

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: May 2021

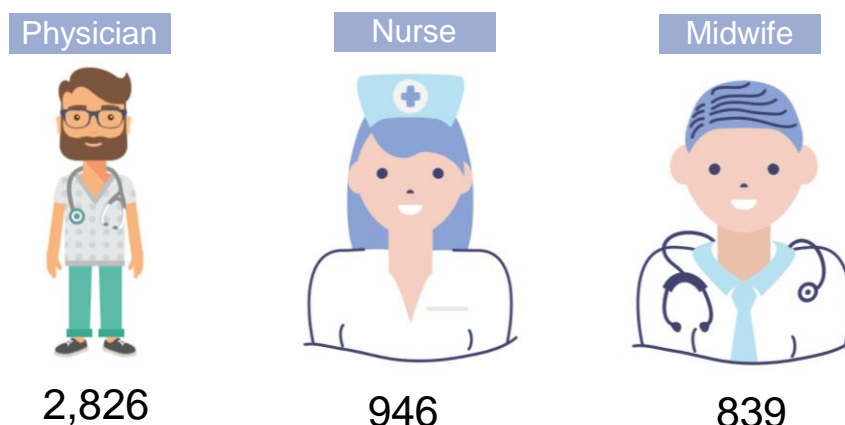
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*Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial Statistical Offices in Ilocos Region. Information included births registered in May 2021.*

### Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 5,328 births in May 2021.
- There were 4,611 total registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners, who may either be a physician, a nurse, or a midwife.
- Physicians topped the list of attendants at birth with 2,826 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 839 registered live births in the region while nurses attended to 946 registered live births.

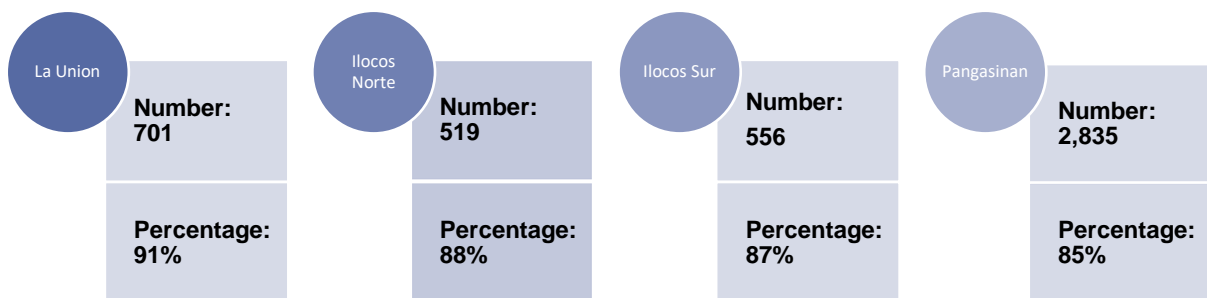
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth  
Ilocos Region: May 2021**



## La Union: Highest percentage of birth deliveries attended by health professionals

- La Union had the highest percentage of birth deliveries attended by health professionals with 91 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte with 88 percent and Ilocos Sur followed with 87 percent then Pangasinan with 85 percent.
- Of the total 4,611 registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners in the region, Pangasinan had the most registered live births attended by medical practitioners with 61 percent (2,835 registered live births).
- La Union followed with 15 percent (701 registered live births) then Ilocos Sur with 12 percent (556 registered live births) and lastly, Ilocos Norte with 11 percent (519 registered live births).

**Figure 2. Total Number and Percentage of Live Births Attended at Birth by Health Professionals, Ilocos Region: May 2021**



Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

## Less than one thousand births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 713 registered live births in the region in May 2021 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Fifteen percent of Pangasinan's registered live births were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Sur registered 81 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. This is 13 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 71 live births (12 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had nine percent or 69 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in May 2021.

**Table 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth  
Ilocos Region: May 2021**

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	5,328	2,826	946	839	713
Ilocos Norte	590	490	7	22	71
Ilocos Sur	637	506	0	50	81
La Union	770	607	1	93	69
Pangasinan	3,331	1,223	938	674	492

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

Note: Details may not add up to totals due to the exclusion of "Not Stated and "Others" categories

### Number of teenage mothers reached almost five hundred

- The registered live births in the region were mostly born to parents aged 25 to 29 years old. The highest proportion of fathers and mothers belonged to age group 25 to 29 years old with 27 percent and 29 percent, respectively.
- The region registered a total of 470 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 177 fathers who are under twenty years old.
- The median age of mothers was 27 years old. This means that half the number of mothers was younger than 27 years old and half was older than 27 years old.
- The median age of fathers was 30 years old.

**Table 2. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by  
Age Group of Father and Mother, Ilocos Region: May 2021**

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	5,328	100	5,147	100
Under 20	470	9	177	3
20-24	1,308	25	914	18
25-29	1,518	28	1,366	27
30-34	1,040	20	1,113	22
35-39	591	11	727	14
40-44	186	3	355	7
45-49	14	†	121	2
50 & Over	0	0	86	2
Not Stated	201	4	288	6

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

†-less than 1%

### More than half of registered live births in the region were illegitimate

- More than half (57 percent) or 3,058 of the total registered live births in May 2021 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 950 births or 31 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 769 births (25 percent).
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 749 births (33 percent), followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 604 births (27 percent), and age group 35 to 39 with 365 births (16 percent).

**Table 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Age Group of Mother and by Legitimacy Status, Ilocos Region: May 2021**

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	2,270	100	3,058	100
Under 20	27	1	443	14
20-24	358	16	950	31
25-29	749	33	769	25
30-34	604	27	436	14
35-39	365	16	226	7
40-44	116	5	70	2
45-49	7	†	7	†
50 & Over	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	44	2	157	5

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA  
 †-less than 1%

  
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## TECHNICAL NOTES

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**Vital statistics** are derived from information obtained at the time when the occurrences of vital events and their characteristics are inscribed in a civil register.

**Live birth** is a complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, which after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of the voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached: each product of such a birth is considered live born.

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