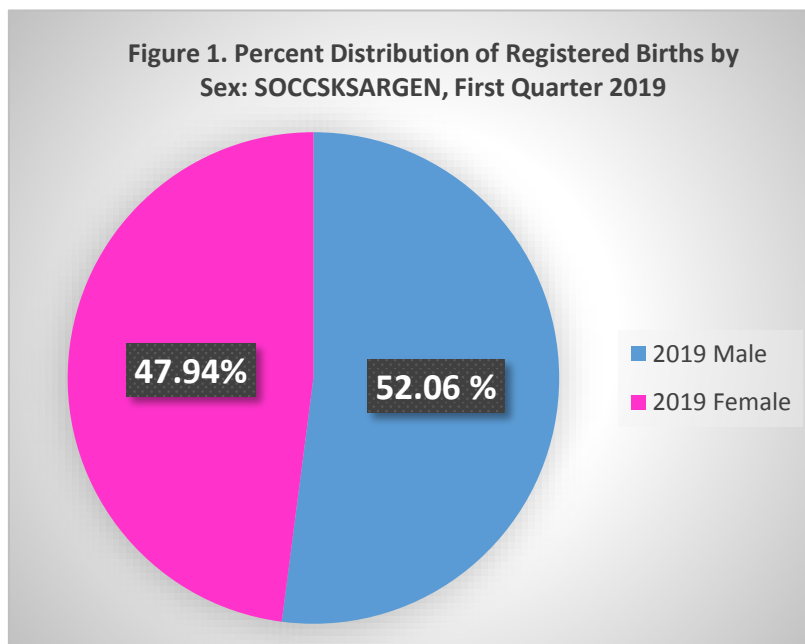
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division
Note: Figure are not adjusted for under-registration.



Male Had the Highest Number of Registered Birth than Female in 1st Quarter 2019

Of the 17,065 registered live births in the region in First Quarter of 2019, about 8,884 or 52.06 percent were males, while 47.94 percent or 8,181 were females. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in 1st Quarter of 2019 (Figure 1 & 2).

On the average, there were 114 live births per month (50 Cities/Municipalities) or at most 4 live births per week (see Table 1).



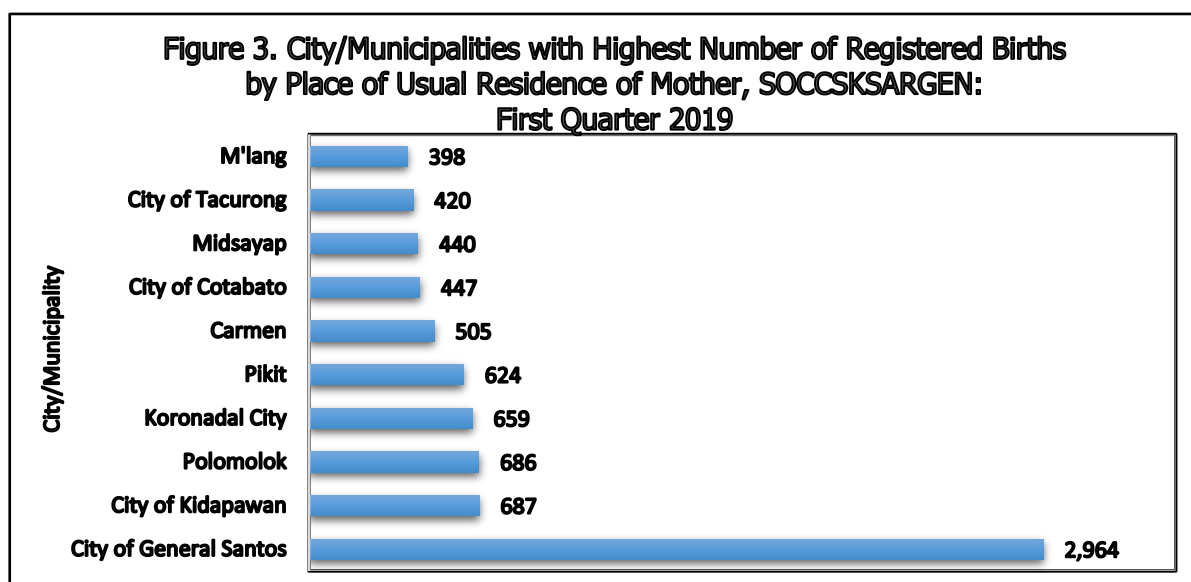
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South Cotabato Province Had the Highest Number of Registered Live Births

Among the four provinces in the region, South Cotabato had the highest registered live births at 6,416 constituting 37.60 percent of the total registered live births in the region in First Quarter 2019. It was followed by Cotabato with a registered live birth of 5,612 or 32.89 percent and Sultan Kudarat with 2,670 or 15.65 percent. Sarangani had the least registered live births at 1,920 or a share of 11.25 percent in First Quarter 2019 (see Figure 2).

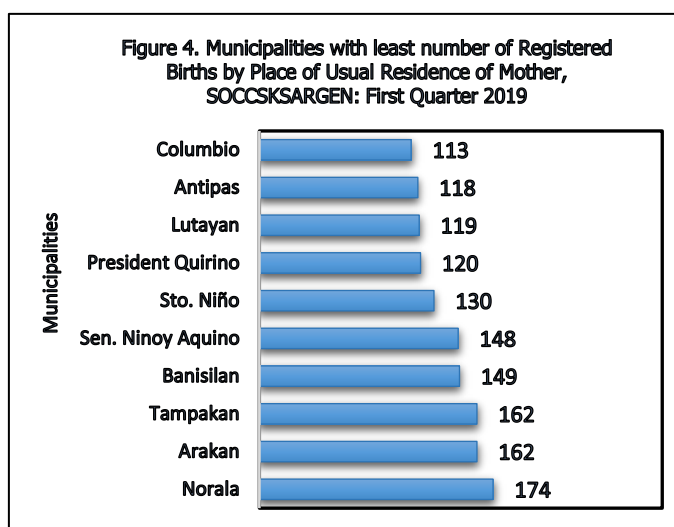
Top 10 Cities/Municipalities with the Highest Number of Birth Registrations

In First Quarter of 2019, General Santos City had the highest number of registered births in the region at 2,964 constituting 17.37 percent of the regional total. It was followed by City of Kidapawan with 687 or a share of 4.03 percent; Polomolok with 686 or a share of 4.02 percent; City of Koronadal with 659 or about 3.86 percent; Pikit with 624 or about 3.66 percent; Carmen with 505 or about 2.96 percent; City of Cotabato with 447 or about 2.62 percent; Midsayap with 440 or about 2.58 percent; City of Tacurong with 420 or about 2.46 percent; and M'lang with 398 or about 2.33 percent registered births (see Figure 3).



Top Ten Municipalities with the Least Number of Birth Registrations

Top ten Municipalities with least number of birth registrations are shown in the figure 4.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registration Service, Vital Statistics Division
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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 2018 to March 2018 and January 2019 – March 2019

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 includes 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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