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Highlights of the Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN) Population 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH)

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- The population of Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN as of 01 May 2020 is 4,901,486 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH). This accounts for about 4.50 percent of the Philippine population in 2020.
- The 2020 population of the region is higher by 356,210 from the population of 4.55 million in 2015, and 791,915 more than the population of 4.11 million in 2010. Moreover, it is higher by 1,679,317 compared with the population of 3.22 million in 2000. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Population Based on Various Censuses:
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN

Census Year	Census Reference Date	Total Population
2000	May 1, 2000	3,222,169
2010	May 1, 2010	4,109,571
2015	August 1, 2015	4,545,276
2020	May 1, 2020	4,901,486

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- The population of Region XII increased by 1.60 percent annually from 2015 to 2020. By comparison, the rate at which the population of the region grew from 2010 to 2015 was higher at 1.94 percent. (Table 2)

Table 2. Annual Population Growth Rate Based on Various Censuses:
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN

Intercensal Period	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)
2000 to 2010	2.46
2010 to 2015	1.94
2015 to 2020	1.60

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



- Among the four provinces comprising Region XII, Cotabato (North Cotabato) had the biggest population in 2020 with 1,490,618 persons, followed by South Cotabato with 975,476 persons, and Sultan Kudarat with 854,052 persons. Sarangani had the smallest population with 558,946 persons. (Table 3)
- The City of General Santos (Dadiangas), the only highly urbanized city in the region posted a population of 697,315 persons.
- The City of Cotabato, on the other hand, had a population of 325,079 persons. This city is an independent component city in Region XII whose province, Maguindanao, is under the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Table 3. Total Population by Province/Highly Urbanized City Based on Various Censuses: Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Total Population			
	2000	2010	2015	2020
Cotabato (North Cotabato)	958,643	1,226,508	1,379,747	1,490,618
Sarangani	410,622	498,904	544,261	558,946
South Cotabato	690,728	827,200	915,289	975,476
<i>City of General Santos (Dadiangas)</i>	411,822	538,086	594,446	697,315
Sultan Kudarat	586,505	747,087	812,095	854,052
<i>City of Cotabato*</i>	163,849	271,786	299,438	325,079

* Independent component city in the Province of Maguindanao, BARMM

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Cotabato (North Cotabato) was the fastest growing province in the region with an annual population growth rate (PGR) of 1.64 percent from 2015 to 2020. It was followed by South Cotabato with a PGR of 1.35 percent and Sultan Kudarat (1.07 percent). Sarangani posted the lowest provincial PGR of 0.56 percent. (Table 4)
- The City of General Santos (Dadiangas) posted a PGR of 3.41 percent.
- The City of Cotabato, meanwhile, had a PGR of 1.74 percent.

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Table 4. Annual Population Growth Rate by Province/Highly Urbanized City
Based on Various Censuses: Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN

Province/Highly Urbanized City	Annual Population Growth Rate (%)		
	2000 to 2010	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020
Cotabato (North Cotabato)	2.49	2.27	1.64
Sarangani	1.97	1.67	0.56
South Cotabato	1.82	1.94	1.35
<i>City of General Santos (Dadiangas)</i>	2.71	1.91	3.41
Sultan Kudarat	2.45	1.60	1.07
<i>City of Cotabato *</i>	5.19	1.86	1.74

* Independent component city in the Province of Maguindanao, BARMM

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

- Region XII is composed of one highly urbanized city, one independent component city, three component cities, 45 municipalities, and 1,195 barangays.
- Among the cities (excluding the City of General Santos) and municipalities in the region, the largest in terms of population size is the City of Cotabato, Maguindanao with 325,079 persons. It was followed by the City of Koronadal, South Cotabato with 195,398 persons, and Polomolok, South Cotabato with 172,605 persons. (Table 5)

Table 5. Top Ten Most Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	City of Cotabato	Maguindanao	325,079
2	City of Koronadal	South Cotabato	195,398
3	Polomolok	South Cotabato	172,605
4	Midsayap	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	165,376
5	Pikit	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	164,646
6	City of Kidapawan	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	160,791
7	Glan	Sarangani	109,547
8	City of Tacurong	Sultan Kudarat	109,319
9	Carmen	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	107,603
10	Malungon	Sarangani	105,465

* Excluding the City of General Santos

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

- Antipas in Cotabato (North Cotabato) is the least populous city/municipality in Region XII with 26,817 persons. It was followed by Columbio in Sultan Kudarat with 33,527 persons, and Santo Niño in South Cotabato with 39,796 persons. (Table 6)

Table 6. Ten Least Populous Cities*/Municipalities:
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN, 2020

Rank	City/Municipality	Province	Total Population
1	Antipas	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	26,817
2	Columbio	Sultan Kudarat	33,527
3	Santo Niño	South Cotabato	39,796
4	Tampakan	South Cotabato	41,018
5	Aleosan	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	41,944
6	President Quirino	Sultan Kudarat	42,244
7	Maitum	Sarangani	44,185
8	Tantangan	South Cotabato	45,744
9	Norala	South Cotabato	46,682
10	Banisilan	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	45,995

* Excluding the City of General Santos

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

- Of the 1,195 barangays in Region XII, the largest in terms of population size is Calumpang in the City of General Santos with 87,718 persons. It was followed by Labangal with 77,052 persons, and Fatima with 72,613 persons, both in the City of General Santos. The rest of the top ten most populous barangays in the region are all located in the City of General Santos, except Poblacion in Polomolok, South Cotabato, which was ranked seventh with 51,490 persons. (Table 7)

Table 7. Top Ten Most Populous Barangays:
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN, 2020

Rank	Barangay	City/Municipality/Province	Total Population
1	Calumpang	City of General Santos	87,718
2	Labangal	City of General Santos	77,052
3	Fatima	City of General Santos	72,613
4	San Isidro (Lagao 2nd)	City of General Santos	64,958
5	Apopong	City of General Santos	58,314
6	Lagao (1st & 3rd)	City of General Santos	53,706
7	Poblacion	Polomolok, South Cotabato	51,490
8	Mabuhay	City of General Santos	37,629
9	Tambler	City of General Santos	31,539
10	Bula	City of General Santos	30,845

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

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