

Year-on-Year Monthly Inflation Rate by Commodity, Region XII		
(2018=100)	Mar’25	Apr’25
ALL ITEMS	-0.2	-1.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-1.0	-3.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	0.7	0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	0.0	0.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.8	0.8
Health	2.6	2.5
Transport	-2.5	-3.9
Information and Communication	0.2	0.1
Recreation, Sport, and Culture	1.8	2.0
Education Services	3.3	3.3
Restaurant and Accommodation Services	1.2	1.2
Financial Services	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.8	1.8

PRICES		
Inflation Rate (%)	Mar’25	Apr’25
Region XII	-0.2	-1.4
Cotabato	0.7	-0.4
Sarangani	-1.5	-2.9
South Cotabato	-0.6	-2.0
Sultan Kudarat	0.2	-0.8
Gen. Santos City	-0.5	1.8
Purchasing Power of Peso	Mar’25	Apr’25
Region XII	0.78	0.79
Cotabato	0.77	0.77
Sarangani	0.77	0.77
South Cotabato	0.78	0.79
Sultan Kudarat	0.80	0.80
Gen. Santos City	0.80	0.81

Inflation Rates By Commodity Group		
CPI for Bottom 30% (2018=100)	Mar’25	Apr’25
Rice	-16.2	-19.6
Corn	-13.7	-12.7
Flour, Bread, and Other Bakery, and Pasta Products, and other Cereals	2.0	1.9
Meat	6.2	5.4
Fish and Other Seafood	4.9	-0.2
Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs	7.0	8.3
Oils and Fats	4.1	4.8
Fruits and Nuts	6.5	4.4
Vegetables	6.2	-1.6
Sugar, Confectionery, and Desserts	2.6	0.0
Food Products, N.E.C.	3.4	1.5

SOURCE: Consumer Price Index (CPI), PSA

VITAL STATISTICS		
Total Registered Marriages	2023	2024 ^P
PHILIPPINES	414,213	240,734
SOCCSKSARGEN ¹	16,494	8,201
Cotabato ²	5,141	1,448
Sarangani	2,092	1,366
South Cotabato	4,136	2,277
Sultan Kudarat	2,510	1,426
Gen. Santos City	2,510	1,684
Total Registered Births	2023	2024 ^P
PHILIPPINES	1,448,522	761,227
SOCCSKSARGEN	69,223	38,155
Cotabato	22,676	8,530
Sarangani	9,746	5,291
South Cotabato	14,820	9,917
Sultan Kudarat	11,852	8,030
Gen. Santos City	10,130	6,387

Total Registered Deaths	2023	2023 ^P
PHILIPPINES	694,821	388,694
SOCCSKSARGEN ¹	26,496	14,255
Cotabato ²	8,543	3,481
Sarangani	3,013	1,855
South Cotabato	6,804	4,117
Sultan Kudarat	4,151	2,334
Gen. Santos City	3,985	2,468

Vital Statistics by Sex (Live Births)	Male	Female
PHILIPPINES (2024 ^P)	395,214	366,013
SOCCSKSARGEN ¹	19,721	18,434
Cotabato ²	4,392	4,138
Sarangani	2,772	2,519
South Cotabato	5,145	4,772
Sultan Kudarat	4,099	3,931
Gen. Santos City	3,313	3,074

Vital Statistics by Sex (Deaths)	Male	Female
PHILIPPINES (2024 ^P)	218,857	169,837
SOCCSKSARGEN ¹	8,352	5,903
Cotabato ²	2,057	1,424
Sarangani	1,097	758
South Cotabato	2,410	1,707
Sultan Kudarat	1,353	981
Gen. Santos City	1,435	1,033

SOURCE: Philippine Statistics Authority (2024^P, and 2023)
^P—Provisional as of 31 January 2025
*- Includes babies born in the Philippines whose mother’s usual residence in a foreign country
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¹—Excludes the City of Cotabato
²—Includes the 63 barangays in the province of Cotabato that are now part of the 8 area clusters in BARMM as data by barangay are not available

TOTAL POPULATION, SOCCSKSARGEN	
2015 ¹	2020 ¹
4,245,838	4,360,974

Notes: ¹— Excludes the City of Cotabato and the 63 barangays in the province of Cotabato that are now part of the 8 area clusters in BARMM as data by barangay are not available

LABOR FORCE			
SOCCSKSARGEN	Jan'24 ^f	Oct'24 ^P	Jan'25 ^P
Total 15 years old and over (in '000)	3,088	3,093	3,088
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	65.7	69.7	68.7
Employment Rate (%)	96.7	97.6	97.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	2.4	2.4
Underemployment rate (%)	26.7	35.2	29.5

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS		
TOP 5 IMPORTED COMMODITIES IN REGION XII (March 2024, in US\$)		
Commodity	Value	Percentage
Skipjack or stripe-belled bonito	10,295,736.00	17.3
Unblended Petroleum Oils	8,286,844.00	13.9
Yellowfin Tunas	7,927,068.00	14.8
Other Crude Oils	6,097,011.00	6.8
Other Coal	3,364,579.00	3.1

TOP 5 EXPORTED COMMODITIES IN REGION XII (March 2024, in US\$)		
Commodity	Value	Percentage
Other Crude Oils	23,343,917.00	17.4
Tunas in Airtight Containers	21,517,261.00	16.0
Fresh Pineapples	9,449,374.00	7.0
Other Prepared or preserved fish	9,347,283.00	7.0
Other Pineapple Juice	6,232,973.00	4.6

FISHERIES		
Production (in MT)	Annual 2024	Annual ^P 2025
SOCCSKSARGEN	82,934.52	74,718.55 ^P
Commercial Fisheries	66,790.07	62,565.63 ^P
Marine Municipal Fisheries	7,929.94	3,447.64 ^P
Inland Municipal Fisheries	4,580.02	5,228.38 ^P
Aquaculture Fisheries	3,634.49	3,476.89 ^P
P—Preliminary, R—Revised		

SOURCE: Labor Force Survey (LFS), PSA
Foreign Trade Statistics, PSA
* Preliminary results

Inventory (Livestock & Poultry, heads)	As of Apr 1, 2024	As of Apr 1, 2025
SOCCKSARGEN		
CARABAO	195,395	195,865^R
CATTLE	185,720	187,704^R
HOG	648,058	557,988^R
GOAT	233,390	239,970^R
CHICKEN	10,910,304	11,446,512^R
<i>Layers Chicken</i>	2,918,443	2,985,095 ^R
<i>Broiler Chickens</i>	2,574,432	2,895,841 ^R
<i>Native Chickens</i>	5,238,128	5,380,154 ^R
<i>Gamefowl</i>	179,301	185,422 ^R
DUCK	1,608,632	1,638,278^R
P—Preliminary, R—Revised		

DEFINITION OF TERMS	
Population	The total number of individuals in a territory at a specified time.
Population Growth Rate	Indicates how fast a population increase or decrease as a result of the interplay of births, deaths and migration during a given period of time.
Labor Force	The population of 15 years old and over whether employed or unemployed who contribute to the production of goods and services in the country.
Underemployment Rate	Proportion in percent of the total number of underemployed persons to the number of employed persons.
Purchasing power of Peso	A measure of the real value of the peso in a given period relative to a chosen reference period.
Year-on-Year inflation	Annual rate of change or year-on-year change in Consumer Price Index (CPI).
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	Measure of average changes in the prices of a fixed basket of goods and services usually purchased by households for their consumptions.

Number and Total Employment of Establishments in Operation					
	No. of Establishment		Total Employment		
	2018	2021	2018	2021	
Philippines	1,003,111	1,080,063	9,043,063	85,69,049	
Region 12 (SOCCSKSARGEN)	44,940	46,474	275,400	261,690	
Number and Total Employment of Establishments in Operation by Industry (2021)					
Industry	PHILIPPINES		SOCCSKSARGEN		
	No. of Establishment	Total Employment	No. of Establishment	Total Employment	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	8,605	190,869	412	17,788	
Mining and Quarrying	959	39,855	62	622	
Manufacturing	129,436	1,505,501	5,506	36,654	
Electricity, Gas, Steam & Air Conditioning Supply	1,384	67,557	47	1,822	
Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management & Remediation	1,564	39,905	68	1,011	
Construction	4,482	266,142	124	2,635	
Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles	539,741	2,385,351	25,475	94,937	
Transportation and Storage	13,874	319,048	352	5,162	
Accommodation & Food Services Activities	153,378	718,547	6,662	25,202	
Information and Communication	12,888	213,060	557	2,103	
Financial and Insurance Activities	50,494	532,475	1,831	12,267	
Real Estate Activities	13,862	127,911	289	1,664	
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	14,966	170,601	507	2,017	
Administrative & Support Service Activities	14,789	1,131,558	523	28,102	
Education	12,753	314,353	444	10,102	
Human Health & Social Health Activities	27,018	262,493	905	11,295	
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,857	78,511	386	1,659	
Other Services	68,588	205,312	2,304	6,648	
Number of Establishment in Operation by MSME					
	Total	Micro ^{1/}	Small ^{2/}	Medium ^{3/}	Large ^{4/}
PHILIPPINES	1,080,638	977,670	94,008	4,444	4,516
SOCCSKSARGEN	46,474	43,376	2,873	129	96
Cotabato Province	16,339	15,599	706	19	15
Sarangani w/ GSC	14,873	13,641	1,118	67	47
South Cotabato w/o GSC	9,296	8,591	643	34	28
Sultan Kudarat	5,966	5,545	406	9	6
Notes: 1/ Total Employment of 1 to 9; 2/ Total Employment of 10 to 99; 3/ Total Employment of 100 to 199; and 4/ Total Employment of 200 or more.					
Number of Newly Listed Establishment by Year Started Operation					
	Total	Before 2019	2019	2020	2021
PHILIPPINES	478,576	161,497	88,216	111,944	116,919
SOCCSKSARGEN	20,566	5,629	3,469	5,580	5,888
Cotabato Province	7,045	1,895	1,136	2,016	1,998
Sarangani w/ GSC	6,835	1,913	1,112	1,771	2,039
South Cotabato w/o GSC	4,103	1,067	723	1,100	1,213
Sultan Kudarat	2,583	754	498	693	638
Number of Establishment with Permanently Closed and Temporary Close/Stopped Operation Status					
	Permanently Closed operation				Temporary Stopped
	Before 2019	2019	2020	2021	
PHILIPPINES	31,627	89,237	124,699	14,144	56,971
SOCCSKSARGEN	1,350	4,576	3,869	434	1,905
Cotabato Province	551	1,490	1,118	164	881
Sarangani w/ GSC	264	1,617	1,492	118	439
South Cotabato w/o GSC	402	1,040	977	121	476
Sultan Kudarat	133	429	282	31	109
Source: Based on the preliminary results of 2021 Updating of the List of Establishments, Philippine Statistics Authority					



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