

SPECIAL RELEASE

Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: 2nd 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 2nd Quarter 2020 and in 2nd Quarter 2021.

Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 16,142 births in the 2nd Quarter of 2021.
- There were 13,548 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 9,568 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 2,127 registered live births in the region while nurses attended to 1,853 registered live births.

**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births
by Type of Attendant at Birth Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2021**

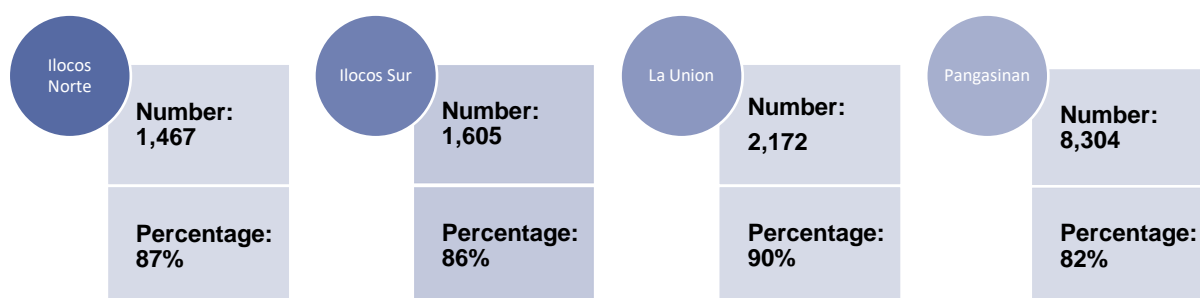
Physician	Nurse	Midwife
9,568	1,853	2,127



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 90 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte with 87 percent and Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan followed with 86 percent and 82 percent, respectively.
- Of the total 13,548 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 (8,304 registered live births).
- La Union followed with 16 percent (2,172 registered live births) then Ilocos Sur with 12 percent (1,605 registered live births) and Ilocos Norte with 11 percent (1,467 registered live births).

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



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

More than two thousand unlicensed midwives were attendants at birth

- There were 2,569 registered live births in the region in June 2021 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Eighteen percent of Pangasinan's registered live births were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- Ilocos Sur registered 250 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. This is 13 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Norte registered 213 live births (13 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- La Union had ten percent or 237 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in the 2nd Quarter of 2021.

**Table 1. Number of Registered Live Births
by Type of Attendant at Birth Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2021**

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	16,142	9,568	1,853	2,127	2,569
Ilocos Norte	1,680	1,408	7	52	213
Ilocos Sur	1,863	1,508	1	96	250
La Union	2,413	1,936	1	235	237
Pangasinan	10,186	4,716	1,844	1,744	1,869

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 more than one thousand

- 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 with 28 percent and 26 percent, respectively.
- The region registered a total of 1,470 live births born to mothers under 20 years of age.
- The region also noted 515 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 31 years old.

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

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	16,142	100	15,692	100
Under 20	1,470	9	515	3
20-24	3,858	24	2,700	17
25-29	4,471	28	4,053	26
30-34	3,192	20	3,488	22
35-39	1,860	12	2,176	14
40-44	609	4	1,088	7
45-49	52	†	434	3
50 & Over	0	0	249	2
Not Stated	630	4	989	6

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

†-less than 1%

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

- More than half (57 percent) or 9,141 of the total registered live births in the 2nd Quarter of 2021 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 2,807 births or 31 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 2,242 births (25 percent).
- Fifteen percent of the illegitimate children were born to teenage mothers.
- Most illegitimate children were born to mothers aged below 30 years old. That comprised 71 percent of the total illegitimate children in the region.

Table 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Age Group of Mother and by Legitimacy Status Ilocos Region: 2nd Quarter 2021

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	7,001	100	9,141	100
Under 20	103	1	1,367	15
20-24	1,051	15	2,807	31
25-29	2,229	32	2,242	25
30-34	1,895	27	1,297	14
35-39	1,161	17	699	8
40-44	381	5	228	2
45-49	35	†	17	†
50 & Over	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	146	2	484	5

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA
 †-less than 1%


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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.

