



Did you know that...

## ... in 2008, Davao Region had the highest CPR in the country?

Based on the results of the 2008 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), Davao region posted the highest contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) among the 17 administrative regions in the country in 2008. Contraceptive use among currently married women, age 15 to 49 years old in the region, was estimated at 60.2 percent, a proportion higher by 9.5 percentage points than the 50.7 percent registered at the national level. Central Luzon ranked second with a CPR of 57.8 percent followed by Central Visayas with 55.7 percent while ARMM posted the lowest with 15.1 percent CPR in the 2008 survey.

Figure 1. Contraceptive Prevalence Rates by Region, Philippines: 2008

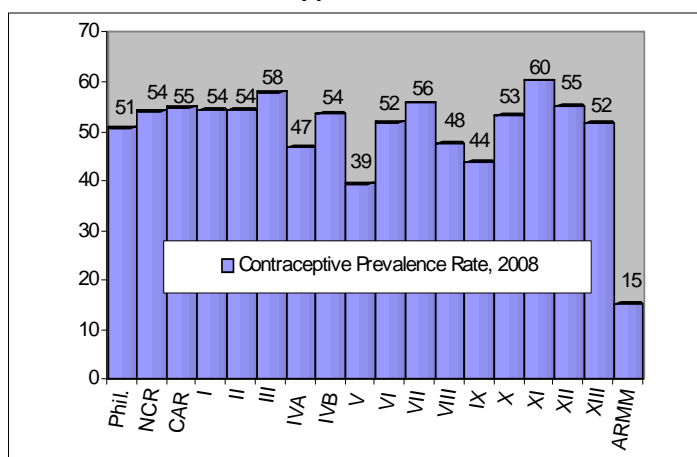
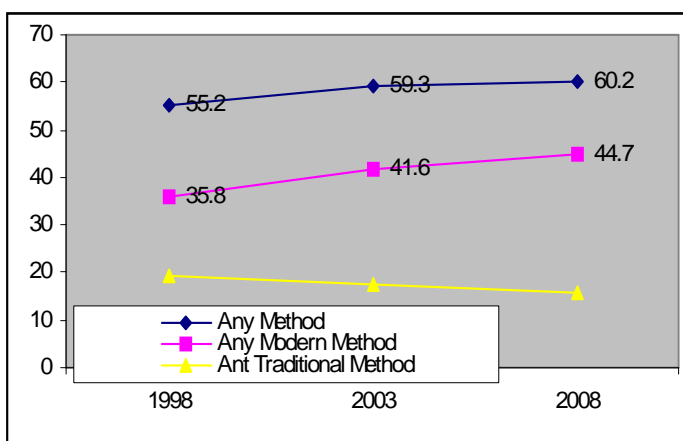


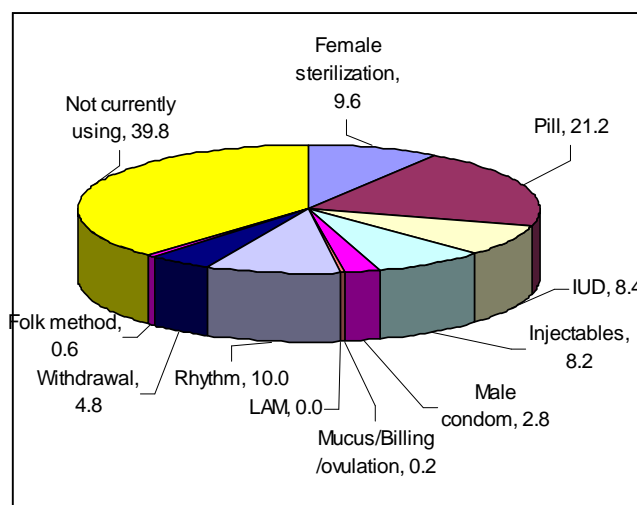
Figure 2. Contraceptive Prevalence Rate, Region XI: 1998, 2003 and 2008



Looking at the trends, CPR in Davao region, however, showed a slower growth of 1.5 percentage points from 2003 to 2008 survey compared to the 7.4 percentage points increase it registered from 1998 to 2003 survey.

Among the surveyed women, 44.7 percent opted to use modern methods over the traditional contraceptives. Pill was the most popular among the modern methods enumerated in the survey with 21.2 percent of the married women aged 15 to 49 years old in the region. It was followed by female sterilization and intrauterine device (IUD) with 9.6 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively. On the other hand, rhythm was the most common among the traditional contraceptive methods with 10.0 percent of the currently married women aged 15 to 49 years old.

Figure 3. Percent of Currently Married Women by Current Contraceptive Used, Region XI: 2008



The 2008 NDHS also revealed that 39.8 percent of currently married women in Davao region, age 15 to 49, were not using any contraceptive method while 99.0 percent said that they know at least one contraceptive method.

Source of data: 2008 National Demographic and Health Survey, NSO