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BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: 2020 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.



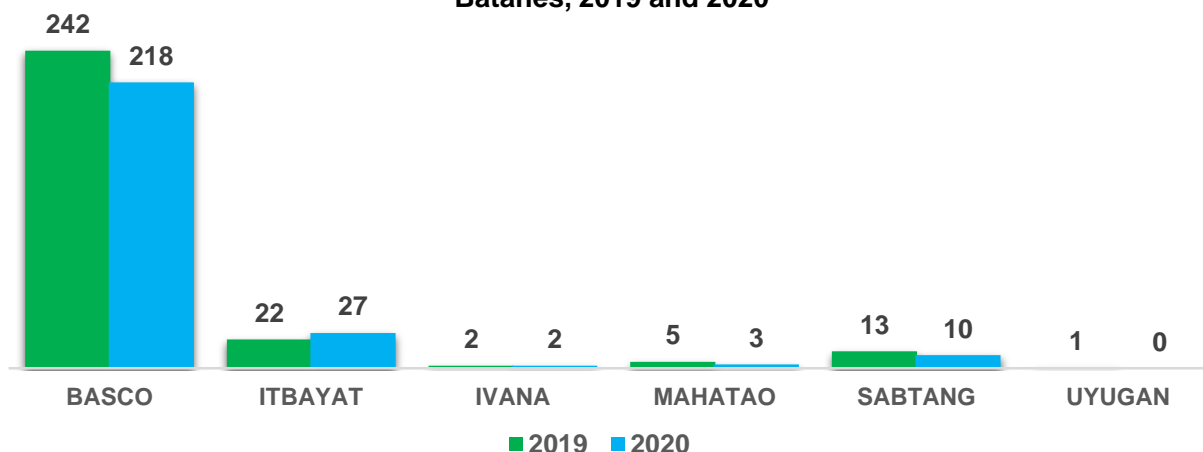
BIRTH STATISTICS

Basco had the highest number of registered births

The total number of registered births in the province of Batanes in 2020 was 260, lower by 25 births from 285 registered births in 2019. Among the 6 municipalities in the province, Basco recorded the highest number of registrations with 218 births which composed the 83.85 percent while Uyugan have no occurrence of birth registration.

In terms of changes, the municipality of Itbayat registered the highest increase with an addition of 5 registrations from 22 births in 2019 to 27 births in 2020. On the other hand, Basco the highest decrease in the number of registrations from 242 births in 2019 to 218 births in 2020 (Figure 1)

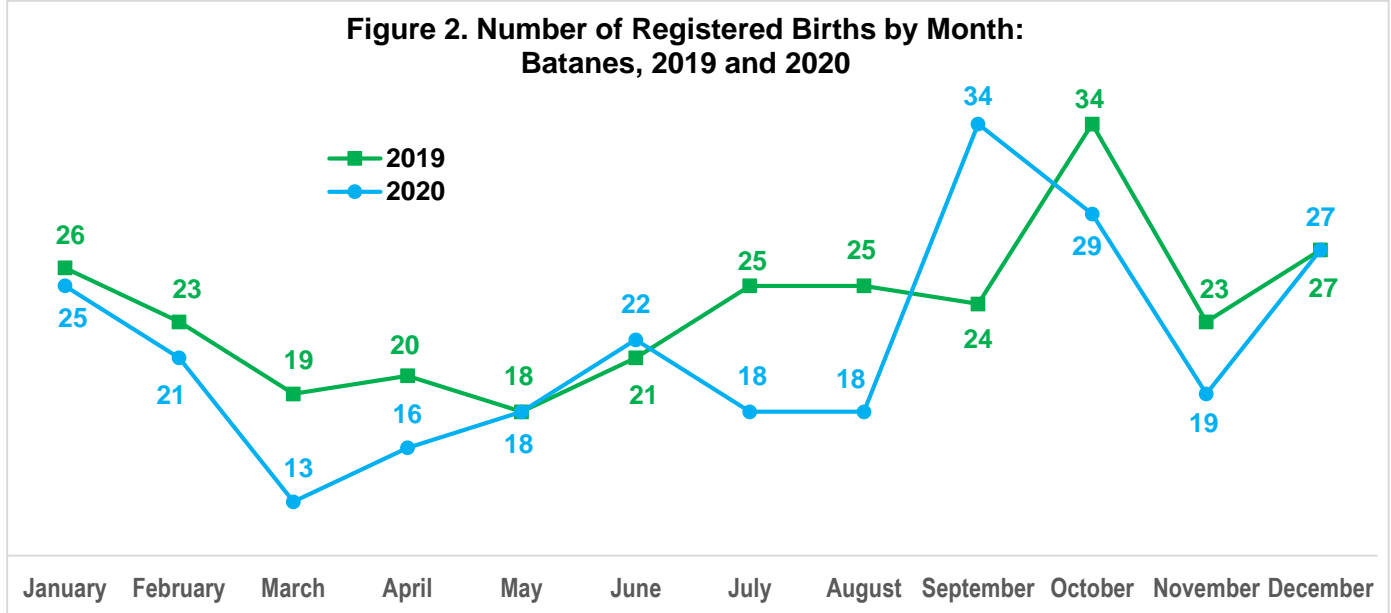
**Figure 1. Number of Registered Births by Municipality:
Batanes, 2019 and 2020**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most births were registered in September

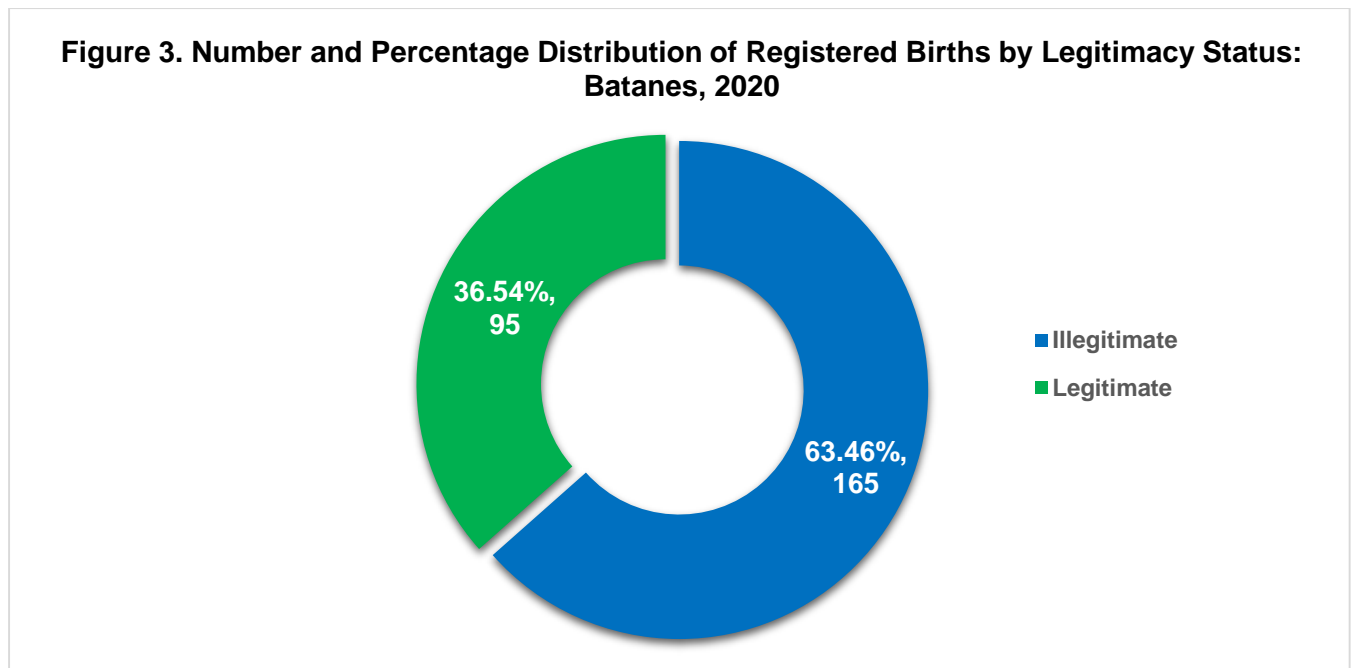
Most births in 2020 were registered in September which had 34 registrations (13.08 percent). The least number of registered births were recorded in the month of March which had 13 registrations (5.00 percent). On the other hand, in 2019, most births were registered in the month of October with 34 births while least births were registered in May with 18 births. Moreover, it can be observed that more number of birth registrations were recorded in second semester of 2019 and 2020 (Figure 2).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most babies were born of unmarried mothers

Out of the 260 registered births in 2020 there were 63.46 percent or 165 births born “out of wedlock” and only 36.54 percent or 95 births were legitimate (Figure 3).

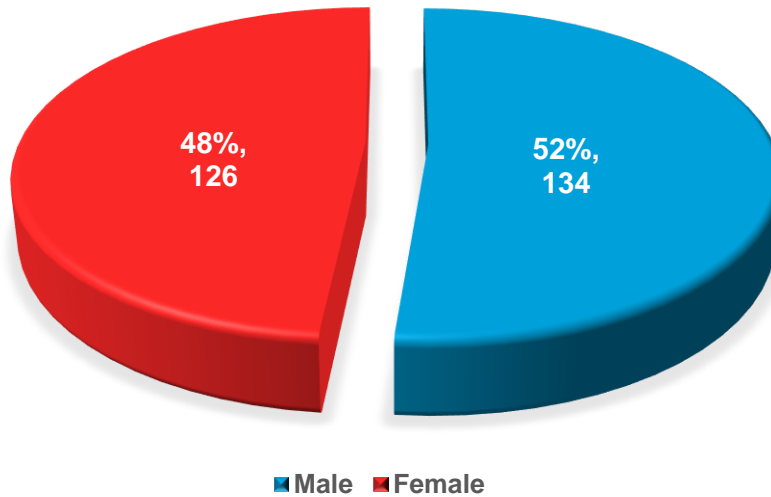


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

More males were born than females

In 2020, registered births of male babies were at 134 or 51.54 percent while 126 births or 48.46 percent were females. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies. On the average, there were about 11 male and 10 female babies registered monthly (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Number and Percentage Distribution of Registered Births by Sex: Batanes, 2020

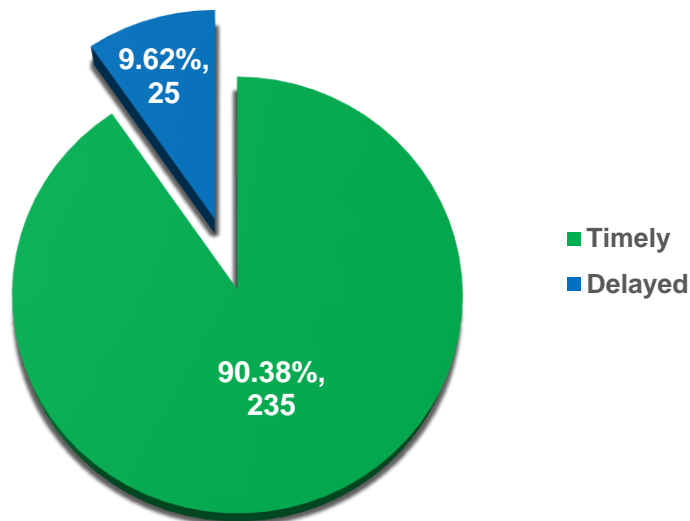


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Most births were registered on time

In terms of timeliness of registration, 90.38 percent or 235 births were registered on time in 2020 while the remaining 9.62 percent or 25 births were registered late. (Figure 5).

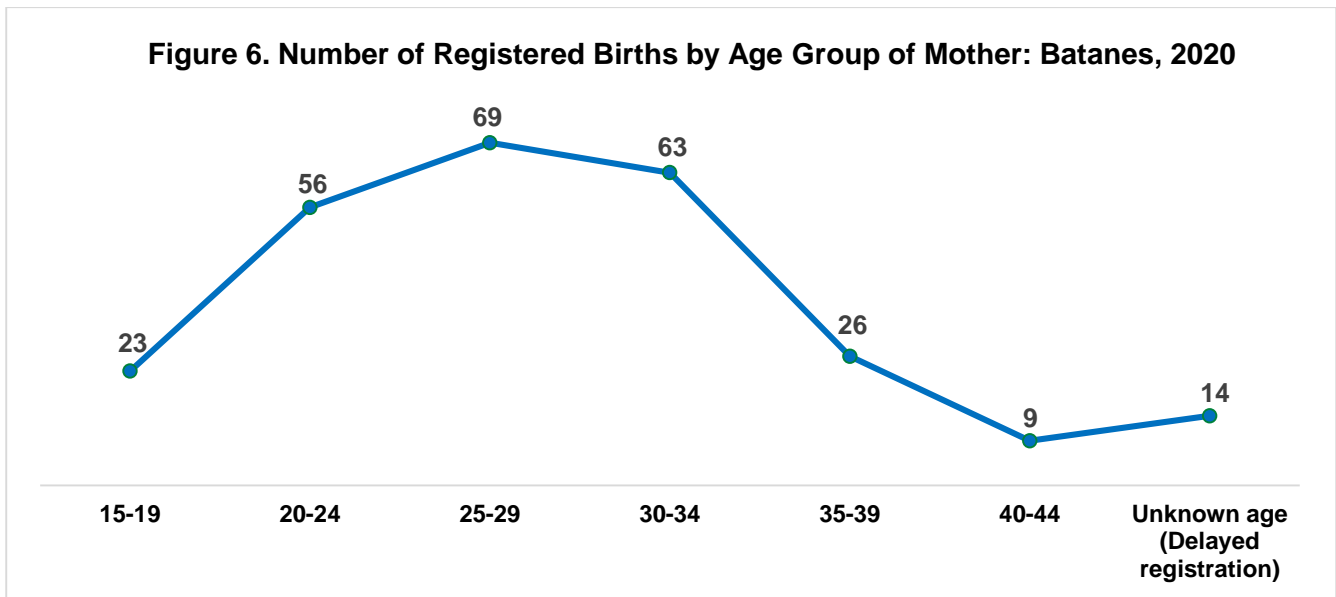
Figure 5. Number and Percentage Distribution of Registered Births by Timeliness: Batanes, 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most mothers gave birth at ages 25-29 years

In 2020 in the province of Batanes, most mothers gave birth at ages 25 to 29 years old with a record of 69 births or 26.54 percent of the total births. Meanwhile, mothers who gave birth at ages 40 to 44 years old recorded the least with 9 births or 3.46 percent. Moreover, there were 14 births or 5.38 percent unknown age reported due to late registration. (Figure 6).

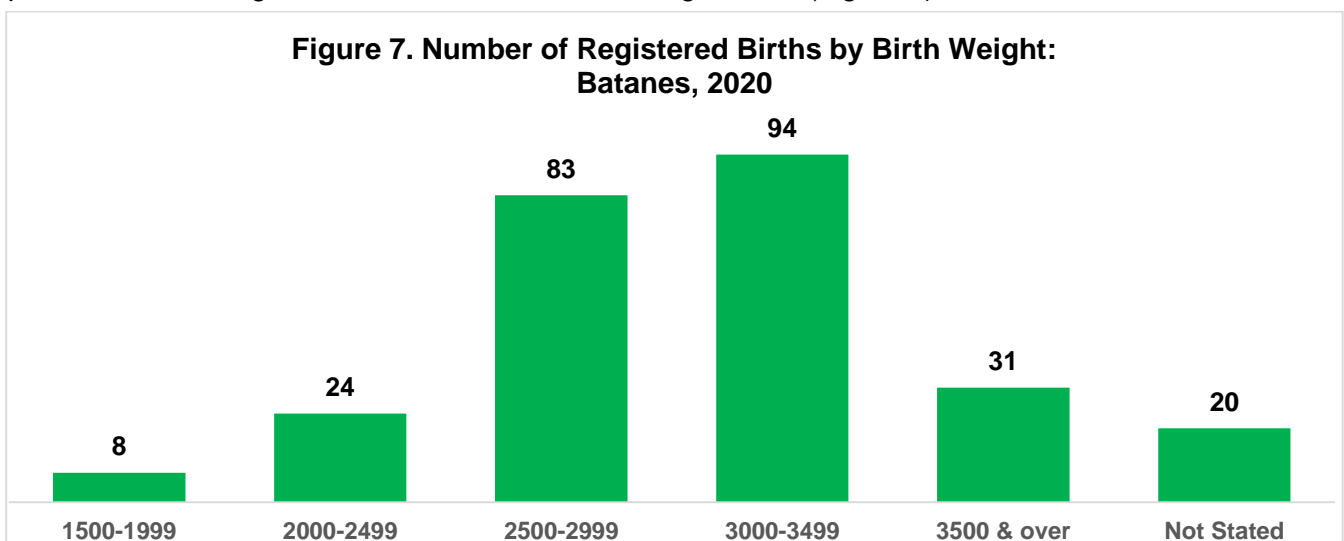


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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.).

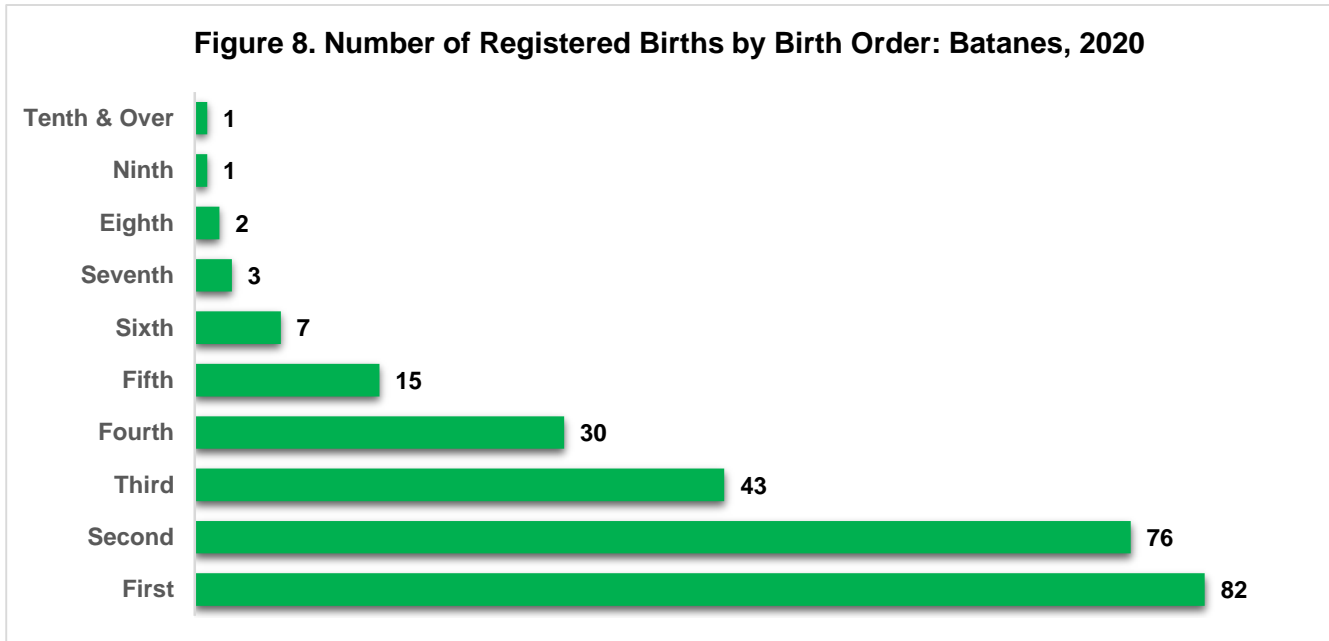
Of the total number of 260 birth registrations in 2020, 80.00 percent or 208 newborns were above the defined low birth weight which indicates that most babies were born with normal weight. 32 babies or 12.31 percent were born with weights below 2,500 grams. Moreover, there were 20 babies or 7.69 percent whose weight were not stated due to late registration (Figure 7).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most registered births were first-born babies

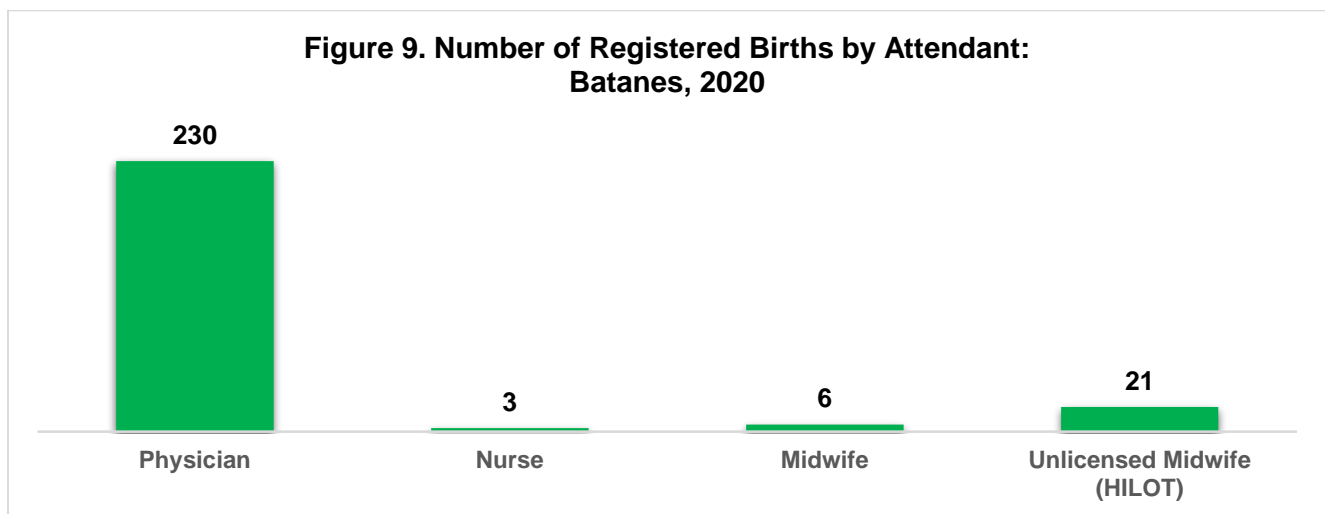
In 2020, first-born babies had the largest proportion of registered births with 82 registrations or 31.54 percent accounting for almost one-third of all babies registered in the province of Batanes. In contrary, the birth order with least number of registrations were the ninth-born and tenth-born and over which both have 1 registration (0.38 percent). It can be observed from the figure that as birth order increases, the number of children born to mothers decreases in 2020 (Figure 8).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most registered births were attended by physician

Out of the 260 registered births in 2020, about 88.46 percent or 230 births were attended by physician. In contrary, the least registered births were attended by a nurse which has only 3 births or 1.15 percent (Figure 9).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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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