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Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: 2020

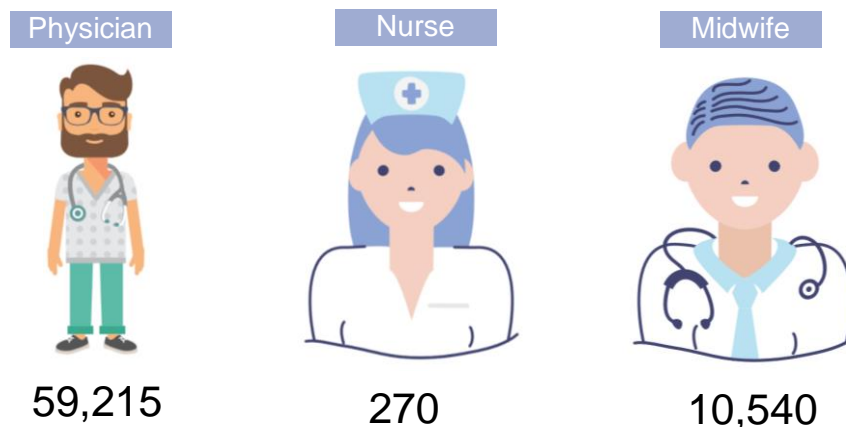
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Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial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

Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 79,008 births in 2020.
- There were 70,325 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 59,215 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 10,540 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 270 registered live births.

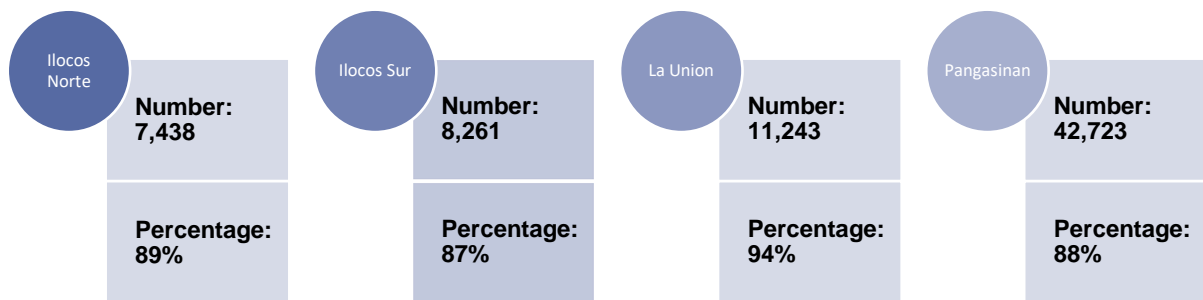
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth
Ilocos Region: 2020**



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 94 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte followed with 89 percent, Pangasinan with 88 percent and Ilocos Sur with 87 percent.
- Of the total 70,325 registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners in the region, Pangasinan had the most registered live births at 61 percent or with 42,723.
- La Union followed at 11,243 registered live births or 16 percent then Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte with 8,261 (12 percent) and 7,438 (11 percent) registered live births, respectively.

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



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

More than eight thousand births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 8,806 registered live births in the region this 2020 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Pangasinan registered 5,958 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. That is 12 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Sur had 1,254 registered live births or 13 percent attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 904 live births (11 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had 6 percent or 690 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in 2020.

**Table 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth
Ilocos Region: 2020**

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	79,008	59,215	270	10,540	8,806
Ilocos Norte	8,355	7,102	30	306	904
Ilocos Sur	9,933	8,393	11	217	1,254
La Union	11,961	10,387	16	840	690
Pangasinan	48,759	33,333	213	9,177	5,958

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 seven thousand

- The registered live births in the region were mostly born to parents who were aged 25 to 29 years old. The highest proportion of fathers and mother belonged to age group 25 to 29 years (27 percent and 26 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 7,598 live births who were born to a teenage mother.
- The region also noted 2,647 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: 2020**

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	78,988	100	75,521	100
Under 20	7,598	9.6	2,647	3.5
20-24	19,229	24.3	13,442	17.8
25-29	21,203	26.8	19,263	25.5
30-34	15,775	20.0	16,537	21.9
35-39	9,254	11.7	10,836	14.3
40-44	2,965	3.8	5,424	7.2
45-49	267	0.3	2,069	2.7
50 & Over	1	0.0	1,189	1.6
Not Stated	2,696	3.4	4,114	5.4

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

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

- More than half (54 percent) or 42,338 of the total registered live births in 2020 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 13,621 births or 32 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 10,179 births and age group Under 20 with 7,061 births.
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 11,024 births, followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 9,937 births, and age group 35 to 39 with 6,164 births.

Table 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Age Group of Mother by Legitimacy Status, Ilocos Region: 2020

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	36,650	100	42,338	100
Under 20	537	1.5	7,061	16.7
20-24	5,608	15.3	13,621	32.2
25-29	11,024	30.1	10,179	24.0
30-34	9,937	27.1	5,838	13.8
35-39	6,164	16.8	3,090	7.3
40-44	2,014	5.5	951	2.2
45-49	196	0.5	71	0.2
50 & Over	0	0.0	1	0.0
Not Stated	1,170	3.2	1,526	3.6

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.

