

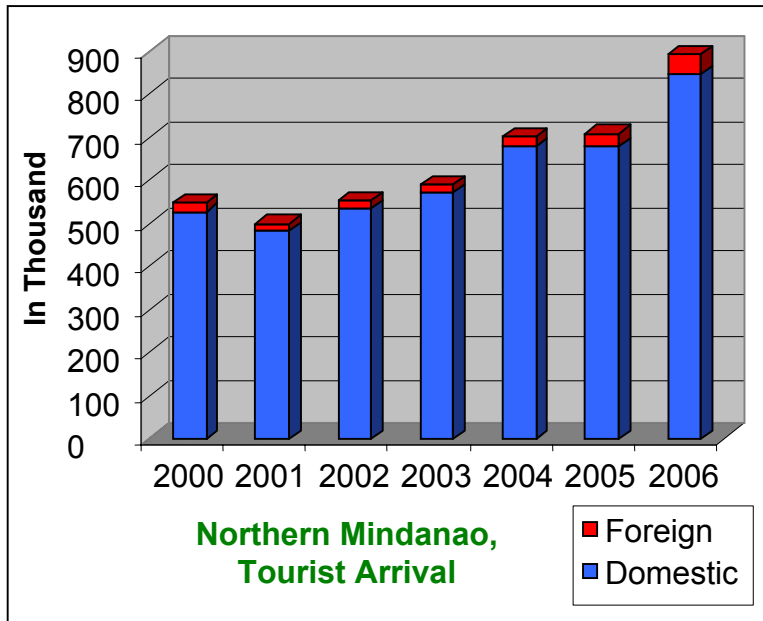


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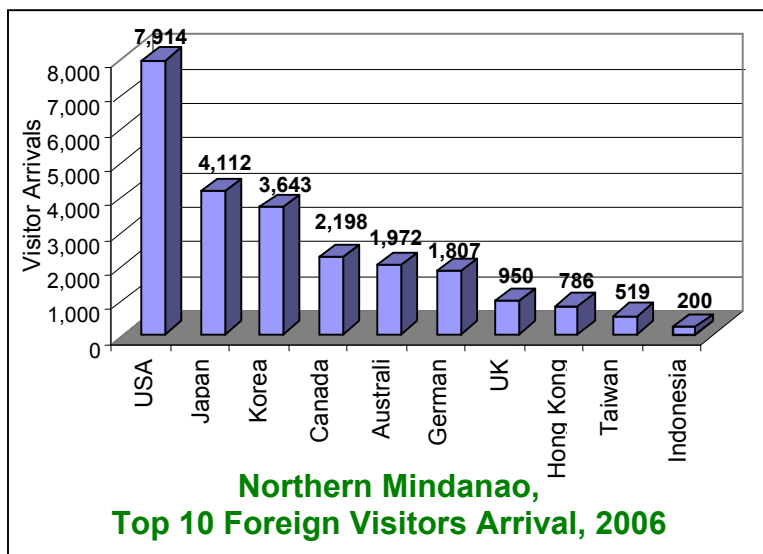
## The Region's Tourist Arrivals Increased by 26.17% in 2006

Northern Mindanao experienced its highest tourist influx in 2006 since the turn of the century registering 893,071 tourists which is 185,264 higher than that of 707,807 in 2005, or an increase of 26.17% relative to its previous year.

Since the turn of the century, tourist arrival in the region has declined by 8.71% in 2001. However, since then, it has continuously increased at an average growth of 9.35% until 2005. 2006, on the other hand, showed a remarkable increase both from domestic and foreign tourists. Domestic tourists registered 837,851 local tourists and 8,947 "balikbayans" in 2006, which is 24.23% and 136.38% higher than the previous year, respectively.



46,273 foreign tourists were registered in the region for 2006, which is 56.34% higher than that of 29,597 registered in 2005. Among the 18 countries (or classifications) (i.e. Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, USA, Others), the United States of America registered the highest contribution of 7,914 tourists in 2006, which is 17.1 percent of the total foreign tourist arrivals. Japan ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the registered foreign tourist arrivals at 4,112 incoming tourists, followed by Korea with 3,643.



Among the five (5) provinces of the region, Misamis Occidental holds the highest tourist arrival for 2006 at 288,684 registered tourist arrivals, or 32.31% of the region's total tourist arrivals, followed by Misamis Oriental at 29.37%, Camiguin at 24.64%, then Lanao del Norte at 9.45% and, lastly, Bukidnon at 4.21%. The preferred provincial destination, however, for foreign tourists based on the registered tourist arrivals, is Misamis Oriental, holding 51.03%, followed by Camiguin at 25.11%.

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