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MARRIAGE STATISTICS OF SOCCSKSARGEN REGION: FIRST QUARTER 2019

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SOCCSKSARGEN Region Registered Marriages Increased by 1.13 Percent

A total number of 3,839 marriages were registered in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in the first quarter of 2019. About 1.13 percent increased from 3,796 marriages in first quarter of 2018. Data on marriages that occurred in First Quarter of 2019 and 2018 by province are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Total Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence,
SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2019

REGION / PROVINCE	TOTAL REGISTERED MARRIAGES		
	1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2019	Growth Rate
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	3,796	3,839	1.13
COTABATO	1,005	1,160	15.42
SOUTH COTABATO (includes GSC)	1,705	1,631	(4.34)
SULTAN KUDARAT	507	613	20.91
SARANGANI	527	435	(17.46)
COTABATO CITY	52	-	(100.00)

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

Civil Registration is a continuous process. Hence, there is a need to establish certain cut-off period. The data presented herein are events occurred from January to March 2019, registered at LCROs until April 2019 and submitted to PSA-CRS until June 2019.

South Cotabato Province Registered Highest Number of Marriages in 1st Quarter of 2019

In first quarter 2019, South Cotabato Province recorded the highest number of registered marriages, which accounted for 1,631 and Cotabato Province with 1,610 registered births in the first quarter of 2019. Province of Sultan Kudarat also showed increased by 20.91 percent. Both provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani however, showed decrease in number of registered marriages by 4.34 percent and



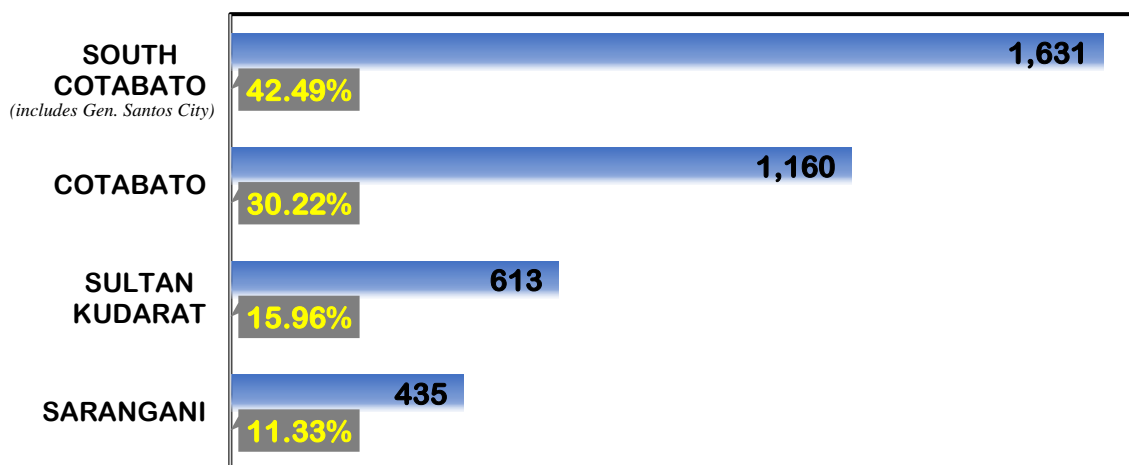


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17.46 percent, respectively. There is no marriage registered in Cotabato City in first quarter of 2019. (See Table 1).

Of the total 3,839 marriages in the Region in first quarter of 2019, South Cotabato province posted 42.49 percent, followed by Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat with 30.22 percent and 15.96 percent, respectively. Sarangani had the least registered marriages with 11.33 percentage share of the total registered marriages. (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Number and Percentage Distribution of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence, by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN: First Quarter 2019

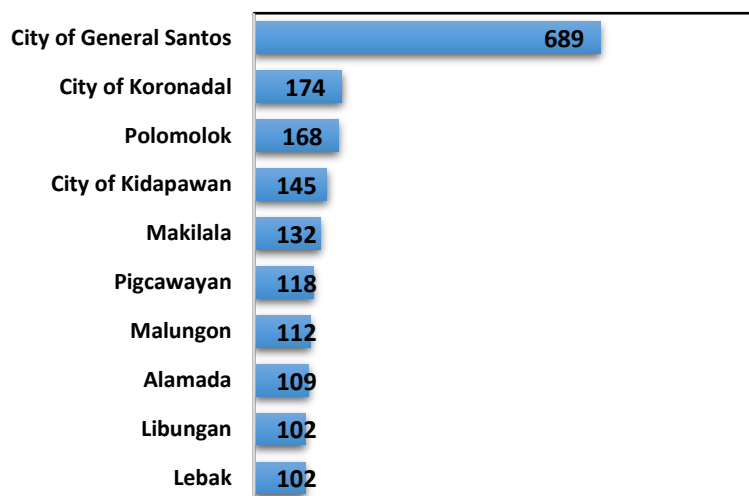


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Top Ten Cities/Municipalities with the Highest Number of Marriage registrations

In first quarter 2019, General Santos City had the highest number of registered marriages in the region with 689 marriages constituting 17.95 percent of the regional total.

Figure 2. City/Municipalities with Highest Number of Registered Marriages by Place of Occurrence, SOCCSKSARGEN (City/Municipality): First Quarter 2019



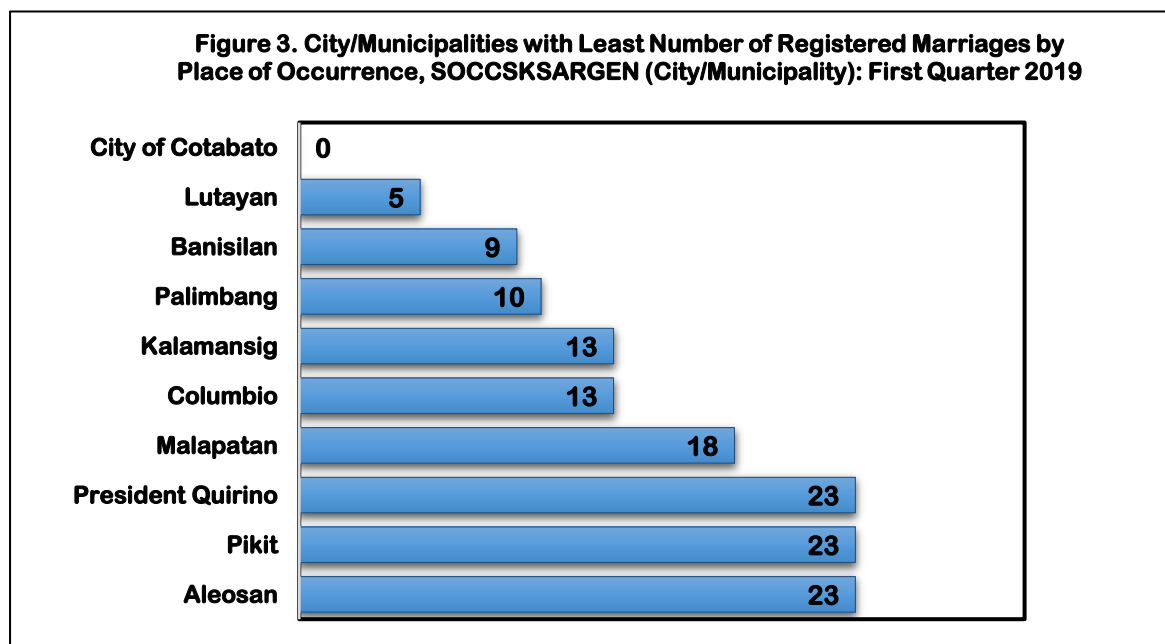
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It was followed by the City of Koronadal with 174 or a share of 4.53 percent; Polomolok with 168 or about 4.38 percent; City of Kidapawan with 145 or about 3.78 percent; Makilala with 132 or about 3.44 percent; Pigcawayan with 118 or about 3.07 percent; Malungon with 112 or about 2.92 percent; Alamada with 109 or about 2.84 percent; Lebak and Libungan with 102 or about 2.66 percent registered marriages (Figure 2).

Top Ten Municipalities with the Least Number of Marriage Registrations in First Quarter of 2019

Cotabato City has no reported registered marriages in the first quarter of 2019. The municipality of Lutayan has the least number of registered marriages in the first quarter of 2019 with 5 or 0.13 percent of total registered marriages in the region. Followed by Banisilan with 9 registered marriages or 0.23 percent; Palimbang recorded 10 marriages or 0.26 percent; The municipalities of Kalamansig and Columbio recorded 13 marriages with 0.34 percent; Malapatan has 18 registered marriages with 0.47 percent and the remaining three municipalities, Pres. Quirino, Pikit and Aleosan posted the same, 23 or 0.60 percent shares of the total registered marriages in the first quarter of 2019, respectively (Figure 3).



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Explanatory Notes

The data on marriages presented here were obtained from the Certificate of Marriage (Municipal Form No. 97) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars all throughout the country and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority. Information presented includes registered of marriages which occurred from January to March 2018, registered at LCROs, until April 2018 and submitted datafiles to PSA-CRS until May 2018. The data presented includes marriages January to March 2019 registered at the LCROs, until April 2019 and submitted to PSA-CRS until June 2019.

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Definition of Terms

Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life.

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.

Place of occurrence refers to the place where the vital event took place.

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