

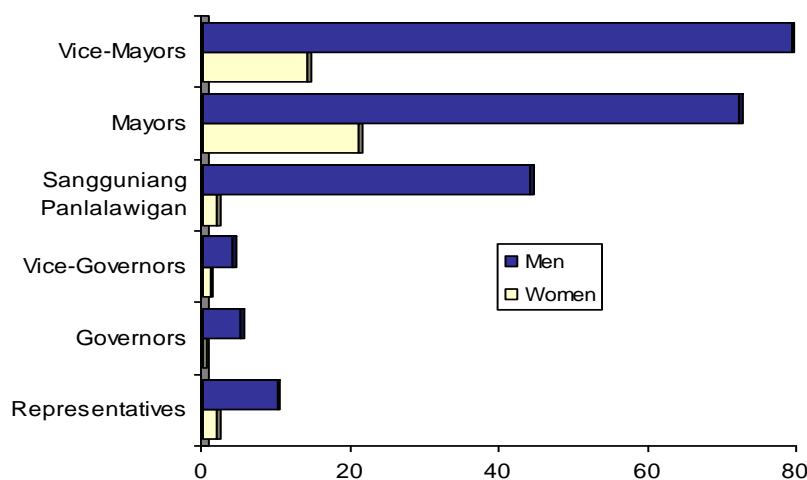


Did you know that...

Northern Mindanao is Still Politically a Men's World

A common fallacy among single women nearing their 30's is the belief that there are more women than men; this may be true in the 1980 census but the 2000 and 2007 census showed otherwise. Hence, to those who still maintained the said belief, allow statistics to show you that, in Region 10, there are actually more men than women. Based on the 2007 census, there are 104 men for every 100 women in the region and there are more men than women until you reach the age of 64. Moreover, similar to the national figures cited in the January "Statistically Speaking" by Dr. Virola (NSCB Secretary General) entitled "Love Affairs", there are more single men in Region 10 than there are single women (10 years and above): 120 single men for every 100 single women.

Figure 1. Elected Officials in Region 10



But the greatest disparity between women and men can be observed in public life. Currently (based on the 2007 elections), the elected Public Officials in Northern Mindanao consists of 84.3% Men. Namely, 10 of the 12 Representatives, the 5 Governors, 4 of the 5 Vice-Governors, 44 of the 46 Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, 72 of the 93 Mayors, and 79 of the 93 Vice-Mayors are Men.

Moreover, men continued to dominate in the Labor Force and Employment in the region. Household Population, 15 years and over, of the October round of the Labor Force Survey (2008) posted 1.38 million men over 1.34 million women. Men have higher labor force participation rate of 83.2 percent with a 95.8 percent employment rate whereas women only have 59.7 percent participation rate and 95.7 employment rate.

Government employment is among the very few sectors in Northern Mindanao where women numbered more than men. The 2008 CSC Inventory of Government Personnel showed that there are 13,691 women, 13,393 men and 321 whose gender not indicated in Government service in Northern Mindanao. The Women's share, however, is declining in comparison to 2003 CSC report which showed that there are 34,848 women and 26,015 men in Government Service in Region 10.

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