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BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: 2021 REGISTERED MARRIAGES

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 Marriage (Municipal Form 97) 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.



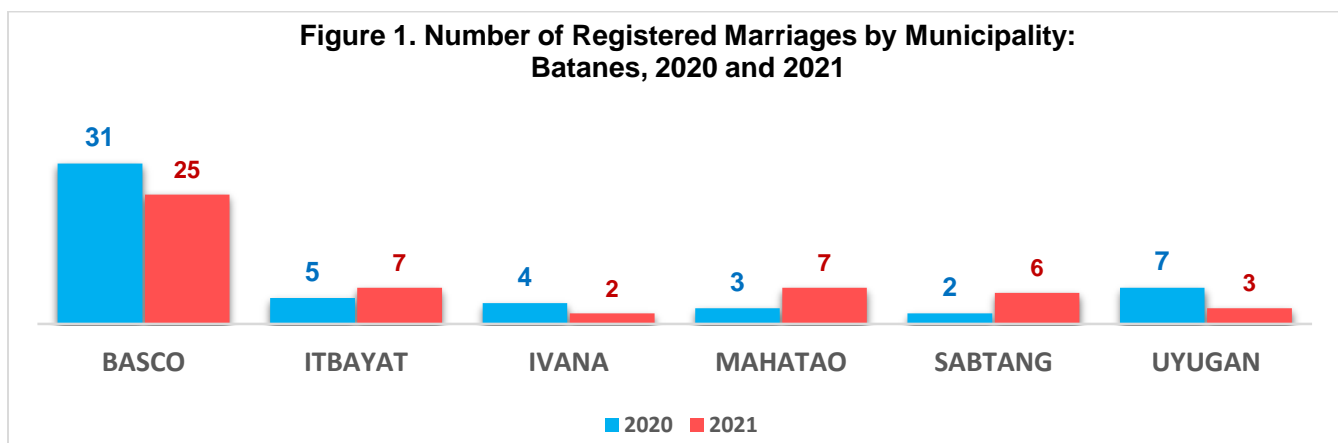
MARRIAGE STATISTICS

Basco had the highest number of registered marriages

In 2021, the province of Batanes registered a total of 50 marriages. This was lower by 2 marriages compared to 52 registered marriages in 2020. This indicates that the overall registered marriages recorded in 2020 and 2021 dropped by a large portion compared to previous years and the decrease on marriage registrations was greatly contributed by limitations imposed by the government to mitigate the CoVid-19 pandemic.

Among the 6 municipalities in the province, Basco recorded the highest number of registered marriages with 25 marriages or one-half of the total registered marriages while Ivana had the least number of registered marriages with 2 (4 percent). In terms of changes, both Mahatao and Sabtang had the highest number of increase in registered marriages with an additional of 4 marriages in 2021 compared to their levels in 2020. On the other hand, Basco recorded 25 marriage registrations in 2021 which is lower by 6 marriages compared to their level in 2020 (Figure 1).

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



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

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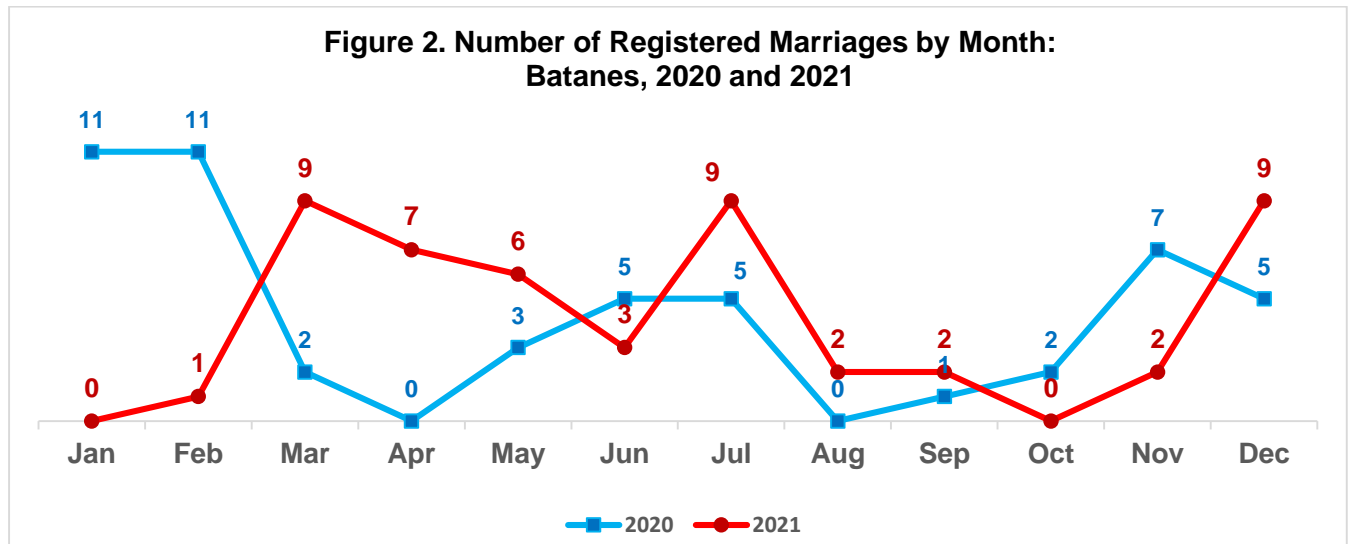
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Most marriages were registered in March, July and December

In 2021, most of the marriages were registered in the months of March, July and December which had 9 marriages each or 54 percent of the total registration. The month of February had the least registration of marriage with only 1 registration or 2 percent. Meanwhile, the months of January and October had no occurrence of marriage registration.

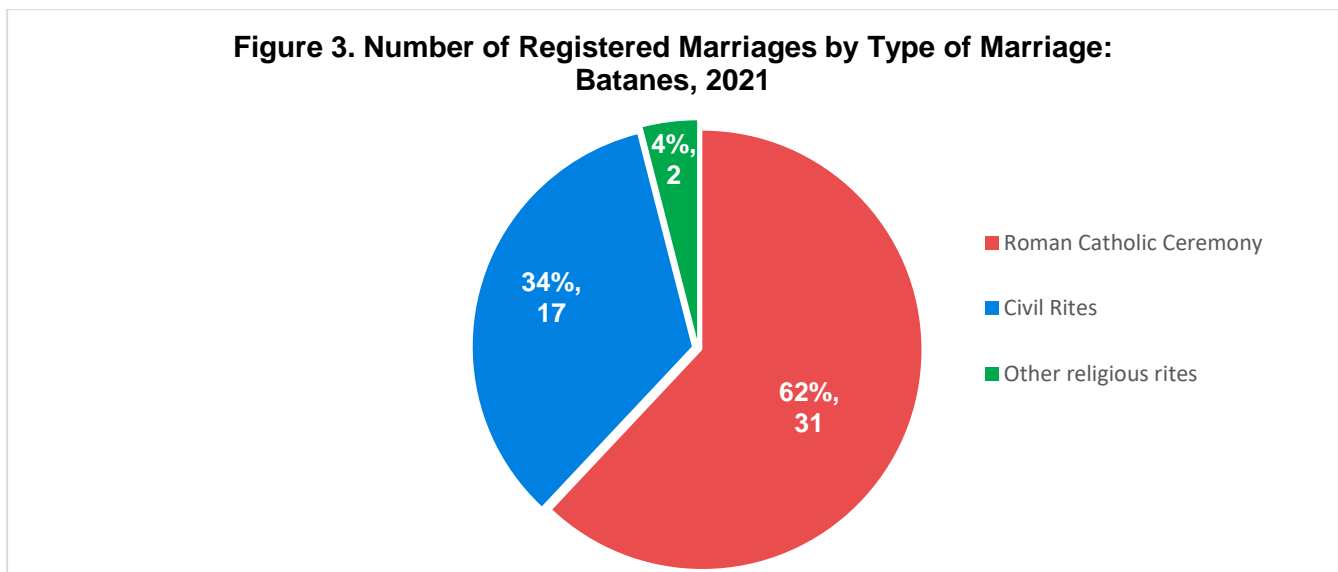
On the contrary, in 2020, both January and February registered the highest number of marriages which greatly differ to the number of registered marriages in 2021 in the same months. This great change is due to the mitigation of the government against Covid-19 pandemic (Figure 2).



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

Most marriages were solemnized through Roman Catholic Ceremony

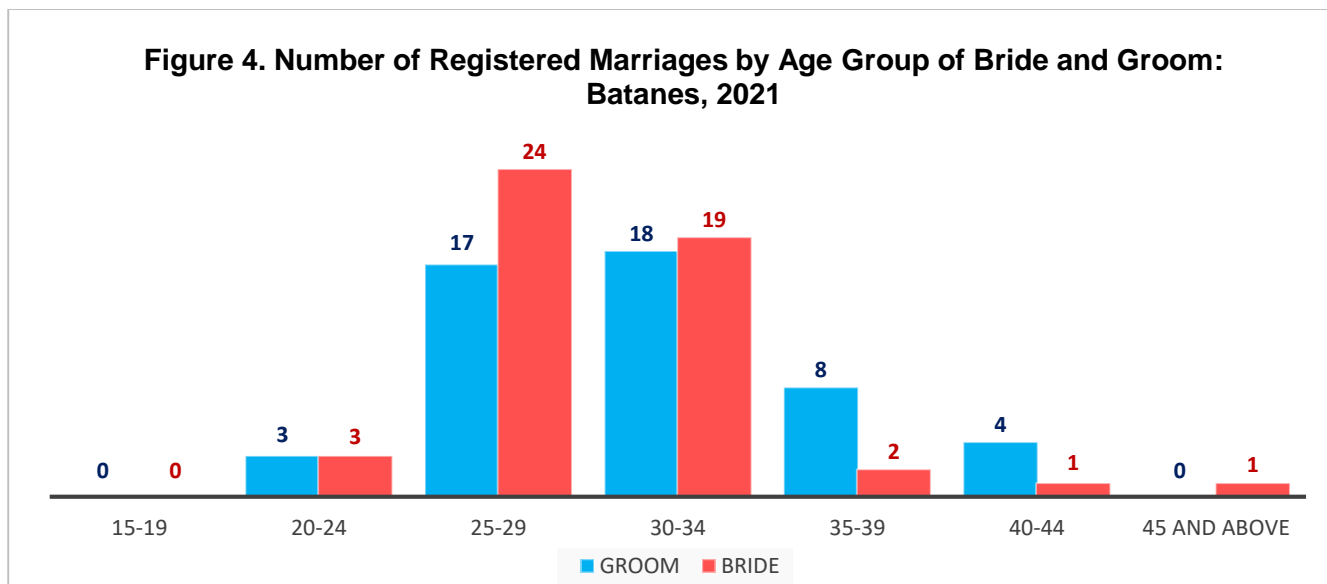
In 2021, majority of the registered marriages were officiated through Roman Catholic Ceremony with 31 marriages (62 percent) while 17 marriages (34 percent) were performed through civil rites and only 2 marriages (4 percent) were held through the Other Religious Rites (Figure 3).



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

**Most brides married at age 25-29 years old
while most grooms married at age 30-34 years old**

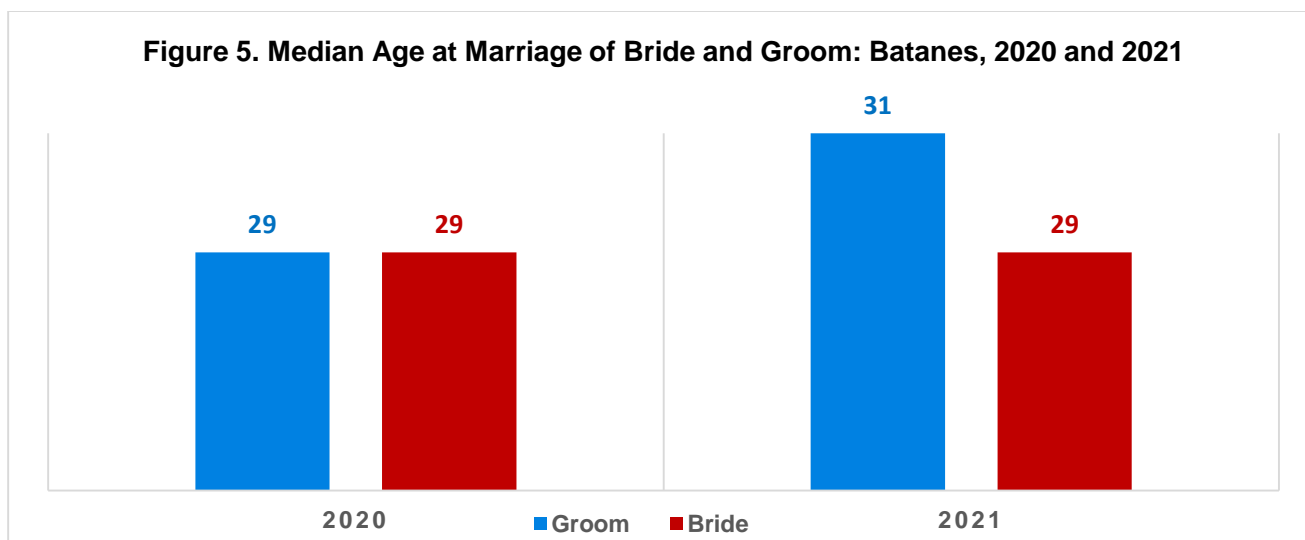
Out of the 50 registered marriages in 2021, almost one-half of the brides with 24 (48 percent) were married at age 25 to 29 years old. On the other hand, more than one-third of the grooms with 18 (36 percent) were married at age 30-34 years old. In contrast, there were no occurrence of marriage registration at ages 15 to 19 years old in 2021 (Figure 4).



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

Bride and Groom were married at median age of 29 years old

Generally, women marry at a younger age than men. In 2021, the median age for bride is 29 years old while 31 years old for groom. As reflected on Figure 5, the median age of groom was increased from 29 years old in 2020 to 31 years old in 2021 while the median age of bride was the same for both years.



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

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Marriage is a special contract of permanent union between a man and woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life. It is the foundation of the family, a social institution that is governed by law and not subject to stipulation.




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