



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## BIRTH STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION: FIRST SEMESTER 2019

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### Registered Births in SOCCSKSARGEN Region Increased by 7.84 Percent

A total of 36,207 registered live births in SOCCSKSARGEN

Region was recorded in First Semester 2019 by Usual Residence of Mother. It has an increased of 7.84 percent from 33,575 births in first semester of 2018 (see table 1). Province of Sultan Kudarat recorded the highest birth growth rate with 10.52 percent. During the first quarter, also Sultan

Kudarat posted the highest registered births increased by 15.68 percent. Followed by Cotabato Province with 8.14 percent. South Cotabato and Sarangani Provinces showed an increased in registered live births by 9.61 percent and 1.91 percent, respectively. However, Cotabato City decreased by 6.31 percent.

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

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS						
	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2018			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2019			Growth Rate
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	33,575	17,468	16,107	36,207	18,804	17,403	7.84
COTABATO	10,913	5,700	5,213	11,801	6,066	5,735	8.14
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	12,540	6,501	6,039	13,745	7,218	6,527	9.61
SULTAN KUDARAT	5,030	2,583	2,447	5,559	2,831	2,728	10.52
SARANGANI	4,030	2,123	1,907	4,107	2,142	1,965	1.91
COTABATO CITY	1,062	561	501	995	547	448	-6.31

Note: Figure are not adjusted for under-registration and includes persons died in the Philippines whose usual residence is in a foreign country

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



## More Males born than Females in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2019

Of the 36,207 registered live births in the region in First Semester of 2019, more than half (51.93%) of the babies registered were males (18,804), while 48.07 percent was the shared registration of its female counterpart to a total 17,403. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 2019 (Table 1 & Figure 1).

On the average, there were 121 live births per month (50 Cities/Municipalities) or at most 28 live births per week or at least 4 babies born per day (see Table 1).

**Figure 1. Sex Ratio at Birth by Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: January - June 2019**

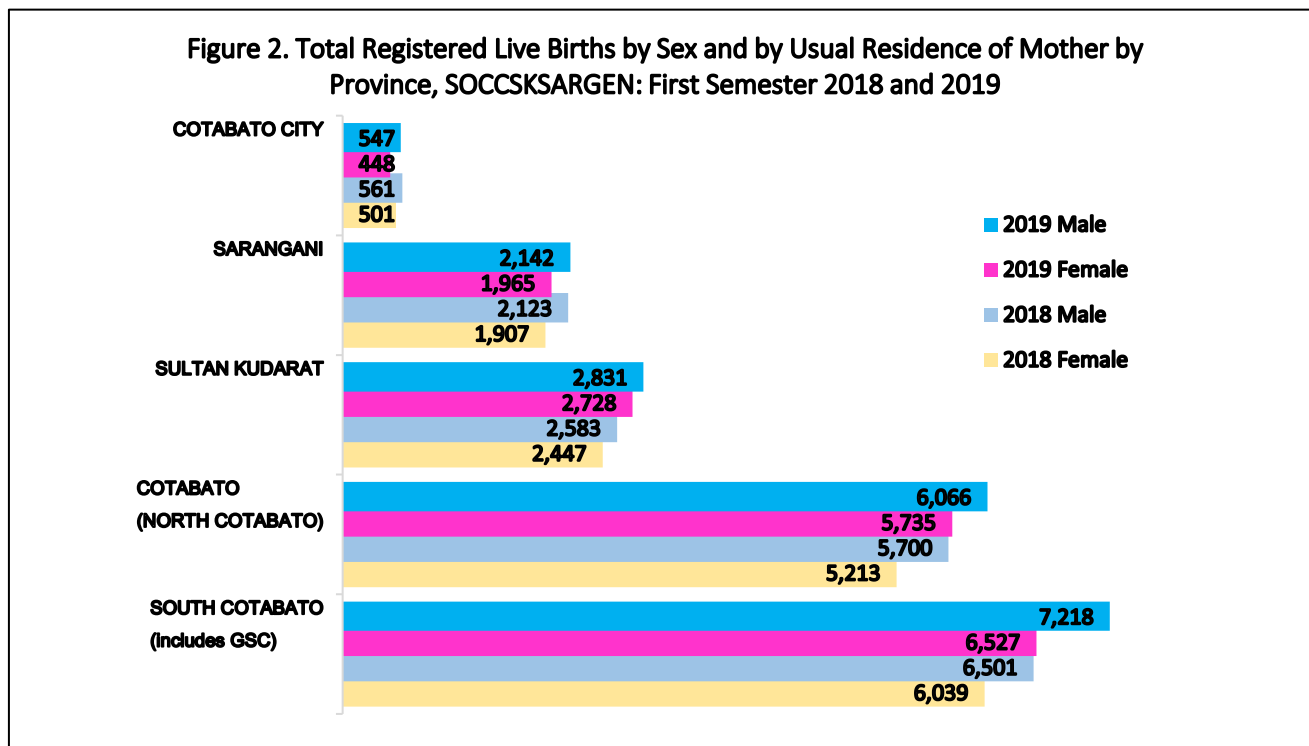


**108 male babies in every 100 female babies**

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

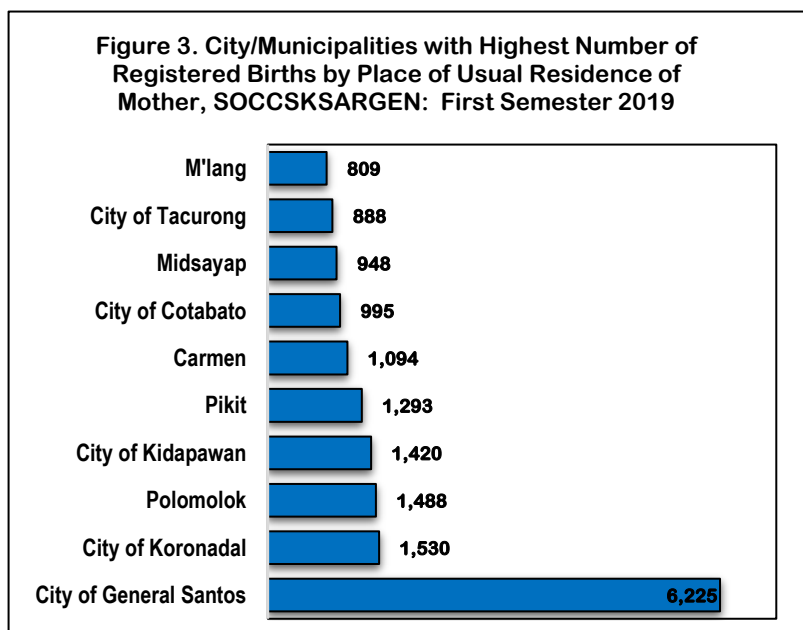
## South Cotabato Province Had the Highest Number of Registered Live Births

Among the four provinces in the region, South Cotabato had the highest registered live births at 13,745 constituting 37.96 percent of the total registered live births in the region in First Semester 2019. It was followed by Cotabato with a registered live birth of 11,801 or 32.59 percent and Sultan Kudarat with 5,559 or 15.35 percent. Sarangani had the least registered live births at 4,107 or a share of 11.34 percent in First Semester 2019 (see Figure 2).



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

### Highest Number of Registered Live Births in General Santos City



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In First Semester of 2019, General Santos City had the highest number of registered live births in the region at 6,225 constituting 17.19 percent of the regional total. It was followed by City of Koronadal with 1,530 or a share of 4.23 percent; Polomolok with 1,488 or a share of 4.11 percent; City of Kidapawan with 1,420 or about 3.92 percent; Pikit with 1,293 or about 3.57 percent; Carmen with 1,094 or about 3.02 percent;



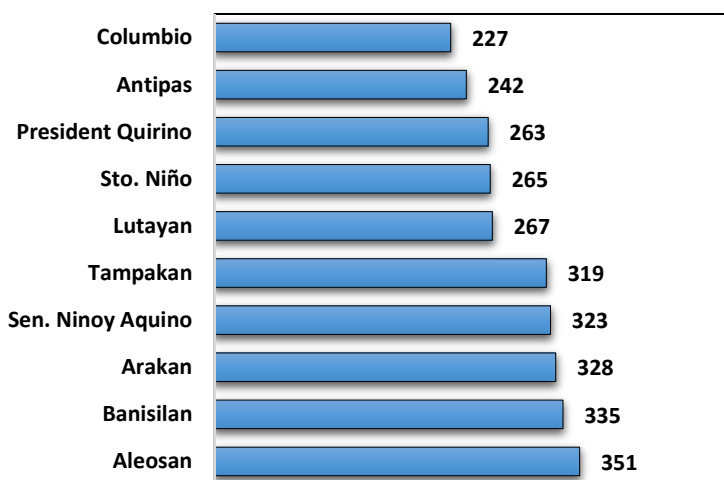
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City of Cotabato with 995 or about 2.75 percent; Midsayap with 948 or about 2.62 percent; City of Tacurong with 888 or about 2.45 percent; and M'lang with 809 or about 2.23 percent registered births (see Figure 3).

### Least Number of Birth Registrations in Municipality of Columbio

Top ten Municipalities with least number of birth registrations are shown in the figure 4. Municipality of Columbio had the least recorded birth registration of 227 in the first semester of 2019.

Figure 4. Municipalities with least number of Registered Births by Place of Usual Residence of Mother, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Semester 2019

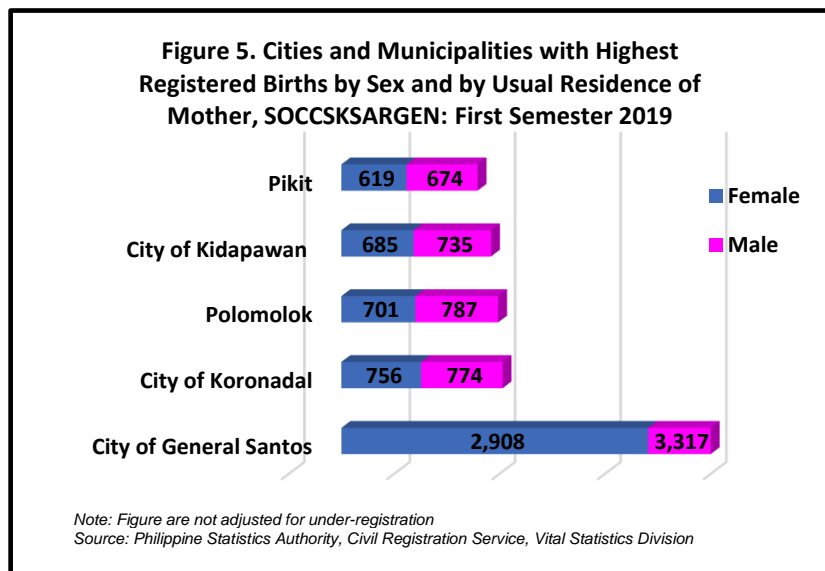


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### Top Cities and Municipalities with Highest Birth Registrations in both Sexes



Among the fifty (50) City/Municipalities in SOCCSKSARGEN the top 5 with highest registered births in both sexes in first semester of 2019 shown in figure 5.

The highest number of registered births found in the province of South Cotabato. Recorded the highest registered births were Cities of General Santos and Koronadal; followed by Municipality of Polomolok.

### 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 June 2018 and January 2019 – June 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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