

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: March 2021

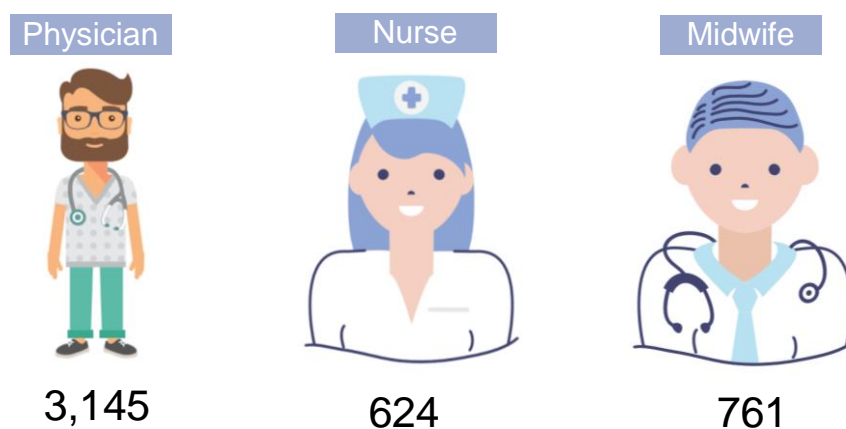
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*Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial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

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

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 5,525 births in March 2021.
- There were 4,530 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 3,145 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 761 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 624 registered live births.

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

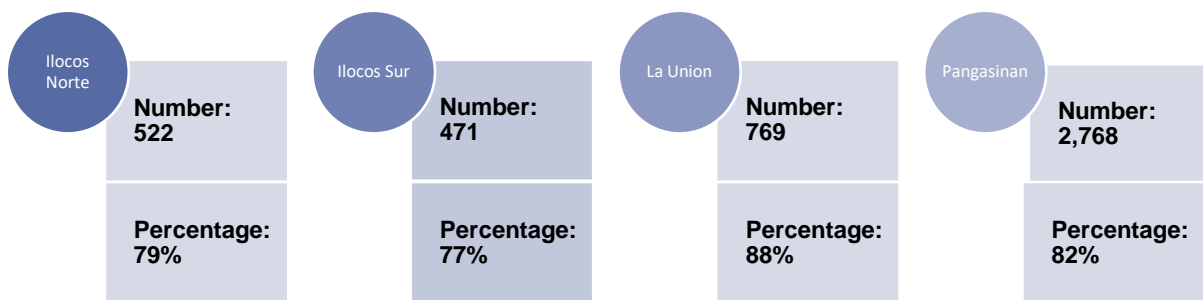


Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

## 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 88 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Pangasinan followed with 82 percent while Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur followed with 79 and 77 percent, respectively.
- Of the total 4,530 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 (2,768 live births).
- La Union followed at 17 percent (769 registered live births) then Ilocos Norte with 12 percent (522 live births) and lastly, Ilocos Sur with 10 percent (471 live births).

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



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

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

- There were 941 registered live births in the region in March 2021 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Ilocos Sur have the highest percentage of birth deliveries attended by unlicensed midwives with 22 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 21 percent (137 live births) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- Pangasinan registered 17 percent (568 live births) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union also registered 12 percent (101 registered live births) who were attended by unlicensed midwives in March 2021.

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

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	5,525	3,145	624	761	941
Ilocos Norte	660	507	1	14	137
Ilocos Sur	609	449	0	22	135
La Union	873	701	0	68	101
Pangasinan	3,383	1,488	623	657	568

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 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 (26 percent and 27 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 530 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 168 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: March 2021**

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	5,525	100	5,413	100
Under 20	530	10	168	3
20-24	1,304	24	906	17
25-29	1,515	27	1,394	26
30-34	1,022	18	1,178	22
35-39	627	11	708	13
40-44	190	3	365	7
45-49	20	0 <sup>†</sup>	131	2
50 & Over	0	0	89	2
Not Stated	317	6	474	9

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

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<sup>†</sup>-less than 1%

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

- More than half (58 percent) or 3,184 of the total registered live births in March 2021 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 31 percent (978 births). It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 25 percent (792 births).
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 31 percent (723 births), followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 26 percent (606 births).

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

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	2,341	100	3,184	100
Under 20	38	2	492	15
20-24	326	14	978	31
25-29	723	31	792	25
30-34	606	26	416	13
35-39	386	16	241	8
40-44	122	5	68	2
45-49	13	1	7	0†
50 & Over	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	127	5	190	6

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

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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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