

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

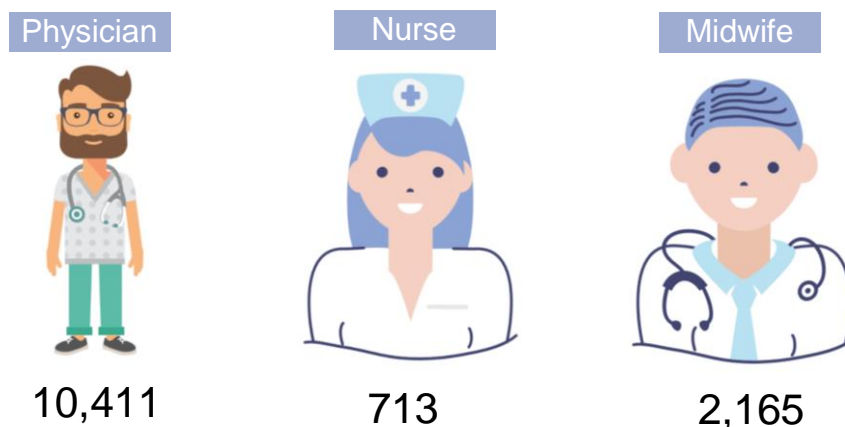
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*Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial Statistical Offices in Ilocos Region. Information included births registered in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021.*

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

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 15,802 births in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021.
- There were 13,289 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 10,411 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 2,165 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 713 registered live births.

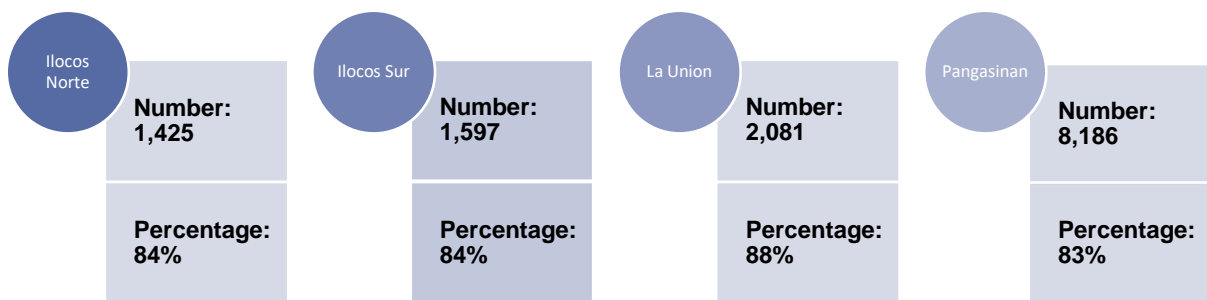
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth  
Ilocos Region: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**



## 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 88 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Both Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte followed with 84 percent then Pangasinan with 83 percent, respectively.
- Of the total 13,289 registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners in the region, Pangasinan had the most registered live births attended by medical practitioners with 62 percent (8,186 registered live births).
- La Union followed with 16 percent (2,081 registered live births) then Ilocos Sur with 12 percent (1,597 registered live births) and lastly, Ilocos Norte with 11 percent (1,425 registered live births).

**Figure 2. Total Number and Percentage of Live Births Attended at Birth by Health Professionals, Ilocos Region: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**



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

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

- There were 2,443 registered live births in the region in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Sixteen percent of the Ilocos Norte's registered live births were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Sur registered 296 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. This is 16 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Pangasinan registered 1,583 live births (16 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had 12 percent or 290 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021.

**Table 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth  
Ilocos Region: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	15,802	10,411	713	2,165	2,443
Ilocos Norte	1,702	1,365	3	57	274
Ilocos Sur	1,903	1,552	2	43	296
La Union	2,375	1,862	1	218	290
Pangasinan	9,822	5,632	707	1,847	1,583

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 one thousand 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 (25 percent and 27 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 1,445 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 464 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	15,802	100	15,472	100
Under 20	1,445	9	464	3
20-24	3,678	23	2,643	17
25-29	4,225	27	3,857	25
30-34	3,183	20	3,348	22
35-39	1,819	12	2,138	14
40-44	579	4	1,071	7
45-49	69	0 <sup>†</sup>	453	3
50 & Over	2	0 <sup>†</sup>	284	2
Not Stated	802	5	1,214	8

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

<sup>†</sup>-less than 1%

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

- More than half (58 percent) or 9,136 of the total registered live births in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 2,776 births or 30 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 2,239 births (25 percent).
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 1,986 births (30 percent), followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 1,869 births (28 percent), and age group 35 to 39 with 1,110 births (17 percent).

**Table 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Age Group of Mother by Legitimacy Status, Ilocos Region: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	6,666	100	9,136	100
Under 20	84	1	1,361	15
20-24	902	14	2,776	30
25-29	1,986	30	2,239	25
30-34	1,869	28	1,314	14
35-39	1,110	17	709	8
40-44	371	6	208	2
45-49	42	1	27	0 <sup>†</sup>
50 & Over	2	0 <sup>†</sup>	0	0
Not Stated	300	5	502	5

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA  
<sup>†</sup>-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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