



Did you know that...

... among the regions in the country, Region XI had the second highest percentage of currently married women who are contraceptive users in 2001?

Based on the results of the 2001 Family Planning Survey (FPS), out of more than 787,000 currently married women, aged 15 to 49 years old in Southern Mindanao, 60.5 percent used family planning methods, a proportion higher by 11.0 percentage points than the national level of 49.5 percent. Within the past 5 years, Southern Mindanao registered the highest contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) in 2001.

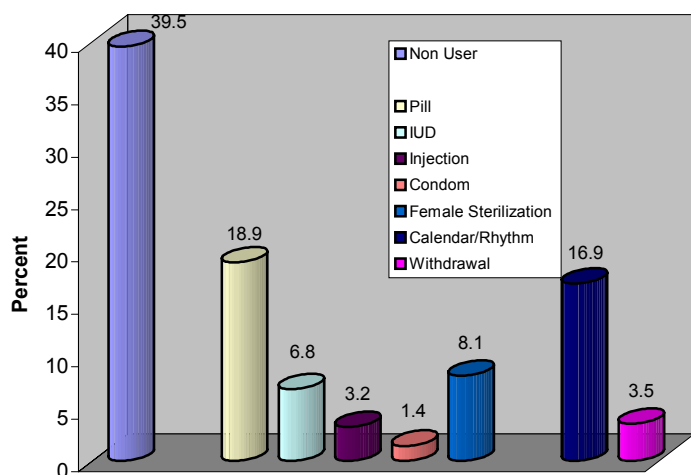
In 2001, Region XI ranks second among the regions in the country. From 1997 to 1998, however, CPR was highest in Region XI. In 1999 and 2000 it ranked third n contraceptive prevalence rate among all regions.

Contraceptive Prevalence Rate among Currently Married Women by Region and Year, Philippines: 1997-2001

REGION	YEAR				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Philippines	47.0	46.5	49.3	47.0	49.5
National Capital Region	51.1	49.4	53.0	45.7	51.3
CAR	46.3	42.0	47.9	50.6	46.8
Ilocos	43.3	43.2	51.0	41.0	43.6
Cagayan Valley	50.3	48.3	63.2	61.2	61.7
Central Luzon	52.0	54.8	53.1	54.9	54.7
Southern Tagalog	49.5	45.0	48.0	48.7	50.6
Bicol Region	37.1	36.3	43.5	31.7	42.0
Western Visayas	44.4	45.0	47.8	47.6	45.5
Cantral Visayas	51.3	51.5	48.1	47.0	49.0
Eastern Visayas	33.8	37.5	42.0	37.2	44.9
Western Mindanao	36.3	43.8	45.8	49.1	49.9
Northern Mindanao	59.8	54.0	57.0	57.3	54.6
Southern Mindanao	59.9	55.2	55.8	55.4	60.5
Central Mindanao	43.9	45.2	49.4	50.8	52.1
ARMM	13.0	15.8	15.5	12.6	15.1
Caraga	51.5	48.8	52.6	47.3	51.5

Source: National Statistics Office, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001 Family Planning Survey, 1998 National Demographic and Health Survey

Fig. 1 Contraceptive Method Used by Currently Married Women, Southern Mindanao: 2001



Source: National Statistics Office, 2001 Family Planning Survey

Fig. 2 Source of Supply of Family Planning Method, Southern Mindanao: 2001

According to the 2001 FPS, pill was the most popular contraceptive method with 18.9 percent of married women aged 15-49 year users in Southern Mindanao. It was followed by the traditional method of contraception, the calendar and rhythm with 16.9 percent. Female sterilization (8.1 percent) and IUD (6.8 percent) were the next most commonly used methods. Withdrawal was used by 3.5 percent of married women, while injection and condom, both modern methods was used by 3.2 percent and 1.4 percent of currently married women, respectively.

Most supplies of family planning method in Southern Mindanao were provided by the public sector. In 2001, this sector provided modern contraceptives to about 7 out of ten women (69.3 percent) in Region XI. On the other hand, 29.9 percent of women received supplies of family planning method from the private sector. There were 0.8 percent who obtained the supplies from other sources such as; Puericulture Center, church, and friends.

Source: National Statistics Office, 2001 Family Planning Survey

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