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Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: 2nd Quarter 2020

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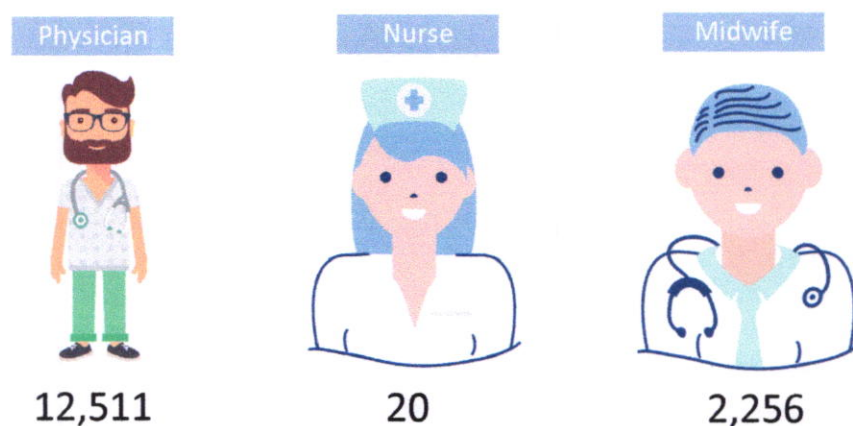
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Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial Statistical Offices in Ilocos Region. Information included births registered from April to June 2019 and from April to June 2020.

Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 15,996 births for the second quarter of 2020.
- Out of the total registered births in the region for the second quarter of 2020, 14,787 live births 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 12,511 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 2,256 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 20 registered live births.

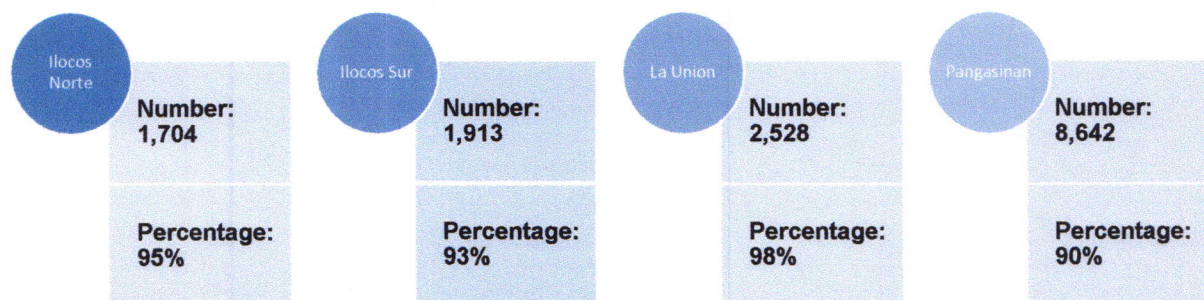
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth
Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2020**



Almost 100 percent of the registered births in La Union were attended at birth by health professionals

- La Union had the highest percentage of birth deliveries tended by health professionals with 98 percent of the total registered live births in the province. Pangasinan followed at 90 percent
- There were 14,787 registered births (92 percent) attended at birth by health professionals this second quarter of 2020.
- In Ilocos Norte, there were 1,704 registered live births (95 percent) attended at birth by health professionals.
- Health professionals in Ilocos Sur attended to 93 percent of the total live births in the province.

Figure 2. Total Number and Percentage of Live Births Attended at Birth by Health Professionals, Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2020



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

More than one thousand births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 1,164 registered live births in the region this second quarter of 2020 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Ilocos Sur registered 111 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. That is six percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Six percent of the total registered live births in Ilocos Norte were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives this second quarter.
- La Union registered 52 live births (2 percent) in the province this quarter who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Thirteen percent of the total registered live births in Pangasinan were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives this second quarter.