



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: November 2020

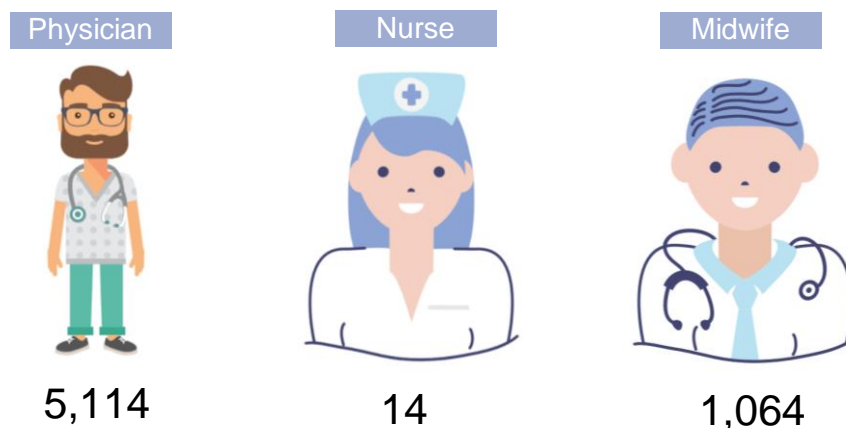
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*Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial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

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

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 6,950 births in November 2020.
- There were 6,192 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 5,114 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 1,064 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 14 registered live births.

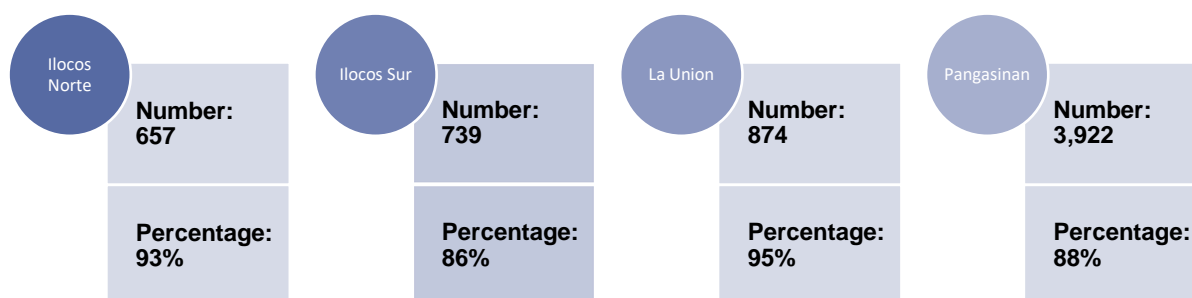
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth  
Ilocos Region: November 2020**



## 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 95 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte followed with 93 percent, Pangasinan with 88 percent and Ilocos Sur with 86 percent.
- Of the total 6,192 registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners in the region, Pangasinan had the most registered live births attended by medical practitioners with 63 percent (3,922).
- La Union followed at 874 registered live births or 14 percent then Ilocos Sur with 739 (12 percent) and lastly Ilocos Norte with 657 (10 percent) registered live births.

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



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

## More than seven hundred births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 740 registered live births in the region this November 2020 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Ilocos Sur registered 117 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. This is 14 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Pangasinan had 528 registered live births or 12 percent attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 47 live births (7 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had 5 percent or 48 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in November 2020.

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

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	6,950	5,114	14	1,064	740
Ilocos Norte	704	622	2	33	47
Ilocos Sur	857	721	2	16	117
La Union	924	801	0	73	48
Pangasinan	4,465	2,970	10	942	528

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 six 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 (26 percent and 27 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 693 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 266 fathers who are under twenty years old.
- The median age of mothers was 27 years old. This means that half the number of mothers was younger than 27 years old and half was older than 27 years old
- The median age of fathers was 30 years old.

**Table 2. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Age  
Group of Father and Mother, Ilocos Region: November 2020**

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	6,950	100	6,681	100.0
Under 20	693	10	266	4
20-24	1,672	24	1,196	18
25-29	1,878	27	1,707	26
30-34	1,406	20	1,469	22
35-39	832	12	994	15
40-44	282	4	500	7
45-49	19	0 <sup>+</sup>	186	3
50 & Over	-	-	95	1
Not Stated	168	2	268	4

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 (56 percent) or 3,887 of the total registered live births in November 2020 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 1,266 births or 33 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 942 births (24 percent) and age group under 20 with 655 births (17 percent).
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 936 births (31 percent) , followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 858 births (28 percent) , and age group 35 to 39 with 555 births (18 percent).

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

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	3,063	100	3,887	100
Under 20	38	1	655	17
20-24	406	13	1,266	33
25-29	936	31	942	24
30-34	858	28	548	14
35-39	555	18	277	7
40-44	194	6	88	2
45-49	14	0+	5	0+
50 & Over	-	-	-	-
Not Stated	62	2	106	3

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