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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Marriage Statistics Report of the Province of Romblon

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# MARRIAGE STATISTICS

The number of registered marriages in the province of Romblon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the year 2023 is 173. This is the result of the preliminary tabulation of data from the submissions of the local civil registry offices in the province.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, DVSS 2023

2/F Navarette Bldg., Brgy. II, Romblon, Romblon 5500 Contact No.: 0939-876-0734 Website: rssomimaropa.psa.gov.ph/romblon Email: romblon@psa.gov.ph Figure 1 shows that the municipality of Odiongan registered the most number of marriages with 30 or 17.3 percent of the total registered marriages during the quarter. It was followed in second place by the municipality of Romblon with 23 or 13.3 percent while Cajidiocan ranked third with 22 or 12.7 percent.

Meanwhile, the municipality of Concepcion and Ferrol registered the least number of marriages during the quarter with 2 or 1.2 percent, each.

	Month			
Province/Municipality —	July	August	September	Total
ROMBLON	61	72	40	173
Alcantara	0	5	2	7
Banton	2	0	1	3
Cajidiocan	3	18	1	22
Calatrava	1	2	0	3
Concepcion	1	0	1	2
Corcuera	2	3	2	7
Looc	8	4	1	13
Magdiwang	2	2	3	7
Odiongan	17	12	1	30
Romblon (C)	7	9	7	23
San Agustin	5	1	4	10
San Andres	1	2	1	4
San Fernando	5	4	1	10
San Jose	4	3	2	9
Santa Fe	3	6	0	9
Ferrol	0	1	1	2
Santa Maria	0	0	12	12

Table 1. Registered Marriages by Municipality and Month: Romblon, 3rd Quarter 2023

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, DVSS 2023

Table 1 shows the distribution by municipality and month of registered marriages in the province of Romblon during the third quarter of 2023. In the said quarter, 72 marriages or 41.6 percent occurred in the month of August.

Table 2, meanwhile, compares the total number of registered marriages in the third quarter of 2023, second quarter of 20223, and third quarter of 2022. In the said table, the number of marriages in the second quarter of 2023 decreased by 96 or by -35.7 percent compared to the total registered in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, it decreased by 104 or -37.5 percent compared to the total registered births in the same quarter during the past year.

Province/ Municipality	Period				
	3rd Quarter 2023	2nd Quarter 2023	3rd Quarter 2022		
ROMBLON	173	269	277		
Alcantara	7	12	5		
Banton	3	3	5		
Cajidiocan	22	26	9		
Calatrava	3	11	11		
Concepcion	2	8	2		
Corcuera	7	6	3		
Looc	13	22	8		
Magdiwang	7	11	4		
Odiongan	30	58	39		
Romblon (C)	23	33	29		
San Agustin	10	16	13		
San Andres	4	15	7		
San Fernando	10	11	8		
San Jose	9	8	7		
Santa Fe	9	15	103		
Ferrol	2	6	4		
Santa Maria	12	8	20		

Table 2. Total of Registered Marriages by Quarter and Municipality: Romblon

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Preliminary Results of DVSS 2023 and 2022

#### More than half of the marriages were conducted thru religious rites

Ninety-three or 53.8 percent of the 173 marriages registered in the third quarter of 2023 were solemnized under religious rites inside the church premises. Meanwhile, 80 marriages or 46.2 percent were solemnized by either municipal mayors of judges under civil wedding rites.

The municipalities of Ferrol, Santa Maria, San Jose, Magdiwang, Odiongan and Looc registered higher proportion of civil marriages as compared to church marriages with 100.0 percent, 100.0 percent, 88.9 percent, 71.4 percent, 66.7 percent and 53.8 percent, respectively. This means that in these municipalities, more couples were married under civil rites than in religious rites.

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### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Civil Registration – system by which a government record the vital events (birth, marriage and death) of its citizens and residents. The resulting repository or database is called civil register or registry.

- *Vital Statistics* derived from information obtained at the time when the occurrences of vital events and their characteristics are inscribed in a civil register.
  - Vital Events are the births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages and all such events that that have something to do with an individual's entrance and departure from life together with the changes in civil status that may occur to a person during his lifetime. Recording of these events in civil register is known as vital or civil registration and the resulting documents are called vital records.
  - *Live Birth* is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which after such separation, breaths or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such birth is called liveborn.
  - Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life.
  - *Death* refers to the disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after live birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital function without capability of resuscitation).