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Ilocos Region Registers 92.8 Percent Live Births Born in Hospitals

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The Vital Statistics from Civil Registration of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed that 92.8 percent of registered live births in Ilocos Region in 2021 were born in hospitals, while 7.2 percent were born at homes. This was 2.7 percentage points lower compared to the 95.6 percent live births born in hospitals in 2020.

Among the provinces, La Union recorded the highest percentage of registered live births born in hospitals with 99.3 percent of its 9,364 registered live births in 2021. Meanwhile, Pangasinan recorded the lowest percentage of registered live births born in hospitals at 89.6 percent of its total registered live births in 2021.

Table 1. Number of Registered Live Births in Ilocos Region by Type of Place of Birth, 2020 and 2021

Province	Number of Registered Live Births			
	Hospital	Home	Others	Total
2020				
Ilocos Region	67,129	3,114	2	70,245
Ilocos Norte	7,167	75	0	7,242
Ilocos Sur	8,329	56	1	8,386
La Union	10,703	93	1	10,797
Pangasinan	40,930	2,890	0	43,820
2021				
Ilocos Region	57,826	4,458	3	62,287
Ilocos Norte	6,221	215	0	6,436
Ilocos Sur	7,064	84	2	7,150
La Union	9,296	68	0	9,364
Pangasinan	35,245	4,091	1	39,337

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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In 2021, there were 19 municipalities in the region that recorded 100 percent registered live births attended in hospitals, which accounted to 16.1 percent of the 125 total Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region. Of the 19 LGUs, Agoo (La Union) recorded the highest number of registered live births at 2,171, followed by Sinait (Ilocos Sur) at 1,077.

**Table 2. Municipalities with 100% Registered Live Births born in Hospital
Ilocos Region, 2021**

Municipality	Province	Total Registered Live Births
Agoo	La Union	2,171
Sinait	Ilocos Sur	1,077
Bantay	Ilocos Sur	631
Balaoan	La Union	462
Caba	La Union	91
San Gabriel	La Union	74
Quirino	Ilocos Sur	60
Salcedo	Ilocos Sur	33
Santa	Ilocos Sur	20
Burgos	La Union	14
San Ildefonso	Ilocos Sur	12
Adams	Ilocos Norte	11
Burgos	Ilocos Norte	2
Burgos	Ilocos Sur	2
Gregorio Del Pilar	Ilocos Sur	2
Carasi	Ilocos Norte	1
Nagbukel	Ilocos Sur	1
San Vicente	Ilocos Sur	1
Santo Tomas	Pangasinan	1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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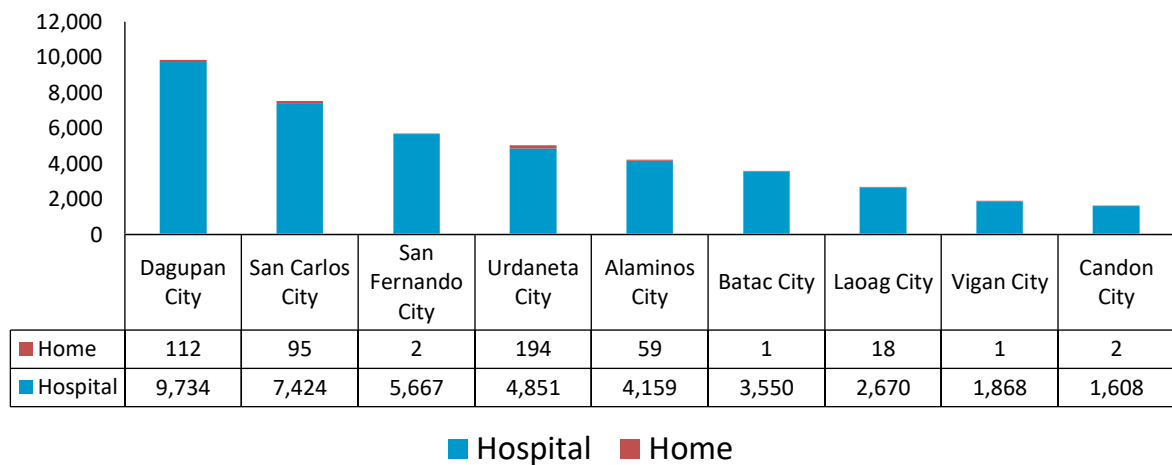


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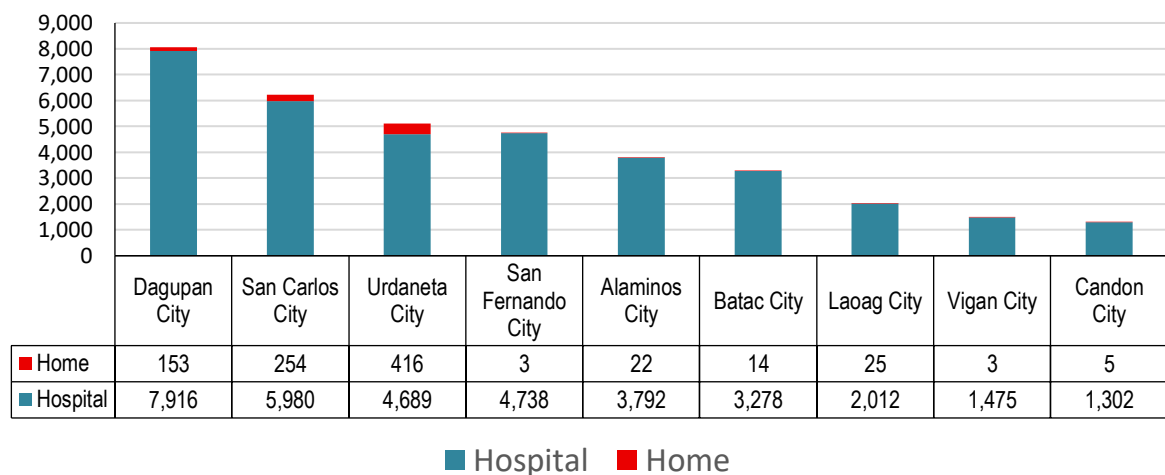
On the other hand, of the nine cities in Ilocos Region, Dagupan City (Pangasinan) registered the highest number of total live births for the years 2020 and 2021. Meanwhile, San Carlos City (Pangasinan) ranked second which registered 7,519 in 2020 and 6,234 in 2021. San Fernando City (La Union) ranked third in 2020 with 5,669 registered live births, and slid down to fourth in 2021 with a total of 4,741 registered live births. On the other hand, Urdaneta City (Pangasinan) ranked third in 2021 with a total of 5,105 registered live births.

Figure 1. Total Number of Registered Live Births Ilocos Region, by Type of Place of Birth, by City 2020



Source of basic data: Philippine Statistics Authority

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On the percentage of registered live births born in hospitals, the City of San Fernando recorded the highest percentage among the cities in the region at 99.9 percent of its total registered live births in 2021. Meanwhile, during the same period, Urdaneta City recorded the lowest percentage rate of registered live births born in hospitals at 91.85 percent.

Table 3. Total Number and Percentage Share of Registered Live Births in Ilocos Region By Type of Place of Birth and by City, 2021

City	Registered Live Births				Percentage Share	
	Hospital	Home	Others	Total	Hospital	Home
Alaminos City	3,792	22	0	3,814	99.42%	0.58%
Batac City	3,278	14	0	3,292	99.57%	0.43%
Candon City	1,302	5	0	1,307	99.62%	0.38%
Dagupan City	7,916	153	1	8,070	98.09%	1.90%
Laoag City	2,012	25	0	2,037	98.77%	1.23%
San Carlos City	5,980	254	0	6,234	95.93%	4.07%
San Fernando City	4,738	3	0	4,741	99.94%	0.06%
Urdaneta City	4,689	416	0	5,105	91.85%	8.15%
Vigan City	1,475	3	0	1,478	99.80%	0.20%

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Consequently, the high percentage of registered live births in hospitals resulted to high percentage rates of registered live births attended by licensed health professionals in the region. Table 4 showed that of the 62,287 total registered live births in Ilocos Region in 2021, 93.1 percent (57,961) were attended by licensed health professionals (physician, nurse, and midwife), though slightly decreased by 2.5 percentage points compared to 95.6 percent share in 2020.



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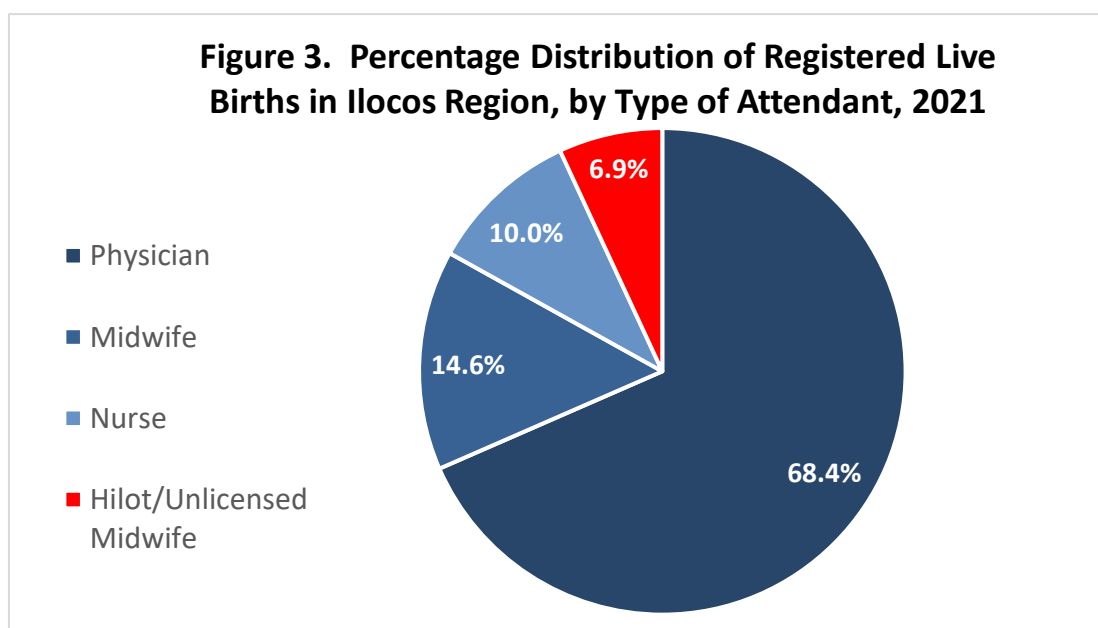
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**Table 4. Total Number of Registered Live Births in Ilocos Region
By Type of Attendant, By Province, 2020 and 2021**

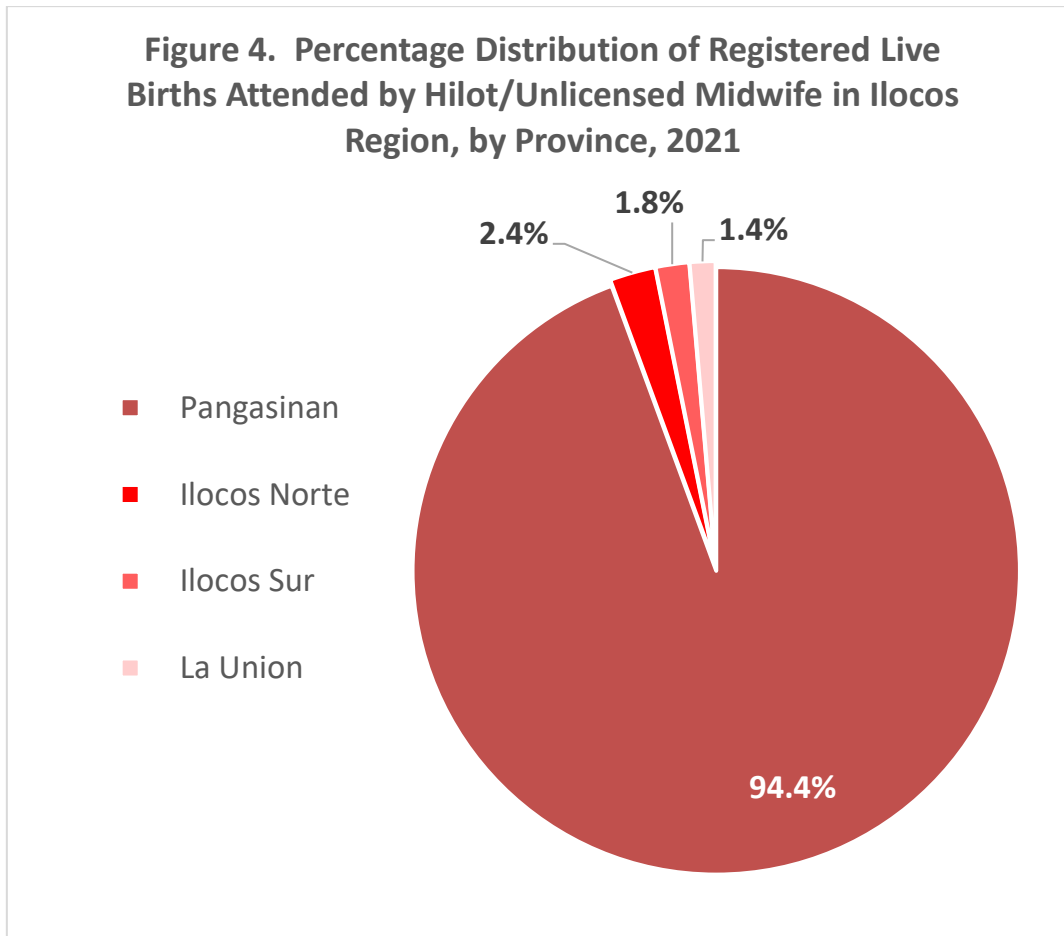
Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Hilot/ Unlicensed Midwife	Others	Not Stated
2020							
Ilocos Region	70,245	56,983	365	9,803	3,024	70	0
Ilocos Norte	7,242	6,883	15	284	55	5	0
Ilocos Sur	8,386	8,084	20	227	42	13	0
La Union	10,797	9,837	25	842	74	19	0
Pangasinan	43,820	32,179	305	8,450	2,853	33	0
2021							
Ilocos Region	62,287	42,619	6,237	9,105	4,302	20	4
Ilocos Norte	6,436	6,032	17	279	105	3	0
Ilocos Sur	7,150	6,674	4	392	77	2	1
La Union	9,364	8,220	13	1,064	59	8	0
Pangasinan	39,337	21,693	6,203	7,370	4,061	7	3

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Majority (68.4%) of the total registered live births in Ilocos Region in 2021 were attended by physicians, while 14.6 percent and 10.0 percent were attended by midwives and nurses, respectively. On the other hand, 6.9 percent of the registered live births in the region were attended by hilot or unlicensed midwives.



Moreover, 94.4 percent of the 4,302 registered live births in the region attended by hilot or unlicensed midwives in 2021 were from the province of Pangasinan. Meanwhile, the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, and La Union shared 2.4, 1.8, and 1.4 percent in the total number of registered live births attended by hilot or unlicensed midwives in the region, respectively.



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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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