



# SPECIAL RELEASE

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## BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: 2021 REGISTERED BIRTHS

### Explanatory 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.

The data on vital statistics presented in this release were obtained from The Certificates of Live Birth (Municipal Form 102) that were registered at the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrars and forwarded to the Philippine Statistics Authority – Batanes Provincial Statistical Office. These include vital events which were registered late.



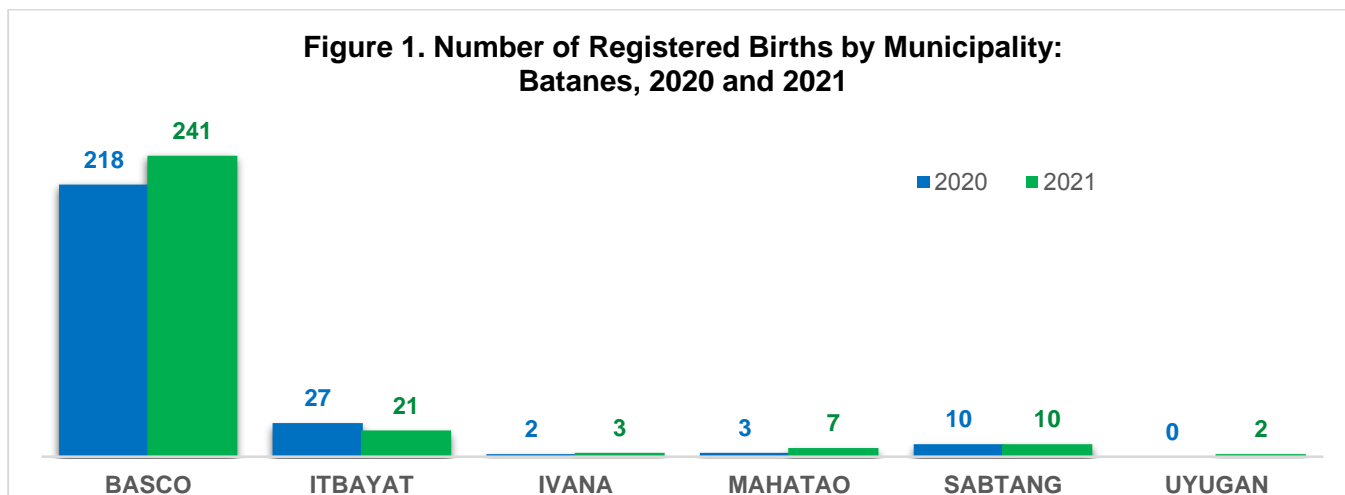
## BIRTH STATISTICS

### Basco had the highest number of registered births

The total number of registered births in the province of Batanes in 2021 was 284, higher by 24 births from 260 registered births in 2020. Among the 6 municipalities in the province, Basco recorded the highest number of registrations with 241 births which composed the 84.86 percent while Uyugan posted the least number of registration with 2 births or 0.7 percent.

In terms of changes, the municipality of Basco registered the highest increase with an addition of 23 registrations from 218 births in 2020 to 241 births in 2021. On the other hand, Itbayat was the only municipality that recorded a decrease in the number of birth registrations from 27 births in 2020 to 21 births in 2021 (Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Number of Registered Births by Municipality:  
Batanes, 2020 and 2021**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

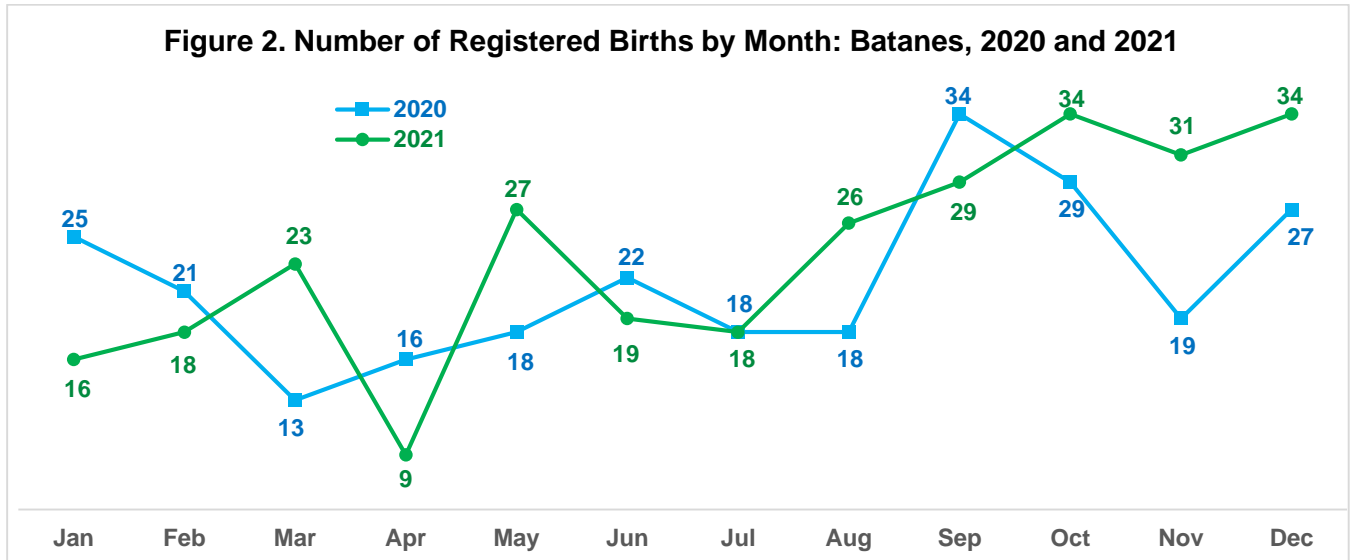
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## Most births were registered in October and December

Most births in 2021 were registered in the months of October and December wherein both had 34 births or 11.97 percent, respectively. The least number of registered births were recorded in the month of April which had 9 registrations or 3.17 percent. On the other hand, in 2020, most births were registered in the month of September with 34 births while least births were registered in the month of March with 13 births. Moreover, it can be observed that more number of birth registrations were recorded in the second semester of 2020 and 2021 (Figure 2).

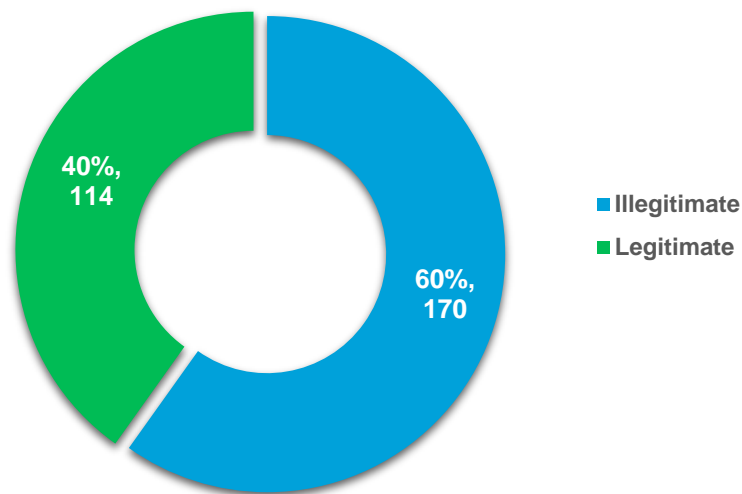


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

## Most babies were born of unmarried mothers

Out of the 284 registered births in 2021 there were 60 percent or 170 births born “out of wedlock” and only 40 percent or 114 births were legitimate (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Legitimacy Status: Batanes, 2021**

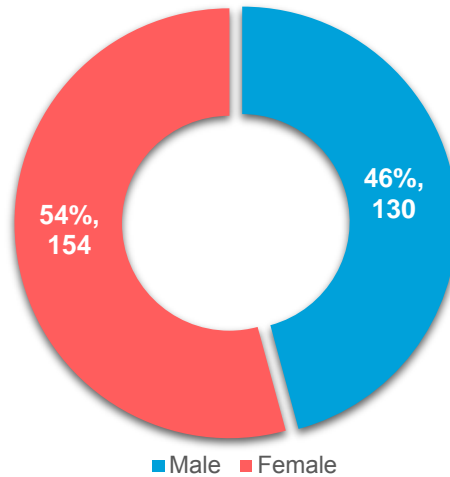


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### More females were born than males

In 2021, registered births of female babies were at 154 or 54 percent while 130 births or 46 percent were males. This indicates that more female babies were born than male babies. On the average, there were about 11 male and 13 female babies registered monthly (Figure 4).

**Figure 4. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Sex: Batanes, 2021**

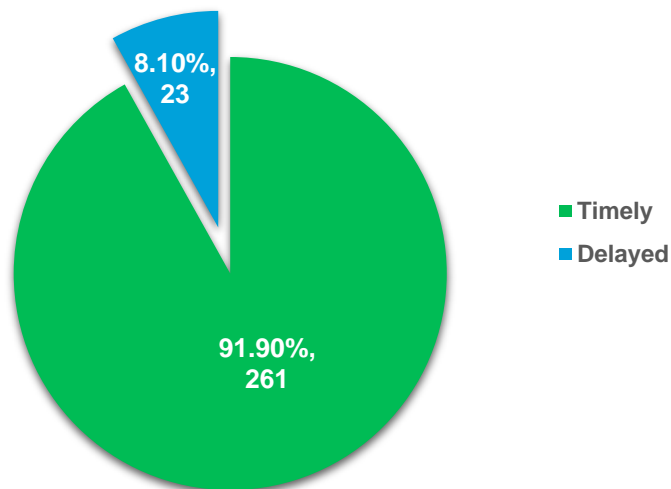


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

### Most births were registered on time

In terms of timeliness of registration, 91.90 percent or 261 births were registered on time in 2021 while the remaining 8.10 percent or 23 births were registered late. (Figure 5).

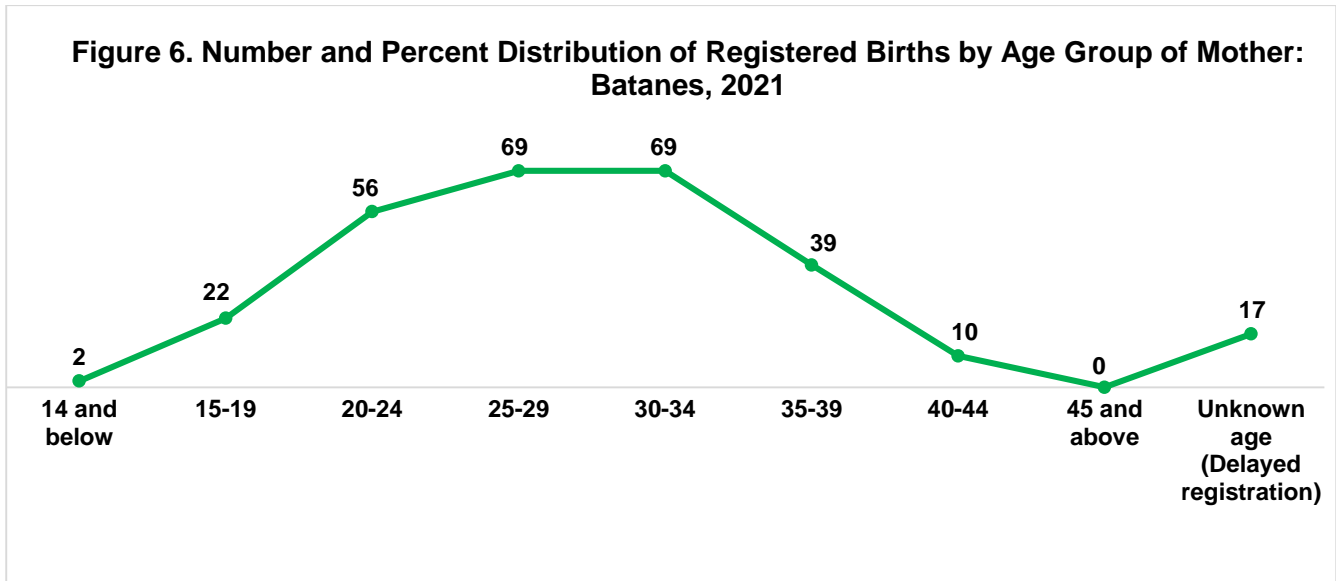
**Figure 5. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Timeliness: Batanes, 2021**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

## Most mothers gave birth at ages 25-29 and 30-34 years

In 2021 in the province of Batanes, most mothers gave birth at ages 25 to 29 and 30-34 years old which both recorded 69 births or 24.30 percent of the total births, respectively. Meanwhile, mothers who gave birth at ages 14 years old and below recorded the least with 2 birth or 0.70 percent. Moreover, there were 17 births or 5.99 percent at unknown age reported due to late registration. (Figure 6).

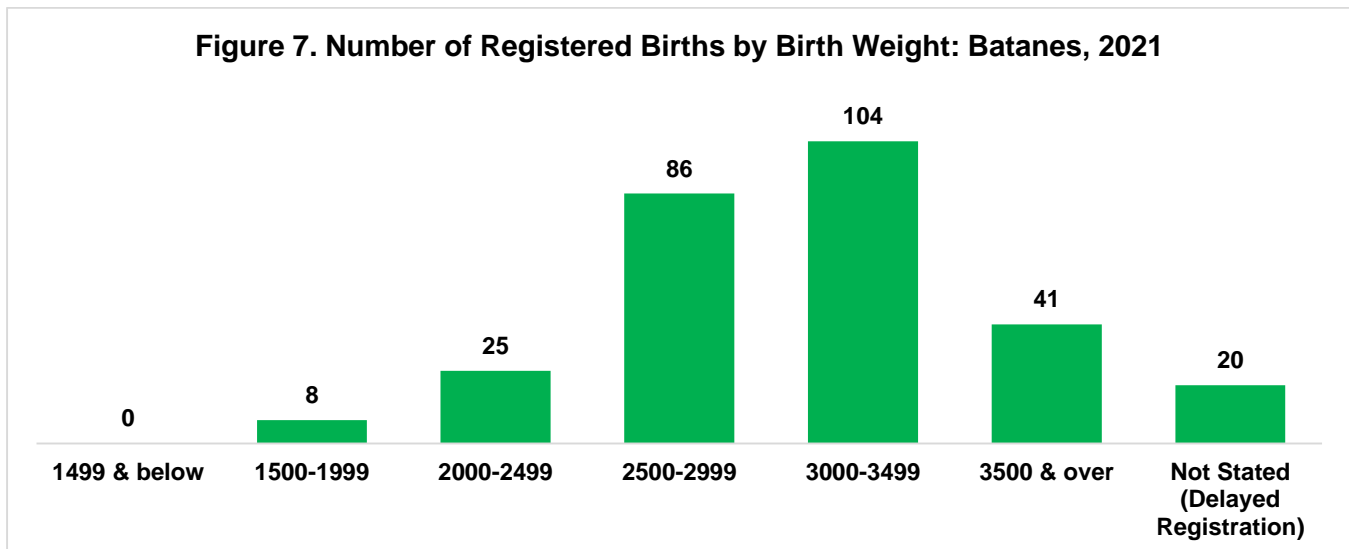


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## Most babies weighed 2,500 grams and above

Birth weight serves as a measure of the nutritional status of newborns. Low birth weight is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as weight at birth less than 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.).

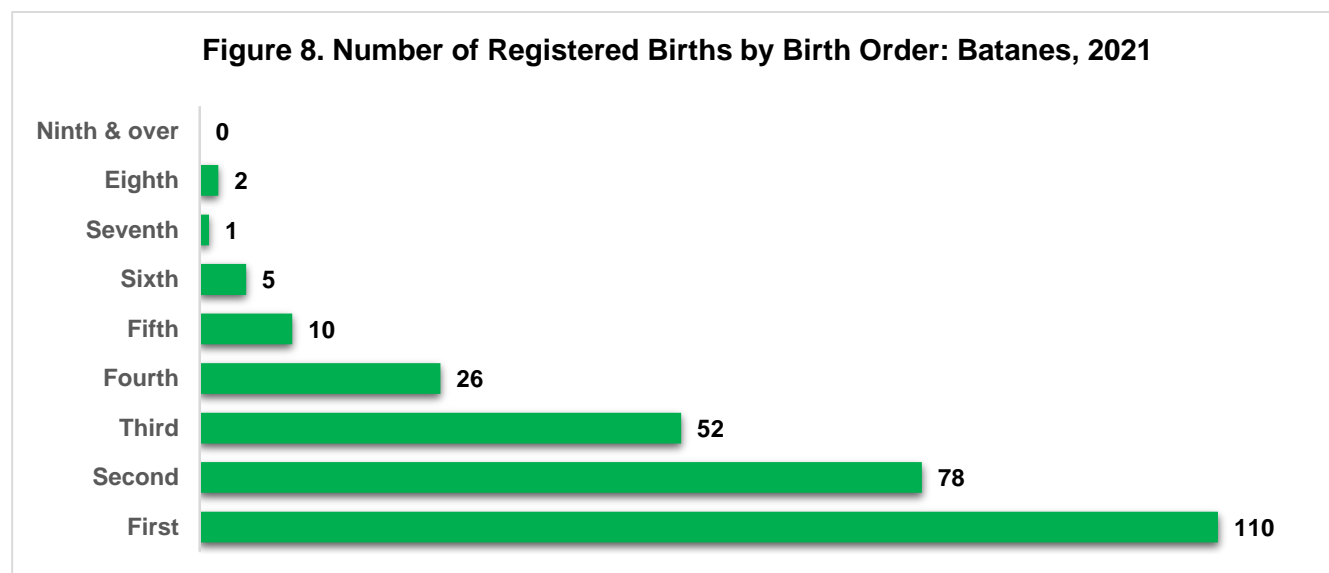
Of the total number of 284 birth registrations in 2021, 81.34 percent or 231 newborns were above the defined low birth weight which indicates that most babies were born with normal weight. 33 babies or 11.62 percent were born with weights below 2,500 grams. Moreover, there were 20 registered birth or 7.04 percent whose weight were not stated due to late registration (Figure 7).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

### Most registered births were first-born babies

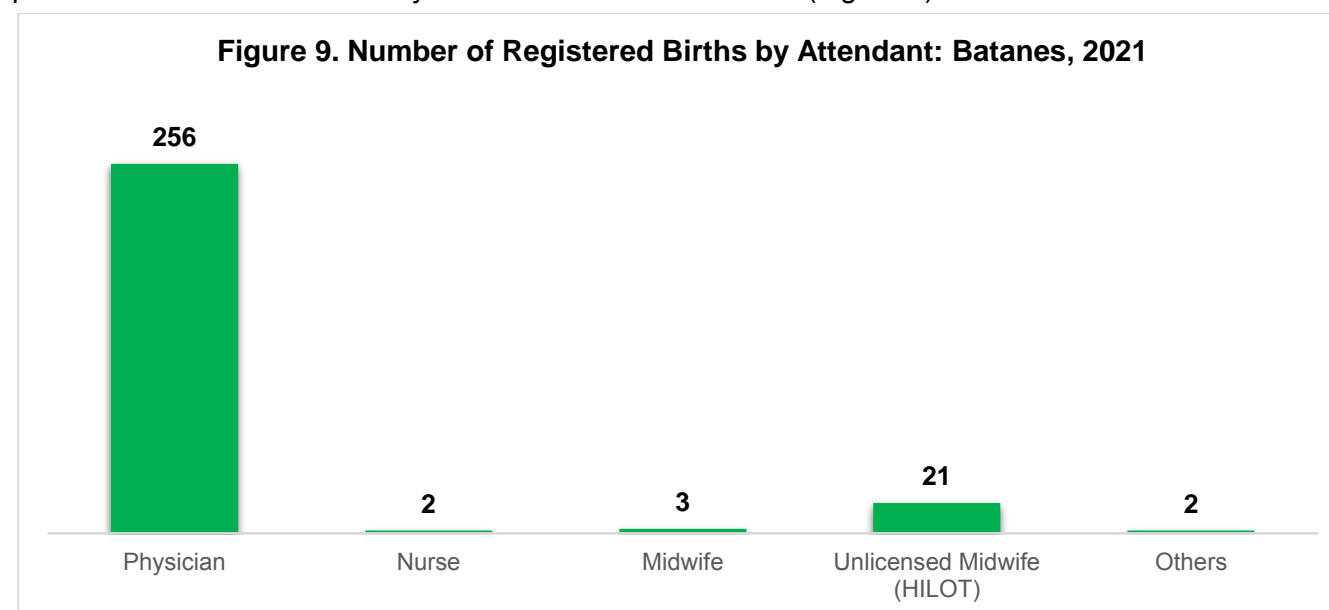
In 2021, first-born babies had the largest proportion of registered births with 110 registrations or 38.73 percent accounting for almost two-fifth of all babies registered in the province of Batanes. In contrary, the birth order with least number of registrations were the seventh-born which have 1 registration or 0.35 percent (Figure 8).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

### Most registered births were attended by health professionals

Out of the 284 registered births in 2021, about 91.90 percent or 261 births were attended by health professionals which may either be a physician, midwife or nurse. This is indicative of improving health services in terms of maternal and child health care. However, there were 21 late registered births or 7.39 percent which were attended by unlicensed midwife or “hilot” (Figure 9).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

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## DEFINITION OF TERMS AND CONCEPTS

**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 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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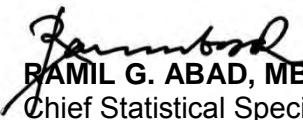
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