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Vital Statistics Birth Characteristics: December 2020

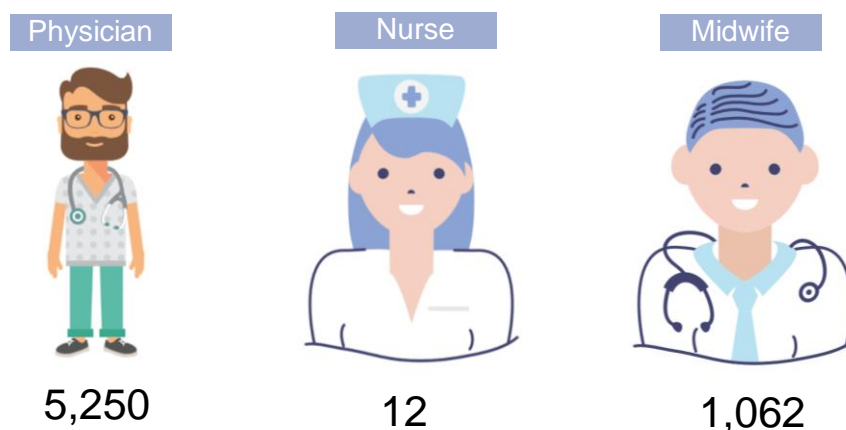
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Data on births presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial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

Live births in the region mostly attended by physicians

- Ilocos Region registered a total of 7,146 births in December 2020.
- There were 6,324 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 5,250 registered live births.
- Midwives attended to 1,062 registered live births in the region while nurses only attended to 12 registered live births.

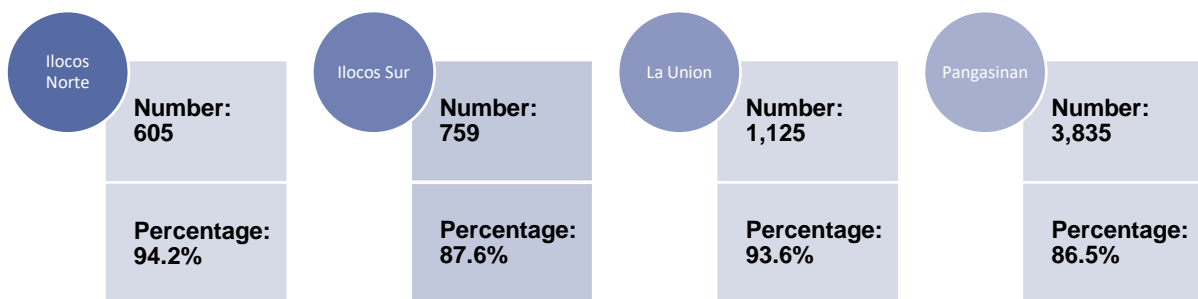
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Type of Attendant at Birth
Ilocos Region: December 2020**



Ilocos Norte: highest percentage of birth deliveries attended by health professionals

- Ilocos Norte had the highest percentage of birth deliveries attended by health professionals with 94.2 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- La Union followed with 93.6 percent, Ilocos Sur with 87.6 percent and Pangasinan with 86.5 percent.
- Of the total 6,324 registered live births that were attended by medical practitioners in the region, Pangasinan had the most registered live births at 60.6 percent or with 3,835.
- La Union followed at 1,125 registered live births or 17.8 percent then both Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte with 759 (12.0 percent) and 605 (9.6 percent) registered live births, respectively.

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 six hundred births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives

- There were 805 registered live births in the region this December 2020 who were attended at birth by unlicensed midwives.
- Pangasinan registered 594 live births attended at birth by unlicensed midwives. That is 13.4 percent of the total registered live births in the province.
- Ilocos Sur had 102 registered live births or 11.8 percent attended at birth by unlicensed midwives in the province.
- La Union registered 73 live births (6.1 percent) who were attended by unlicensed midwives.
- Ilocos Norte had 5.6 percent or 36 registered live births attended by unlicensed midwives in December 2020.

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

Region/ Province	Total	Physician	Nurse	Midwife	Unlicensed Midwife
Ilocos Region	7,146	5,250	12	1,062	805
Ilocos Norte	642	577	5	23	36
Ilocos Sur	866	742	-	17	102
La Union	1,202	1,028	-	97	73
Pangasinan	4,436	2,903	7	925	594

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 who were aged 25 to 29 years old. The highest proportion of fathers and mother belonged to age group 25 to 29 years (25.4 percent and 27.1 percent, respectively).
- The region registered a total of 667 live births who were born to a teenager mother.
- The region also noted 248 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 30 years old.

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

Age Group	Mother		Father	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	7146	100.00	6866	100.00
Under 20	667	9.3	248	3.6
20-24	1662	23.3	1174	17.1
25-29	1938	27.1	1744	25.4
30-34	1508	21.1	1609	23.4
35-39	832	11.6	957	13.9
40-44	290	4.1	538	7.8
45-49	24	0.3	204	3.0
50 & Over	0	0.0	91	1.3
Not Stated	225	3.1	301	4.4

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 (56 percent) or 3,990 of the total registered live births in December 2020 were born illegitimate.
- Mothers belonging in the age group 20 to 24 recorded the highest number of illegitimate children with 1,223 births or 30.6 percent. It was followed by age group 25 to 29 with 1,008 births and age group under 20 with 637 births.
- Meanwhile, mothers at age group 25 to 29 recorded the highest number of legitimate children with 930 births, followed by age group of 30 to 34 with 927 births, and age group 35 to 39 with 545 births.

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

Age Group	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	3156	100.0	3990	100.0
Under 20	30	1.0	637	16.0
20-24	439	13.9	1223	30.7
25-29	930	29.5	1008	25.3
30-34	927	29.4	581	14.6
35-39	545	17.3	287	7.2
40-44	186	5.9	104	2.6
45-49	18	0.6	6	0.0
50 & Over	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Stated	81	2.6	144	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.

