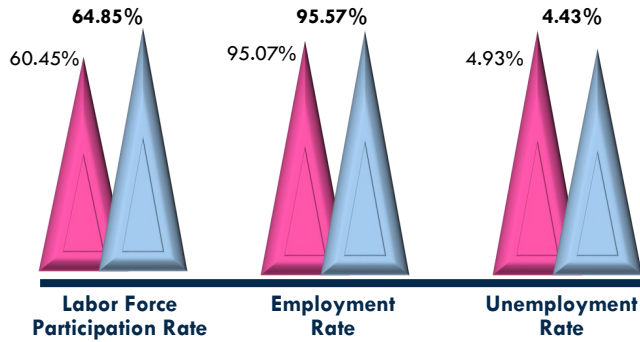




## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)



Labor Force Participation Rate in SOCCSKSARGEN was recorded at 64.85% out of the 3.206 million people aged 15 years old and over. Employment rate slightly grew to 95.57% in the 2nd Quarter of 2018 from 95.07% for the same period in the previous year.



## PEACE AND SECURITY

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)



	2018 2Q	2019 2Q
<b>Total Crime Volume</b>	<b>4229</b>	<b>4159</b>
<i>Index Crime</i>	866	775
<i>Non-Index Crime</i>	3363	3384
<b>Total Crimes Cleared</b>	<b>3454</b>	<b>3405</b>
<b>Total Crimes Solved</b>	<b>3036</b>	<b>3123</b>
<b>Crime Clearance Efficiency</b>	<b>81.67%</b>	<b>81.87%</b>
<b>Crime Solution Efficiency</b>	<b>71.79%</b>	<b>75.09%</b>

Source of Data: PNP-PRO 12

### Factors that contributed to improvement:

- Continuing implementation of Martial Law
- Strengthened security and intelligence measures

## CRITICAL INCIDENTS

- ⇒ Ill-effects of El Niño in the region
- ⇒ Late approval and signing of the General Appropriations Act of 2019 which delayed government expenditures / investments
- ⇒ May 13, 2019 Midterm Elections
- ⇒ Shut down of various investment schemes operating in the region (i.e. KAPA, ALAMCO, RIGEN, etc.)
- ⇒ Suspension of franchises, licenses, and permits granted by PCSO to gaming operators

## DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK

- ⇒ Normalization of government operations as the FY 2019 Annual Budget took into effect
- ⇒ Assumption of newly elected government officials in the national and local levels
- ⇒ Reorganization of local government units
- ⇒ Continued slowing down of inflation rate
- ⇒ Implementation of the Rice Tariffication Law



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## SOCCSKSARGEN REGIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATIONER

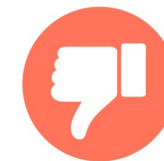
SECOND QUARTER 2019



## GENERAL ASSESSMENT



- ⇒ Increased production levels of mango, coconut, abaca, and pineapple
- ⇒ Expansion of the inventory of goat and hog
- ⇒ Increased municipal marine fish production
- ⇒ Lower inflation rate
- ⇒ Total crime volume reduced and crime clearance and crime solution efficiencies improved
- ⇒ Tourist arrivals increased
- ⇒ Employment statistics improved

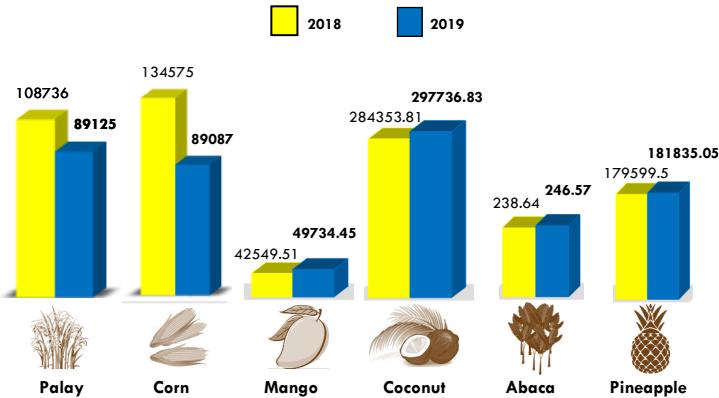


- ⇒ Production levels of palay, corn, sugarcane, coffee, rubber, banana, asparagus, and cacao decreased
- ⇒ Commercial, municipal inland, and aquaculture fish production declined
- ⇒ Inventory of carabao, cattle, duck and chicken dropped

# REGIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

## AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY INDICATORS

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)



The effects of dry spell led to the decrease in the production of crops in the region. Shifting from one crop to another also contributed to the decline in production.



PRODUCTION	2018	2019	Change
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81141.11</b>	<b>78078.95</b>	<b>-3.77%</b>
Commercial	71965.29	69009.215	-4.11%
Municipal Inland	4040.84	3052.85	-24.45%
Municipal Marine	2282.01	2634.685	15.45%
Aquaculture	2852.97	3382.2029	18.55%

Source of Data: PSA XII

The recorded increase in aquaculture was brought by the expansion of tilapia culture due to its high demand from hotels, restaurants, and traders from Northern Mindanao and Davao Regions.



## Most Visited

Area	Total Visitors
Sarangani	628,469
General Santos City	420,163
(North) Cotabato	295,205
Koronadal City	259,857
South Cotabato	210,357
Kidapawan City	171,261
Sultan Kudarat	108,149
Tacurong City	104,992

Source of Data: DOT XII

Tourist arrivals increased by 9.06% in the second quarter of 2019. Sarangani was the most visited in the region because of the Sarangani Bay (SarBay) Festival in the town of Glan.

## INVESTMENTS

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)



There were no recorded investments in the region per report of the Board of Investments (BOI) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the 2nd Quarter of 2019.

## TOURISM

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)

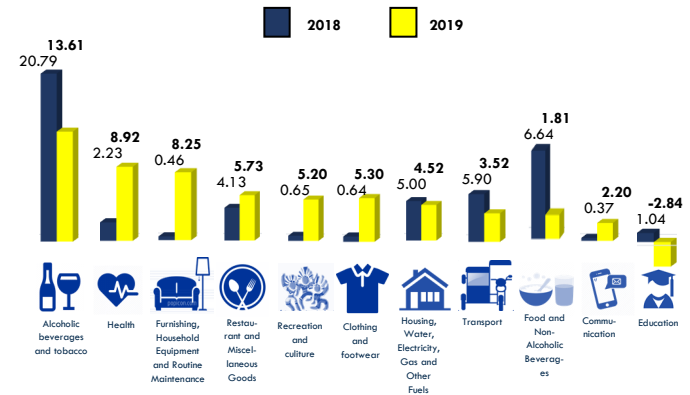
### TOURIST ARRIVALS

	2018 2Q	2019 2Q
Tourist Arrivals	2,015,828	2,198,453*

\*Note: Excluding Cotabato City following its transfer to BARMM

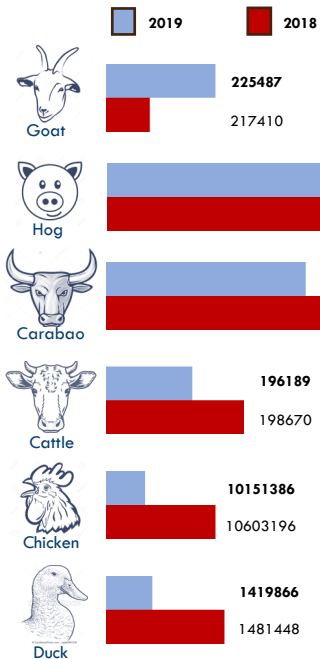
## INFLATION RATES

(2nd Quarter 2018 and 2019)



Source of Data: PSA XII

Prices for all items in the region posted an average inflation rate of 3.72% for the 2nd Quarter of 2019 as compared to 5.51% for the same period in 2018.



There were recorded hog farm expansions. The high demand for poultry and livestock products, especially during election period, caused the decrease in their inventory.

Source of Data: PSA XII