



SPECIAL RELEASE

Vital Statistics Birth in Numbers: March 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 from March 2019 and March 2020.

Registered live births in the region decreased

- The number of registered live births in Ilocos Region in March 2020 summed up to 5,460 with a decrease of 27 percent from March 2019.
- The daily average birth registration in the region for March 2020 was at 188 births, which was 30 percent lower than the daily average in March 2019.
- Generally, the daily average of birth registration in all provinces decreased from March 2019 to March 2020.
- The highest daily average birth registration in March 2019 and March 2020 was recorded in Pangasinan at 171 and 114, respectively. However, there was a decrease of 34 percent from March 2019 to March 2020.
- Ilocos Sur on the other hand posted a decrease of 25 percent on its daily average followed by Ilocos Norte at 22 percent and by La Union with a decrease of 21 percent.

**Table 1. Number and Daily Average of Registered Live Births
Ilocos Region: March 2019 and March 2020**

Region/ Province	Number		Daily Average	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Ilocos Region	5,460	7,482	188	267
Ilocos Norte	640	790	22	28
Ilocos Sur	750	962	26	34
La Union	777	944	27	34
Pangasinan	3,293	4,786	114	171

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System



Pangasinan highest in terms of registered live births

- Pangasinan posted the highest number of registered live births in March 2019 and March 2020 with 4,786 births and 3,293 births, respectively.
- Pangasinan registered 60 percent of the total registered live births in the region for March 2020.
- Ilocos Sur and La Union followed at 14 percent then Ilocos Norte at 12 percent.

Table 2. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births By Province, Ilocos Region: March 2019 and March 2020

Region/ Province	Number		Percent	
	March 2020	March 2019	March 2020	March 2019
Ilocos Region	5,460	7,482	100	100
Ilocos Norte	640	790	12	11
Ilocos Sur	750	962	14	13
La Union	777	944	14	13
Pangasinan	3,293	4,786	60	64

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System

San Carlos City tops in registered number of live births

- Among the cities/municipalities in the region, San Carlos City, Pangasinan had the highest registered live birth in the region at 619 births.
- Dagupan City, Pangasinan followed at 606 then City of San Fernando, La Union with 391 births; City of Urdaneta, Pangasinan with 282 and City of Alaminos, Pangasinan with 272 births.
- There were 37 municipalities that recorded the lowest registered births ranging from 1 to 5. Of which, five municipalities registered five births each, four births each for 12 municipalities, another five municipalities with three births each, six municipalities having two births each and lastly, one birth each for nine municipalities.

Figure 1. Top Ten Cities/Municipalities with the Highest Number of Registered Live Births, Ilocos Region: March 2020



Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System

Females outnumber males in terms of registered live births

- Females (2,751) outnumbered males (2,709) in terms of registered live births in March 2020, resulting to a sex ratio of 98 males per 100 females.
- Pangasinan posted a sex ratio of 100 which was higher than the regional ratio.

- Ilocos Sur followed with a sex ratio of 108.
- Ilocos Norte and La Union both posted sex ratios less than one hundred. This indicates that there were more females than males registered in the provinces.

**Table 3. Number of Registered Live Births by Sex and by Province
Ilocos Region: March 2020**

Region/ Province	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Sex Ratio
Ilocos Region	5,460	2,709	2,751	98
Ilocos Norte	640	303	337	90
Ilocos Sur	750	390	360	108
La Union	777	372	405	92
Pangasinan	3,293	1,644	1,649	100

Source: Preliminary results from the Decentralized Vital Statistics System


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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.

