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Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: February 2021

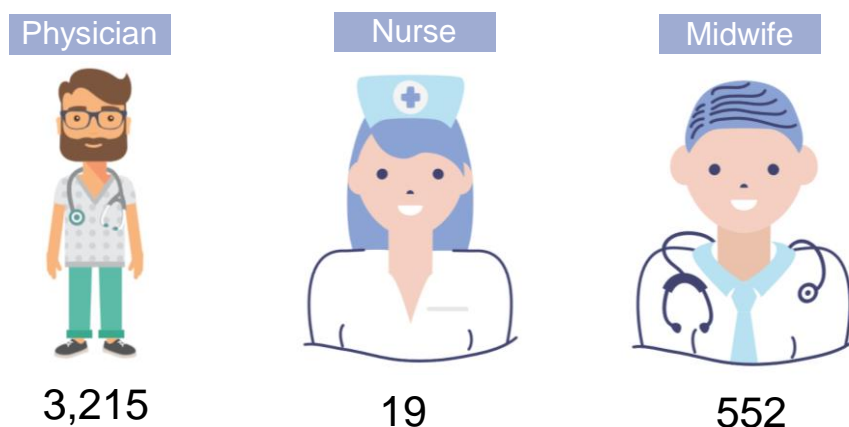
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Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial Statistical Offices in Ilocos Region. Information included births registered in February 2020 and February 2021.

Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 4,686 births in February 2021.
- There were 3,786 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 3,215 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 552 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 19 registered live births.

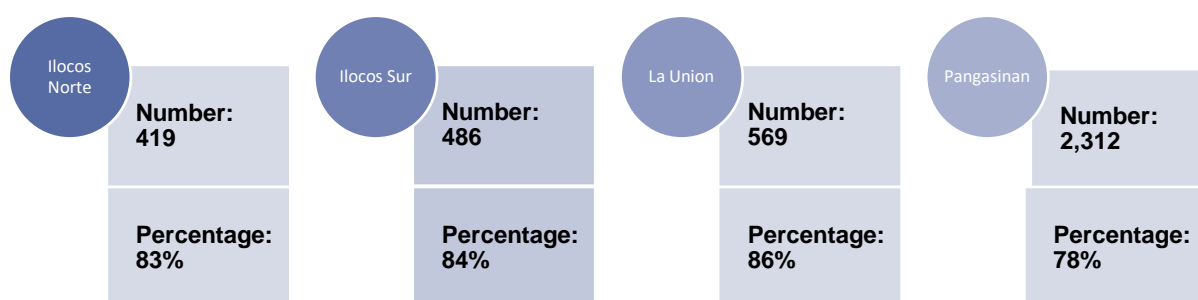
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth
Ilocos Region: February 2021**



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 86 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte followed with 84 and 83 percent, respectively. Pangasinan followed with 78 percent.
- Of the total 3,786 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 (2,312 live births).
- La Union followed with 15 percent (569 live births) then Ilocos Sur with 13 percent (486 live births) and lastly, Ilocos Norte with 11 percent (419 live births).

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



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

Less than nine hundred births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 894 registered live births in the region in February 2021 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Pangasinan had 633 registered live births (21 percent) attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 82 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. This is 16 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Sur registered 89 live births (15 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had 90 registered live births (14 percent) attended by unlicensed midwives in February 2021.

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

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	4,686	3,215	19	552	894
Ilocos Norte	503	396	1	22	82
Ilocos Sur	576	478	1	7	89
La Union	660	507	1	61	90
Pangasinan	2,947	1,834	16	462	633

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 four 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 mother belonged to age group 25 to 29 years (25 percent and 26 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 411 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 136 fathers who are under twenty years old.
- The median age of mothers was 28 years old. This means that half the number of mothers was younger than 28 years old and half was older than 28 years old
- The median age of fathers was 31 years old.

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

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	4,686	100	4,592	100
Under 20	411	9	136	3
20-24	1,079	23	785	17
25-29	1,230	26	1,126	25
30-34	930	20	941	20
35-39	559	12	626	14
40-44	184	4	324	7
45-49	20	0 [†]	149	3
50 & Over	1	0 [†]	90	2
Not Stated	272	6	415	9

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

[†]-less than 1%

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

- More than half (57 percent) or 2,689 of the total registered live births in February 2021 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 812 births (30 percent). It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 639 births (24 percent).
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 591 births (30 percent), followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 535 births (27 percent), and age group 35 to 39 with 343 births (17 percent).

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

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	1,997	100	2,689	100
Under 20	22	1	389	14
20-24	267	13	812	30
25-29	591	30	639	24
30-34	535	27	395	15
35-39	343	17	216	8
40-44	121	6	63	2
45-49	12	1	8	0†
50 & Over	1	0†	0	0
Not Stated	105	5	167	6

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

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TECHNICAL NOTES

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.

