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Marriage Statistics Ilocos Region: 2018 Annual Report

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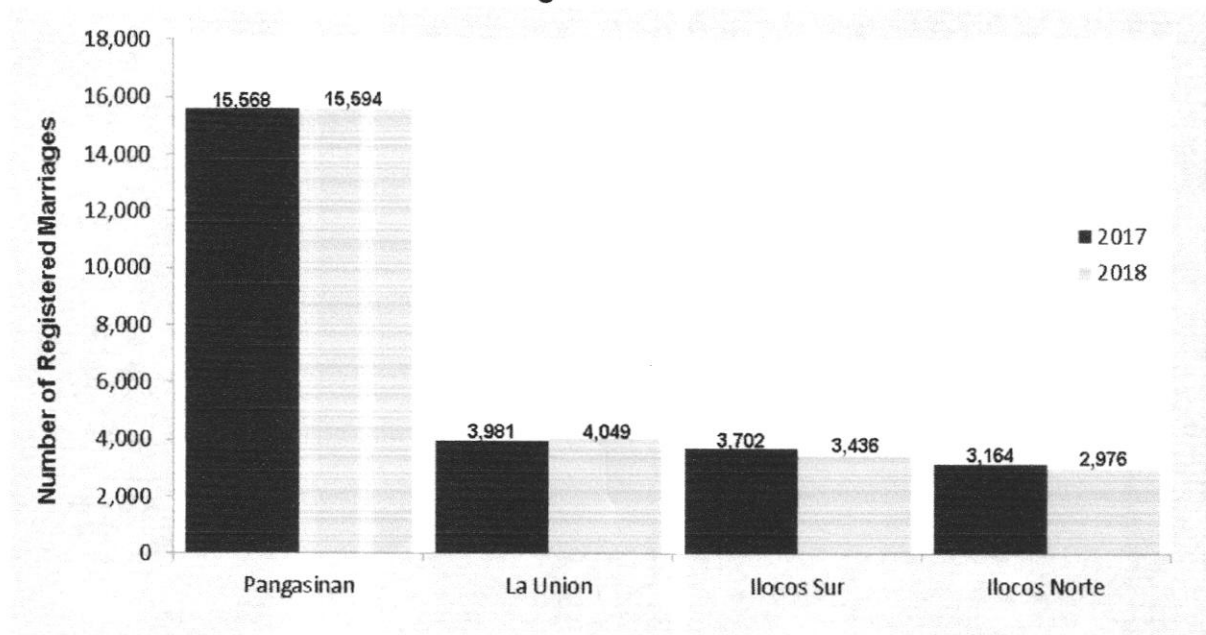
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There were 26,055 marriages registered in 2018, a decrease of 1.4 percent from the previous year's figure of 26,415 marriages.

Two provinces recorded an increase in the number of registered marriages from 2017 to 2018. A bigger increase was noted in La Union from 3,981 to 4,049 marriages (1.7 percent), while that of Pangasinan increased from 15,568 to 15,594 marriages (0.2 percent).

On the other hand, the provinces that posted a decrease in the number of registered marriages were Ilocos Sur from 3,702 to 3,436 (7.2 percent) and Ilocos Norte from 3,164 to 2,976 (5.9 percent).

FIGURE 1. Number of Registered Marriages by Province, Ilocos Region: 2017 and 2018



SOURCE: Preliminary results from Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

The number of registered marriages in the province of Pangasinan went up to 15,594 in 2018 from 15,568 in 2017. The province of Pangasinan had the most number of registered marriages in the region. La Union ranked second with 4,049 (15.5 percent) followed by Ilocos Sur with 3,436 (13.2 percent). A year ago, La Union also ranked second with 3,981 marriages (15.1 percent) while Ilocos Sur ranked third with 3,702 marriages (14.0 percent).

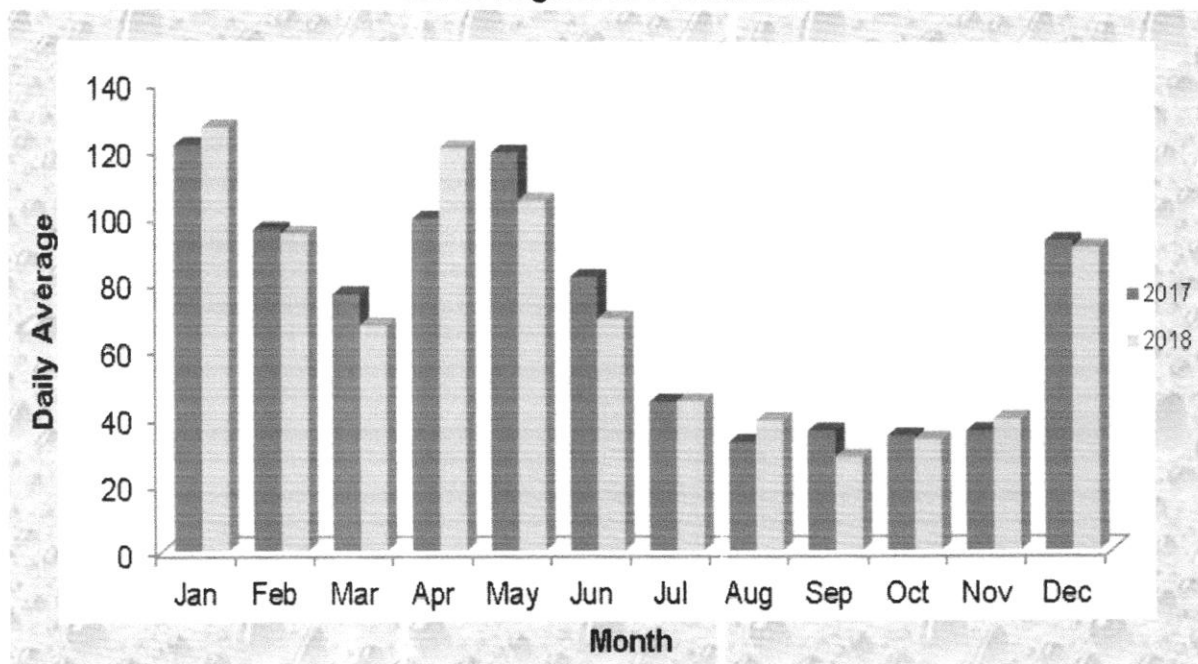
TABLE 1. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Province, Ilocos Region: 2017 and 2018

Province	Number		Percent	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Ilocos Region	26,055	26,415	100.0	100.0
Ilocos Norte	2,976	3,164	11.4	12.0
Ilocos Sur	3,436	3,702	13.2	14.0
La Union	4,049	3,981	15.5	15.1
Pangasinan	15,594	15,568	59.9	58.9

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On the other end, the province of Ilocos Norte posted the least number of registered marriages in 2017 and 2018 with 3,164 (12.0 percent) and 2,976 (11.4 percent), respectively.

FIGURE 2. Daily Average Number of Registered Marriages by Month Ilocos Region: 2017 and 2018



SOURCE: Preliminary results from Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

The month of January was the most preferred month to tie the knot in 2018 with a daily average of 126 marriages. The month of April ranked second with daily average of 120 marriages, followed by the months of May with 105 and February with 95 daily average of marriage occurrences.

The least number of marriage occurrences in 2018 was the month of September posting a daily average of 28 marriages. It was followed by the month of October with 33 marriages and month of November which recorded a daily average of 39 marriages.

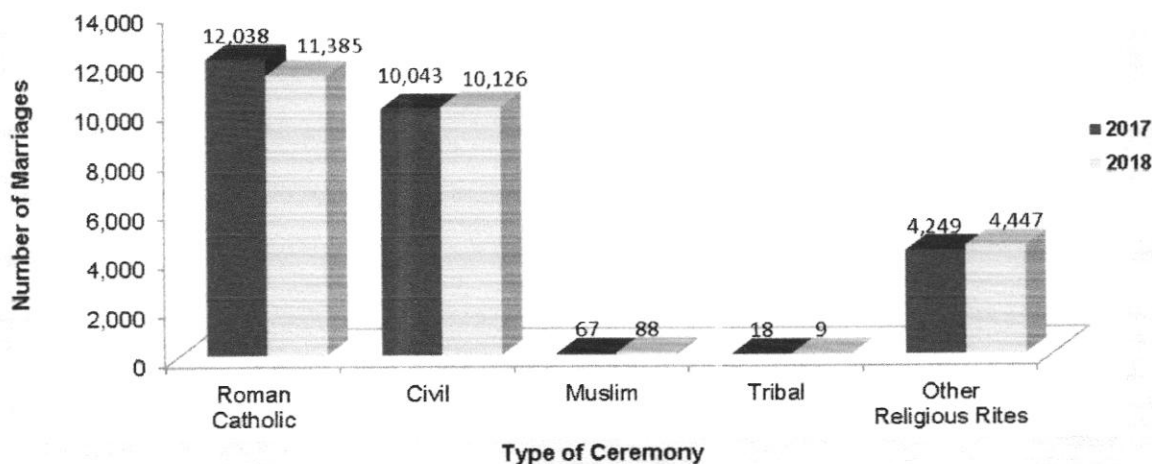
A year ago, the favorite month of couples to tie the knot was also in the month of January with a daily average of 121 marriage occurrences. The months of May with a daily average of 119 and April with a daily average of 99 ranked second and third, respectively. The least favored months for marriage were the months of August and October with a daily average of 33 and 34 marriage occurrences, respectively.

TABLE 2. Number and Daily Average of Registered Marriages by Month Ilocos Region: 2017 and 2018

Month of Registration	Number		Daily Average	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Ilocos Region	26,055	26,415	71	72
January	3,918	3,756	126	121
February	2,649	2,685	95	96
March	2,081	2,371	67	76
April	3,609	2,975	120	99
May	3,244	3,689	105	119
June	2,079	2,456	69	82
July	1,385	1,377	45	44
August	1,208	1,008	39	33
September	841	1,076	28	36
October	1,032	1,064	33	34
November	1,184	1,075	39	36
December	2,825	2,883	91	93

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

FIGURE 3. Number of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony Ilocos Region: 2018



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**TABLE 3. Number of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony
Ilocos Region: 2017 and 2018**

Type of Ceremony	Number		Percent	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Total	26,055	26,415	100	100
Roman Catholic	11,385	12,038	43.7	45.6
Civil	10,126	10,043	38.9	38.0
Muslim	88	67	0.3	0.3
Tribal	9	18	0.0	0.0
Other Religious Rites	4,447	4,249	17.1	16.1

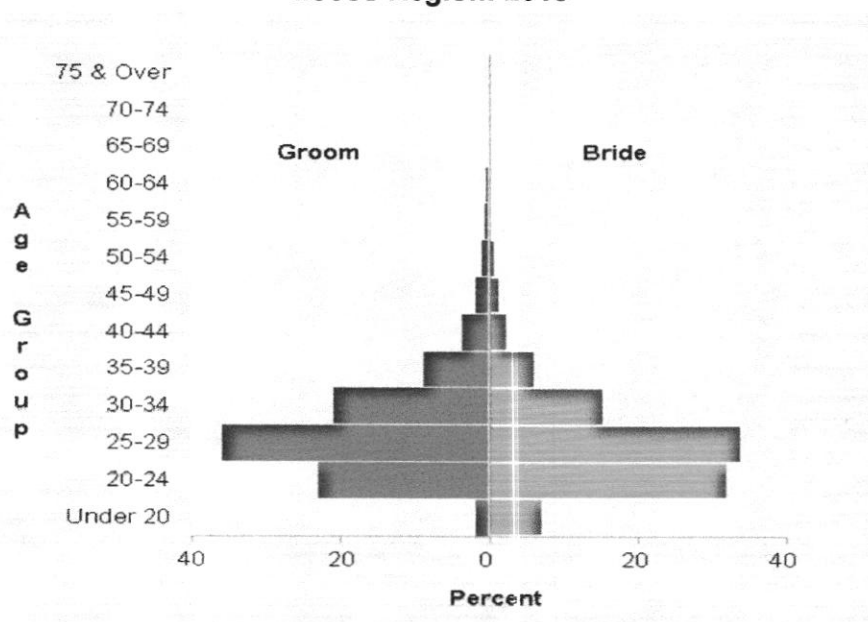
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Marriages officiated in Roman Catholic Church topped the list among all types of marriage ceremonies in 2018. It comprised 11,385 marriages or 43.7 percent of the total reported marriages. Marriages performed in civil rites ranked second with 10,126 marriages or 38.9 percent share followed by other religious rites with 4,447 or 17.1 percent.

A year earlier, marriages solemnized through Roman Catholic registered the highest number of marriages with 12,038 marriages or 45.6 percent share, followed closely by civil rites with 10,043 marriages or 38.0 percent share and other religious rites with 4,249 marriages or 16.1 percent.

On the other end, marriages carried out under tribal rites posted the lowest number of registered marriages both in year 2017 and 2018 with 18 and 9 marriages, respectively.

**FIGURE 4. Percent Distribution of Marriages by Age of Bride and Groom
Ilocos Region: 2018**



SOURCE: Preliminary results from Decentralized Vital Statistics System, PSA

**TABLE 4. Number and Percent Distribution of Marriages
By Age Group of Bride and Groom Ilocos Region: 2018**

Age Group	Bride		Groom	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Ilocos Region	26,055	100.0	26,055	100.0
Under 20	1,851	7.1	494	1.9
20-24	8,321	31.9	6,011	23.1
25-29	8,812	33.8	9,396	36.1
30-34	4,029	15.5	5,476	21.0
35-39	1,617	6.2	2,352	9.0
40-44	653	2.5	992	3.8
45-49	373	1.4	509	2.0
50-54	188	0.7	303	1.2
55-59	103	0.4	191	0.7
60-64	71	0.3	143	0.5
65-69	22	0.1	104	0.4
70-74	7	0.0	37	0.1
75 & Over	7	0.0	47	0.2
Not Stated	1	0.0	0	0.0

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The median age at marriage for brides and grooms were 27 and 29, respectively. The largest number of brides and groom in 2018 got married at ages 25 to 29 years with 8,812 or 33.8 percent and 9,396 or 36.1 percent, respectively. Moreover, the number of teenage brides (1,851 or 7.1 percent) was almost four times more than the number of teenage grooms (494 or 1.9 percent).

On the contrary, at age 50 years old and over, the number of grooms (825 or 3.2 percent) was more than twice the number of brides (398 or 1.5 percent). It can be noted that men tend to marry even on or after their golden years. Grooms aged 75 years and over (47) were more than six times the number of brides (7).

Explanatory Notes

Data on marriages presented in this release were obtained from the Certificates of Marriage (Municipal Form No. 97) that were registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority - Provincial Statistical Offices in Region I. Information included marriages registered in January to December 2018 and January to December 2017.


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