

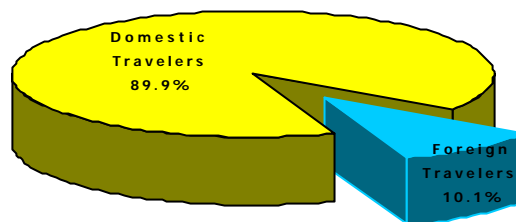


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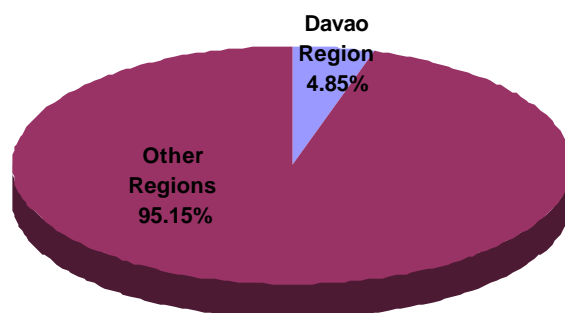
Most of the travelers in Region XI are Filipinos who live in some parts of the country other than Davao Region, balikbayans, and Filipinos residing outside the Philippines. In 2002, the domestic travelers in Davao Region comprised the 89.9 percent of the region's total visitor arrivals. Foreign visitors, on the other hand, represent 10.1 percent. Majority of these foreign visitors came from East Asia which includes the countries of China, Hongkong, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Of the 541,863 total visitor arrivals in Davao Region during 2002, 487,102 are domestic travelers, while 54,761 are foreign visitors. Aside from East Asia, North America also comprised the huge bulk of foreign travelers in the region. During the year, out of 54,761 foreign travelers in Davao Region, 13,341 or 24.4 percent were coming from North America which comprises Canada and the United States of America.

Distribution of Visitor Arrivals in Region XI, by Country of Residence: 2002



Percent Share of Davao Region to Philippines' Total Visitor Arrivals: 2002



Distribution of Visitor Arrivals in Region XI, by Country of Residence: 1999-2002

Country of Residence	1999	2000	2001	2002 a/
Foreign Market	67,926	58,539	68,302	54,761
ASEAN	6,334	4,042	3,894	2,269
East Asia	26,498	25,538	31,912	26,066
South Asia	16,027	389	414	218
Middle East	-	274	418	476
North America	16,027	13,710	14,839	12,341
Oceania	2,761	2,443	3,074	1,434
Europe	9,170	6,812	5,132	3,527
Others & Unspecified Res.	7,106	5,605	9,037	8,430
Domestic Market	518,125	502,144	574,345	487,102
Foreign Residents	15,061	-	-	-
Filipino Residents	498,342	496,227	560,885	-
Balikbayans	4,722	5,917	13,460	-
TOTAL	586,051	560,683	642,647	541,863

Note: - no data available

a/ excludes South Cotabato, Sarangani, General Santos City

Other foreign visitors came from Europe, ASEAN countries, Oceania, Middle East, and South Asia. In 2002, Europe represented 6.4 percent of the total foreign visitors. It is followed by ASEAN with 4.1 percent, Oceania (2.6%), Middle East (0.9%), and South Asia (0.4%).

Visitor arrivals in Region XI does not follow a constant trend. From a total of 586,051 visitor arrivals in 1999, it dropped to 560,683 (4.3%) in 2000. In 2001, however, visitor arrivals increased to 642,647 or 14.6 percent since 2000. With the transfer of SOCSARGEN to Region XII in 2002, Region XI's visitor arrivals dropped to 541,863. Davao Region contributed 4.85 percent of the country's total visitor arrivals in 2002.