

# Comparison of Negative Binomial Regression Model and Geographically Weighted Poisson Regression on Infant Mortality Rate in South Sulawesi Province\*

Perbandingan Model Regresi Binomial Negatif dan *Geographically Weighted Poisson Regression* Pada Angka Kematian Bayi di Provinsi Sulawesi Selatan

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## Abstract

The number of infant mortality cases is an important indicator to assess the quality of a country's public health. A number of studies argue that the case of infant mortality has a close relation to the living area condition and the social status of the parents. Indirectly, the quality of life of babies in a country will impact the nation's quality of life in general. Therefore, many efforts are required to reduce the infant mortality in Indonesia. One of the steps that could be done to overcome this issue is to analyze the causative factors. The statistical method that has been developed for data analysis taking into account current spatial factors is the Geographically Weighted Poisson Regression (GWPR) with a weighted Bisquare kernel function. Based on the partial estimation with the GWPR model, there are seven groups based on significant variables that affect the number of infant deaths in South Sulawesi Province. Of the seven groups formed, the first group is the Selayar Islands where all variables have a significant effect. This needs to be a concern for the South Sulawesi provincial government to improve facilities and infrastructure in the Selayar Islands, of course the location which is very far from the city center can affect access to drug reception, medical personnel and so on. Based on the results of the analysis of the factors that affect the number of infant deaths in South Sulawesi Province using a negative binomial regression approach and GWPR with a bisquare kernel weighting, it can be concluded that the GWPR model used is the best for analyzing the number of infant deaths in South Sulawesi Province because it has an AIC value. The smallest is 167.668.

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## 1. Introduction

Infant mortality rate is the chance of a baby dying before the age of one year, which is stated by per 1000 live births (LB) (Kemenkes RI, 2019). The number of cases of infant death is closely related to the environmental conditions of residence and the social status of the baby's parents. The quality of life of children will indirectly be the determining factor of the quality of life of the nation in the future. Therefore, various efforts are needed to reduce or reduce infant mortality in Indonesia. Infant mortality in 2012 was 32/1000 LB with neonatal deaths of 19/1000. There was a decrease in 2017 to 24/1000 LB and 15/1000 LB neonatal data based on the report of the Indonesian Demographic and Health Survey. So, it can be concluded that infant mortality in Indonesia has decreased (Lengkong *et al.*, 2020).

South Sulawesi is one of the provinces in Indonesia that managed to reduce the infant mortality rate (Dinkes Sulsel, 2019). In 2017 the number of infant deaths in South Sulawesi was 1059 cases; then in 2018 it dropped to 1037 cases, and by the end of 2019 the number of infant deaths again dropped to 916 cases. The decrease in the number of cases shows success in efforts to reduce or suppress the number of infant deaths (Dinkes Sulsel, 2019).

One way to reduce or suppress infant mortality is to know the factors that contribute to infant mortality. The relationship between the factors that cause the number of newborn deaths can be done using a statistical approach that involves the relationship between bound variables and free variables using Poisson regression model. The problem that arises in Poisson regression modeling is the assumption of equidispersion that must be met, that is, the value of the dependent variable has an average equal to the variety. The fundamental fact is that it is very difficult to find similar conditions, so the assumption is often violated, namely overdispersion and underdispersion (Wang & Famoye, 1997). If there is excessive dispersion in the data, then Poisson regression is less accurately used for analysis, since the impact on the standard deviation presumption value of the regression coefficient is too weak. Negative binomial regression is one way to overcome the problem of underdispersion /overdispersion (Cameron & Trivedi, 2013).

Poisson regression is not enough to describe the local conditions of each region (Elyna *et al.*, 2012). Therefore, statistical modeling is needed that takes into account regional or spatial factors (Nakaya *et al.*, 2005). Social, economic, cultural and geographical conditions must differ from region to region. Therefore, it stands to reason that the dependent variable observed in this case, which is the number of infant mortality rates, will certainly vary between regions. There is a diversity in the mortality of infants from one region to another, so a statistical method was developed to analyze the data by considering spatial factors; namely Geographically Weighted Poisson Regression (GWPR), by using the bisquare kernel function weighted. With this method will be obtained significant variables for each region of South Sulawesi Province. The dependent variables studied are discrete random variables that distribute Poisson with regard to spatial factors, then the relationship between dependent variables and independent variables can be confirmed by that method, against factors that have a significant influence on spatial factors infant mortality in each regency/city of South Sulawesi Province.

## 2. Research Metodology

### 2.1 Data

This research uses secondary data obtained from the 2018 South Sulawesi Provincial Health Office Profile, which contains 2017 data (Dinkes, 2018). The observation used in this study is the Cities and Regencies in South Sulawesi Province, which includes 3 Cities and 21 Regencies. The dependent variables and the independent variables used are found in Table 1.

Table 1: Dependent and independent variables used

| Variable       | Variable Name   |
|----------------|---|
| Y              | Number of babies who died   |
| X <sub>1</sub> | Number of babies born with low body weight                        |
| X <sub>2</sub> | Number of babies receiving vitamin A supplementation              |
| X <sub>3</sub> | The number of babies given exclusive breast milk                  |
| X <sub>4</sub> | Number of babies fully immunized                                  |
| X <sub>5</sub> | Number of mothers giving birth with the help of medical personnel |

### 2.2 Analysis Methods

1. Collect data from various available sources.
2. Performs Poisson distributed data assumption tests. To find out the bound variables distributed Poisson, use the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.
3. Establish the Poisson regression model in determining infant mortality in South Sulawesi Province with the following steps:

- a. Perform modelling in dependent variable with independent variable

The model equation for Poisson regression is

$$g(\mu_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_{ij}, \text{ dengan } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

By  $g(\mu_i) = x_i' \beta$  being a connecting function or link function (Agresti, 2018).

- b. Testing overdispersed assumptions

Overdispersion testing can be done using deviance values, obtained from the division of Pearson Chi-Square values with the value of degrees of freedom. If the value  $\phi > 1$  then indicated overdispersion (Ulfa et al., 2020).

4. Establish a negative binomial regression with the following equation,

$$g(\mu_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j x_{ij}, \text{ dengan } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

By  $g(\mu_i) = x_i' \beta$  being a connecting function or link function. The presumption of parameters in the model can use the maximum likelihood method, to obtain the approximate value of its regression parameters using Newton Raphson iteration method (Irawati, 2012).

5. Perform GWPR modelling in determining the number of infant deaths with the following stages:

- a. Determine euclidean distances between observations locations as a function of geographical location,
- b. Determine the optimum bandwidth based on the smallest CV value,
- c. Use the selected kernel function to create a spatial weighted,

- d. Testing the similarity of the GWPR model,
- e. Testing the GWPR model fit,
- f. Testing the parameters of the GWPR model partial,
- 6. Grouping based on the same significant variables in the GWPR model as the map.
- 7. Select the best model with the smallest *Akaike Information Criterion* (AIC) value from the negative binomial regression model with the GWPR model

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Data Exploration

Based on Table 2, the average number of infant deaths in South Sulawesi Province is 44.13 in each Regency/City. Bantaeng Regency is the regency with the lowest number of infant deaths with 1 person in 2017. Jeneponto Regency had the highest number of infant deaths, with 91 deaths in the same year.

Table 2: Descriptive statistics of infant mortality in South Sulawesi Province

| Variable | Average | Standard Deviation | Minimum | Maximum |
|----------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Y        | 44.13   | 23.29              | 1       | 91      |
| X1       | 225.25  | 154.42             | 46      | 846     |
| X2       | 3867.75 | 4617.47            | 167     | 24094   |
| X3       | 2830.96 | 3690.35            | 268     | 15960   |
| X4       | 5889.17 | 5344.77            | 0       | 26715   |
| X5       | 6231.75 | 5023.57            | 1884    | 25946   |

#### 3.2 Poisson Distribution Match Test and Poisson Regression Model

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is used to check Poisson's dependent variables with the hypothesis:

$H_0$  : Number of newborn deaths in 2017 distributed Poisson

$H_1$  : Number of newborn deaths in 2017 did not distribute Poisson

The statistical test value obtained is  $D_{count} = 0.308 < D_{table} = 0.323$  which means not to refuse  $H_0$ . That is, the variable number of newborn deaths in South Sulawesi Province is distributed Poisson so that it can be analyzed with Poisson regression.

The formation of global regression is the best regression model among the number of newborn deaths and influential factors. The initial models of Poisson regression are as follows:

$$\eta_i = 3.240 + 0.002011X_1 - 0.0001855X_2 + 0.00007798X_3 - 0.00002184X_4 + 0.0001084X_5$$

After obtaining the approximate value of the Poisson regression model parameter, it is continued by testing the parameters simultaneously and partially. Processing result obtained a deviation value generated by 210 with a significant level of 0.01 so that the value  $\chi^2_{(0.01;5)}$  of 15,086. Thus, the value of deviance = 210 >  $\chi^2_{(0.01;5)} = 15.086$ , which means it can be concluded that there is at least one independent variable that affects the dependent variable.

Table 3: The alleged value of Poisson regression model parameters

| Parameters | Estimated Value         | Default Error          | $Z_{count}$ | $P_{value}$              |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| $\beta_0$  | 3.240                   | $7.636 \times 10^{-2}$ | 42.427      | $< 2 \times 10^{-16}$ *  |
| $\beta_1$  | $2.011 \times 10^{-3}$  | $4.621 \times 10^{-4}$ | 4.352       | $1.350 \times 10^{-5}$ * |
| $\beta_2$  | $-1.855 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.085 \times 10^{-5}$ | -8.897      | $< 2 \times 10^{-16}$ *  |
| $\beta_3$  | $7.798 \times 10^{-5}$  | $1.700 \times 10^{-5}$ | 4.586       | $4.52 \times 10^{-6}$ *  |
| $\beta_4$  | $-2.184 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.255 \times 10^{-5}$ | -0.968      | 0.333                    |
| $\beta_5$  | $1.084 \times 10^{-4}$  | $2.750 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.942       | $8.090 \times 10^{-5}$ * |

Description: \*Significant at a real level of 1%

Based on Table 3, there are four variables that have a significant influence on the number of newborn deaths in South Sulawesi Province, namely  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  and  $X_5$ . The interpretation of the Poisson regression model uses the values of the odd ratio for each coefficient which is spelled out as follows:

- $\hat{\beta}_1 = 2.011 \times 10^{-3}$ , meaning that for every addition of one baby born with a low body weight, the average case of newborn death will 0.201% rise assuming other variables remain.
- $\hat{\beta}_2 = -1.855 \times 10^{-4}$ , meaning that for every addition of one baby who gets vitamin A supplementation, the average of newborn deaths will 0.018% drop assuming other variables remain.
- $\hat{\beta}_3 = 7.798 \times 10^{-5}$ , meaning that for every addition of one baby who gets vitamin A supplementation, the average number of newborn deaths will 0.018% drop assuming other variables remain.
- $\hat{\beta}_5 = 1.084 \times 10^{-4}$ , meaning that for every addition of one mother who gives birth with the help of medical personnel, the average case of newborn death will 0.010% rise assuming other variables remain.

### 3.3 Overdispersion Test

To find out if a regression model is overdispersed or not is done under the assumption of equidispersion. Overdispersion on the data can be known from the value  $\phi$ , that is, the value of deviance divided by degrees of freedom. Based on Table 4, the test statistical value means the  $\phi = 11.667 > 1$  which means the dependent variable is overdispersed.

Table 4: Overdispersion Test

| Deviance | Degrees of Freedom | $\phi$ |
|----------|--------------------|--------|
| 210      | 18                 | 11.667 |

### 3.4 Negative Binomial Regression Model

Based on Table 4, it was obtained that the Poisson regression model was overdispersed. Then, the next step is to handle by forming a negative binomial regression model, with the result of estimating parameters, namely,

$$\eta_i = 3.140 + 0.002775X_1 - 0.0002046X_2 + 0.00009759X_3 - 0.00003007X_4 + 0.0001065X_5$$

To check the match of the negative binomial regression model is used deviance test, as for the test stages as follows:

a) Hypothesis

$$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

$$H_1: \text{At least one of the } \beta_j \neq 0, j = 1, 2, 3$$

b) The significance level used  $\alpha = 1\%$

c) Statistics test

$$D = 2[L(y_i; y_i) - L(\mu_i; y_i)]$$

$$D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i \ln \left( \frac{y_i}{\mu_i} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{k} + y_i \right) \ln \left( \frac{1 + ky_i}{1 + k\mu_i} \right) \right\} = 27.280$$

d) Test criteria

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if test statistics } D > \chi_{\alpha;p}^2$$

e) Decision

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ because of the value } D = 27.280 >> \chi_{0.01;5}^2 = 15.086$$

f) Conclusion

Repulsion  $H_0$ , which means negative binomial regression model can be used as a model.

Table 5: The alleged value of the negative binomial regression model parameter

| Parameters | Estimated Value         | Default Error          | Z <sub>count</sub> | P <sub>value</sub>     |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| $\beta_0$  | 3.140                   | $2.409 \times 10^{-1}$ | 13.033             | $< 2 \times 10^{-16*}$ |
| $\beta_1$  | $2.775 \times 10^{-3}$  | $1.633 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.699              | 0.089                  |
| $\beta_2$  | $-2.046 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.952 \times 10^{-5}$ | -2.574             | 0.01*                  |
| $\beta_3$  | $9.759 \times 10^{-5}$  | $6.821 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.431              | 0.152                  |
| $\beta_4$  | $-3.007 \times 10^{-5}$ | $7.460 \times 10^{-5}$ | -0.403             | 0.687                  |
| $\beta_5$  | $1.065 \times 10^{-4}$  | $9.285 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.147              | 0.251                  |

Description: \*Significant at a real level of 1%

Based on Table 5, only one variable has a significant influence on the number of newborn deaths in South Sulawesi Province, namely  $X_2$ . With the alleged value  $\hat{\beta}_2 = -2.046 \times 10^{-4}$ , meaning for each additional one baby who gets vitamin A supplementation, then the average case of newborn death will go down 0.020% with other variables assumed to remain.

### 3.5 Geographically Weighted Poisson Regression (GWPR)

GWPR is a development model of Poisson regression that pays attention to weighted location. In building the GWPR model, the first step that was done was to determine the geographical location of each regency/city observed. Furthermore, is to choose an optimal bandwidth. The value of optimal bandwidth obtained is that 2.801, with each regency/city location has a different bandwidth value. The next step is to get the weighted matrix using the kernel function used in the GWPR model usage process.

Available kernel functions include Gaussian kernel and bisquare. This study used the bisquare kernel because this weighting process adjusts based on proximity between sample points (Caraka, 2017). After searching for bandwidth values and weighted functions from each location, the next step is to estimate the parameters of the GWPR model. Hypothesis testing is performed by testing the similarity of negative binomial regression models and GWPR to test the significance of geographic factors.

Table 6: Model similarity test

| Model               |          | Deviance | Degrees of Freedom (Df) | Deviance/Db | $F_{count}$ |
|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negative Regression | Binomial | 27.280   | 18                      | 1.515       | 0.185       |
| GWPR                |          | 89.070   | 10.865                  | 8.198       |             |

Based on the value  $F_{count}$  of Table 6, it can be concluded  $0.185 < F_{0.01;18;11} = 0.241$ , then  $F_{count} < F_{table}$ , so it can be concluded not to reject  $H_0$ , meaning that there is no difference between the negative binomial regression model and the GWPR model.

### 3.6 GWPR Model Parameter Partial Test

To find out the independent variables that affect the number of newborn deaths at each location, a partial test was conducted and compares the values with  $t_{count}$  and  $t_{table} = 3.197$ . Reject  $H_0$  if  $t_{count} > 3.197$ , then it can be concluded that the parameters to-  $j$  at location  $i$  have a significant effect on the model. Table 7 shows regencies/cities in South Sulawesi Province grouped into seven groups according to significant variable similarities.

Table 7: Grouping by significant variables

| Regency/City                               | Significant Variables     |
|--|---------------------------|
| Selayar Islands                            | $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5$ |
| Bantaeng, Bulukumba, Gowa, Makassar, Maros | $X_1, X_2, X_5$           |
| Sinjai, Takalar                            | $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_5$      |
| Jeneponto                                  | $X_2, X_5$                |
| Barru, Bone, Pangkep, Soppeng, Wajo        | $X_2$                     |
| Sidrap, Pinrang, Enrekang, Pare-Pare       | $X_3$                     |
| Luwu, Tana Toraja, North Toraja, Palopo    | $X_3, X_5$                |
| North Luwu, East Luwu                      |                           |

Table 7 shows that there are seven groups formed, the first consisting of Selayar Islands Regency with significant variables for infant mortality are all variables, namely the number of babies born with low body weight ( $X_1$ ), the number of babies who get vitamin A supplementation ( $X_2$ ), the number of babies who are breastfed exclusively ( $X_3$ ), the baby is fully immunized ( $X_4$ ) and the mother who gives birth with the help of medical personnel ( $X_5$ ). This needs to be a concern for the Provincial Government of South Sulawesi for the improvement of facilities and infrastructure in the Selayar Islands, of course, a location very far from the city center can affect access to drug admissions, medical personnel and so on.

Regencies/cities in the second group are Bantaeng, Bulukumba, Gowa, Makassar, Maros Sinjai, Takalar with significant variables, namely the number of babies born with low body weight ( $X_1$ ), the number of babies who get supplementation of vitamin A ( $X_2$ ) and the number of mothers who give birth with the help of medical personnel ( $X_5$ ). Jeneponto Regency is an area that belongs to group three with a significant total of variables there are four, namely the number of babies born with low body weight ( $X_1$ ), the number of babies who get vitamin A supplementation ( $X_2$ ), the number of babies who are exclusively breastfed ( $X_3$ ) and the number of mothers who give birth with the help of medical personnel ( $X_5$ ). The regency is also one of the regencies that entered the disadvantaged area, the South Sulawesi provincial government must also pay more attention in terms of health facilities and infrastructure.

Regencies included in group four are Pangkep, Barru, Bone, Soppeng, Wajo with significant variables are the number of babies who get vitamin A supplementation ( $X_2$ ) and the number of mothers who give birth with the help of medical personnel ( $X_5$ ). Regencies/cities that are included in the group of five, namely Sidrap, Pinrang, Enrekang, Pare-Pare with significant variables are the number of babies who get vitamin A supplementation, of course this is very interesting because the number of infant deaths is influenced by vitamin A consumption, it could be due to the behavior of people who are less educated about vitamins that must be consumed or the habits of people who are afraid to consume drugs because it will affect the condition of the baby in the womb.

Regencies/cities that are included in the group of six are Luwu, Tana Toraja, North Toraja, Palopo with significant variables about babies who are exclusively breastfed ( $X_3$ ). The last group of seven, namely North Luwu Regency, East Luwu, with significant variables, is the number of babies who are exclusively breastfed ( $X_3$ ) and the number of mothers who give birth with the help of medical personnel ( $X_5$ ).

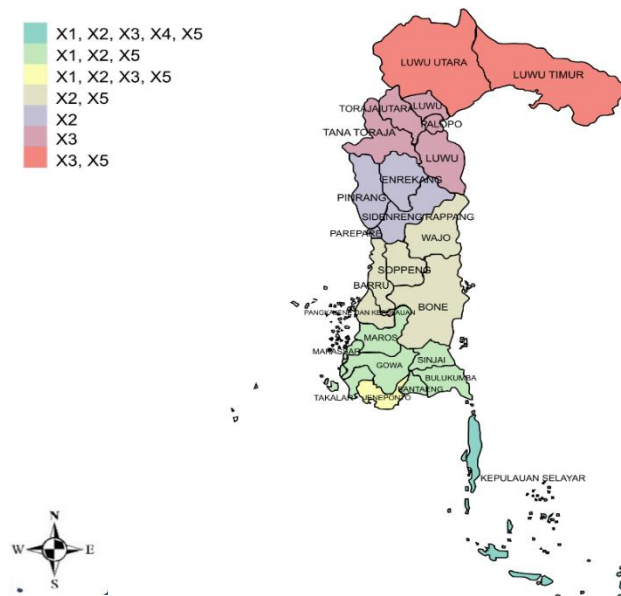


Figure 1: Mapping regency/city groups based on significant variables

Based on Figure 1, a significant variable occurs in an adjacent location. The interesting thing about the picture is that the areas that include the disadvantaged areas, namely Selayar Islands and Jeneponto Regencies, each form into one group with the most number of significant variables. Of course, this can be an input to the



South Sulawesi Provincial Government to pay attention to areas that are left behind in terms of health facilities and infrastructure.

### 3.7 Best Model Selection

Criteria for choosing the best model using the AIC value. A model is said to be good if it has a small AIC value. Based on Table 8, comparing negative binomial regression models and GWPR, it was obtained that the GWPR model is best at analyzing the number of newborn deaths in South Sulawesi Province. This is because the AIC value of the GWPR model is smaller at 167,668 compared to the AIC value of the negative binomial regression model of 226,730.

Table 8: Comparison of model conformity

| Model               |          | AIC     |
|---------------------|----------|---------|
| Negative Regression | Binomial | 226.730 |
| GWPR                |          | 167.668 |

## 4. Conclusion

Model GWPR is divided into 7 regency/city groups based on the same significant variables. Group 1 is Selayar Islands with all significant variables. Group 2 is Bulukumba, Bantaeng, Takalar, Gowa, Sinjai, Maros, and Makassar with significant variables  $X_1, X_2, X_5$ . Group 3 is Jeneponto with significant variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_5$ . Group 4 is Pangkep, Barru, Bone, Soppeng, and Wajo with significant variables  $X_2, X_5$ . Group 5 is Sidrap, Pinrang, Enrekang, and Pare-Pare with significant variables  $X_2$ . Group 6 is Luwu, Tana Toraja, North Toraja, and Palopo with significant variables  $X_3$ . Group 7 is Northern Luwu, and Eastern Luwu with significant variables  $X_3, X_5$ . The GWPR Model used is the best to analyze the number of newborn deaths in South Sulawesi Province because it has the smallest AIC value of 167.668.

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