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BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: FIRST SEMESTER 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.



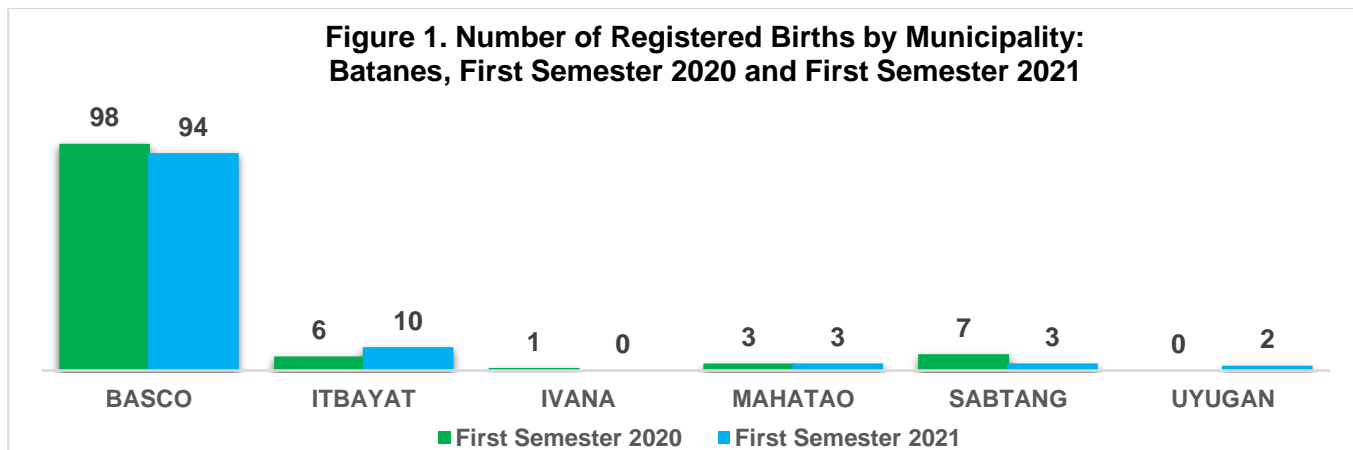
BIRTH STATISTICS

Basco had the highest number of registered births

The total number of registered births in the province of Batanes in the first semester of 2021 was 112, lower by 3 births from 115 registered births in first semester of 2020. Among the 6 municipalities in the province, Basco recorded the highest number of registrations with 94 births which composed the 83.93 percent while Ivana have no occurrence of birth registration.

In terms of changes, the municipality of Itbayat registered the highest increase with an addition of 4 registrations from 6 births in the first semester of 2020 to 10 births in the first semester of 2021. On the other hand, Basco and Sabtang had the highest decrease in the number of birth registrations with both had a decrease of 4 births in the first semester of 2020 compared to the first semester of 2021 (Figure 1).

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



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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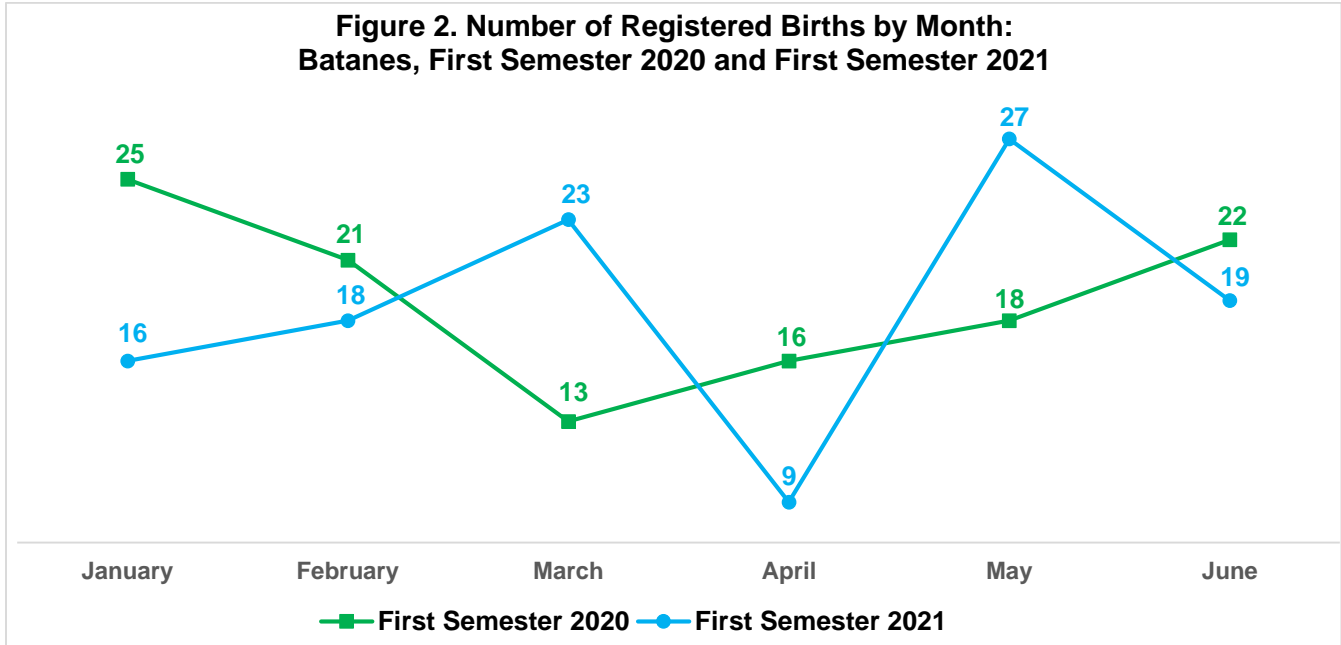
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Most births were registered in September

Most births in the first semester of 2021 were registered in May which had 27 registrations (24.10 percent). The least number of registered births were recorded in the month of April which had 9 registrations (8.00 percent). On the other hand, in the first semester of 2020, most births were registered in the month of January with 25 births while least births were registered in March with 13 births (Figure 2).

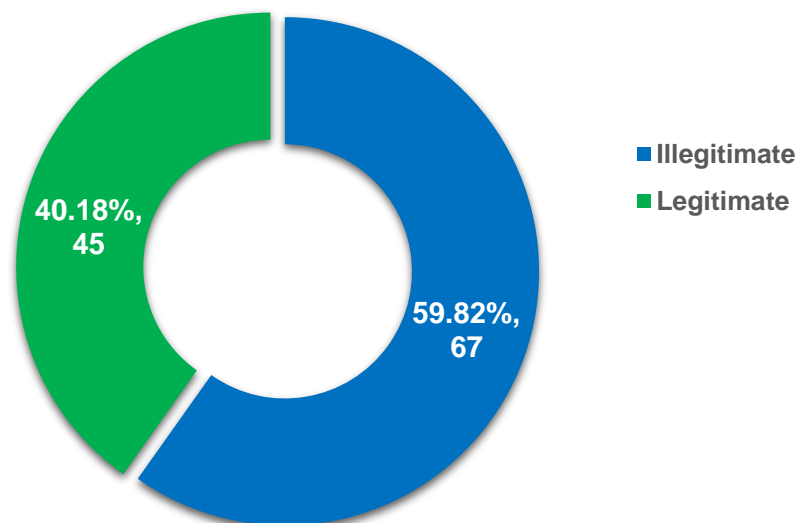


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most babies were born of unmarried mothers

Out of the 112 registered births in the first semester of 2021 there were 59.82 percent or 67 births born “out of wedlock” and only 40.18 percent or 45 births were legitimate (Figure 3).

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

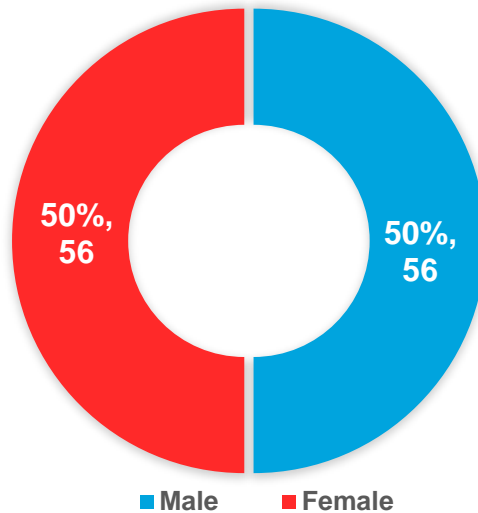


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

More males were born than females

In the first semester 2021, 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 Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Sex: Batanes, First Semester 2021

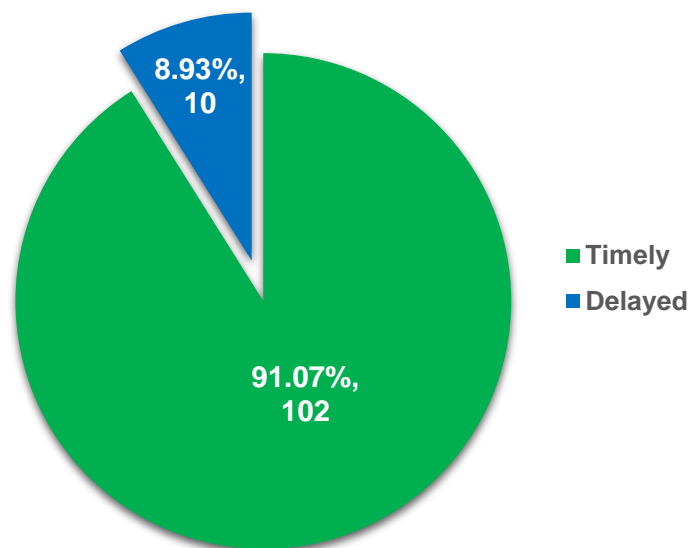


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most births were registered on time

In terms of timeliness of registration, 91.07 percent or 102 births were registered on time in the first semester 2021 while the remaining 8.93 percent or 10 births were registered late. (Figure 5).

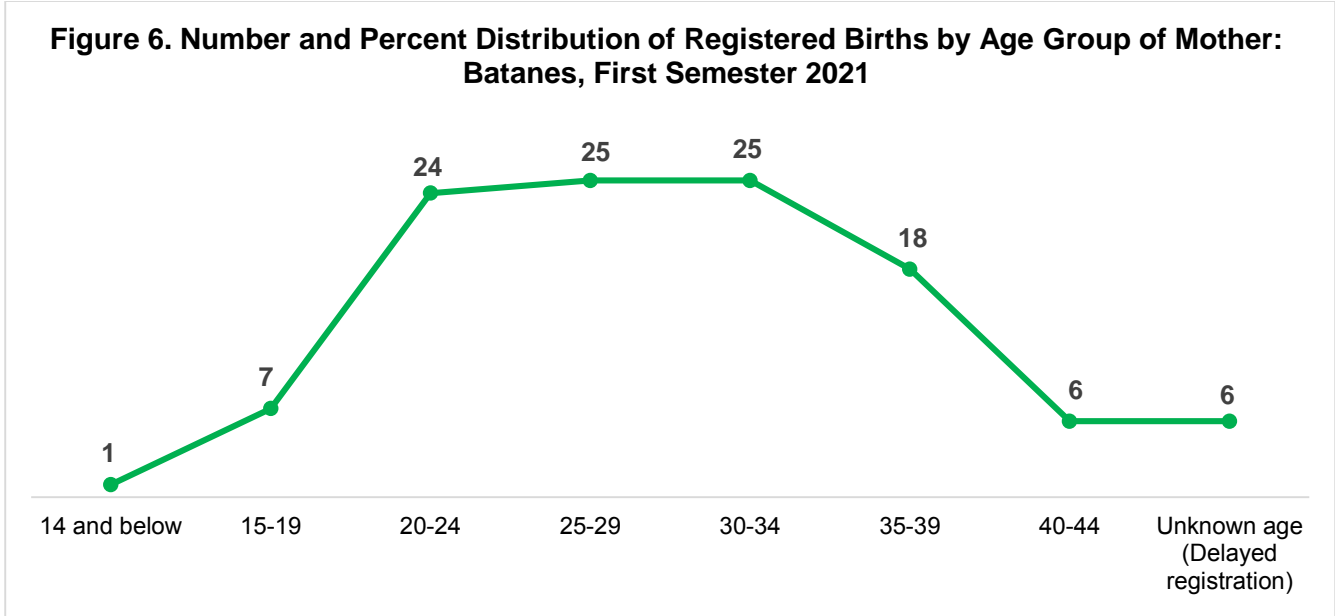
Figure 5. Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Births by Timeliness: Batanes, First Semester 2021



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

In the first semester 2021 in the province of Batanes, most mothers gave birth at ages 25 to 29 and 30-34 years old which both recorded 25 births or 22.32 percent of the total births, respectively. Meanwhile, mothers who gave birth at ages 14 years old and below recorded the least with 1 birth or 0.89 percent. Moreover, there were 6 births or 5.36 percent at unknown age reported due to late registration. (Figure 6).

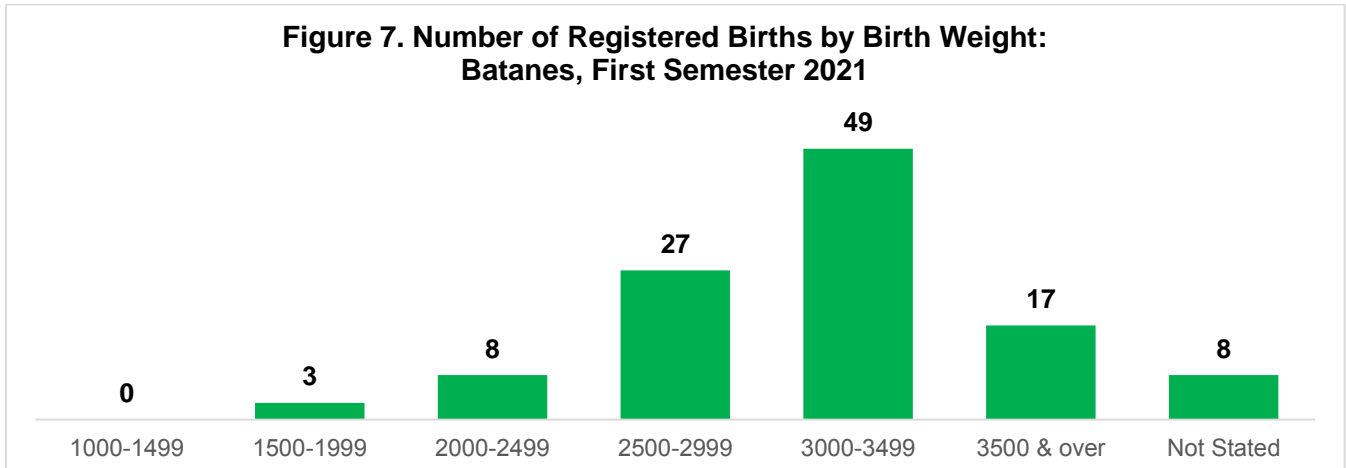


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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.).

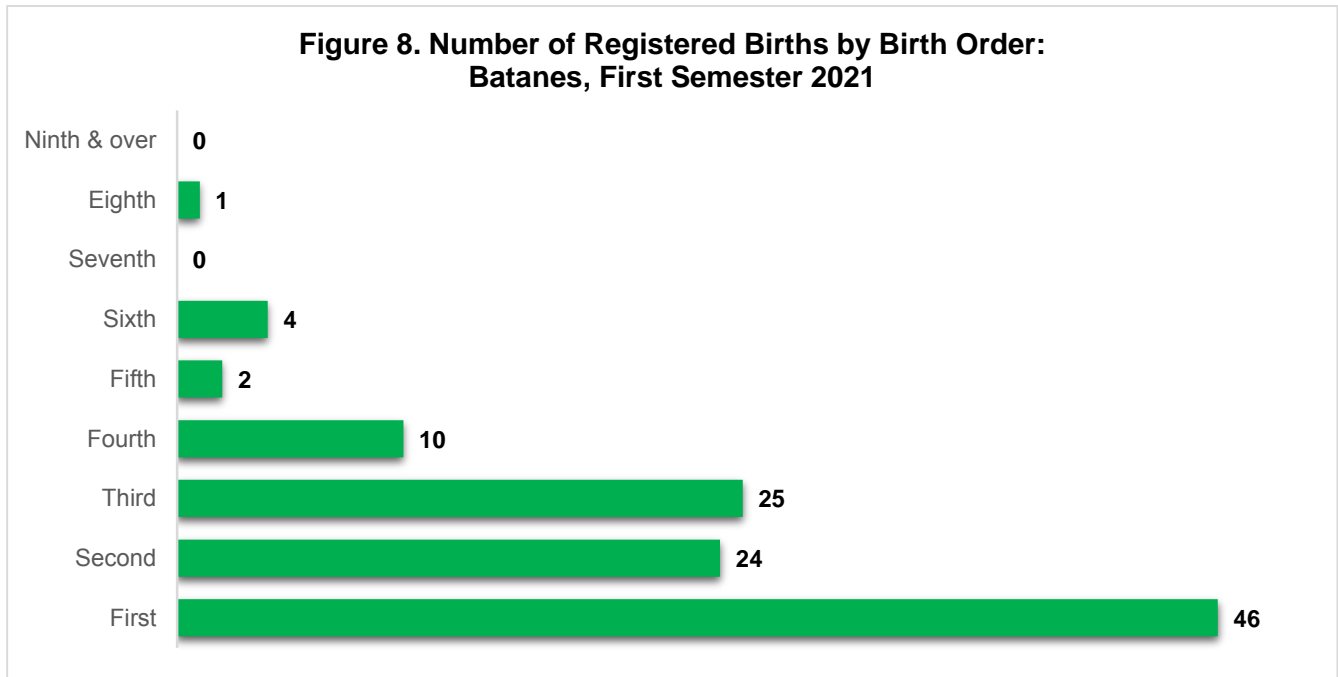
Of the total number of 112 birth registrations in the first semester of 2021, 83.04 percent or 93 newborns were above the defined low birth weight which indicates that most babies were born with normal weight. 11 babies or 9.82 percent were born with weights below 2,500 grams. Moreover, there were 8 babies or 7.14 percent whose weight were not stated due to late registration (Figure 7).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most registered births were first-born babies

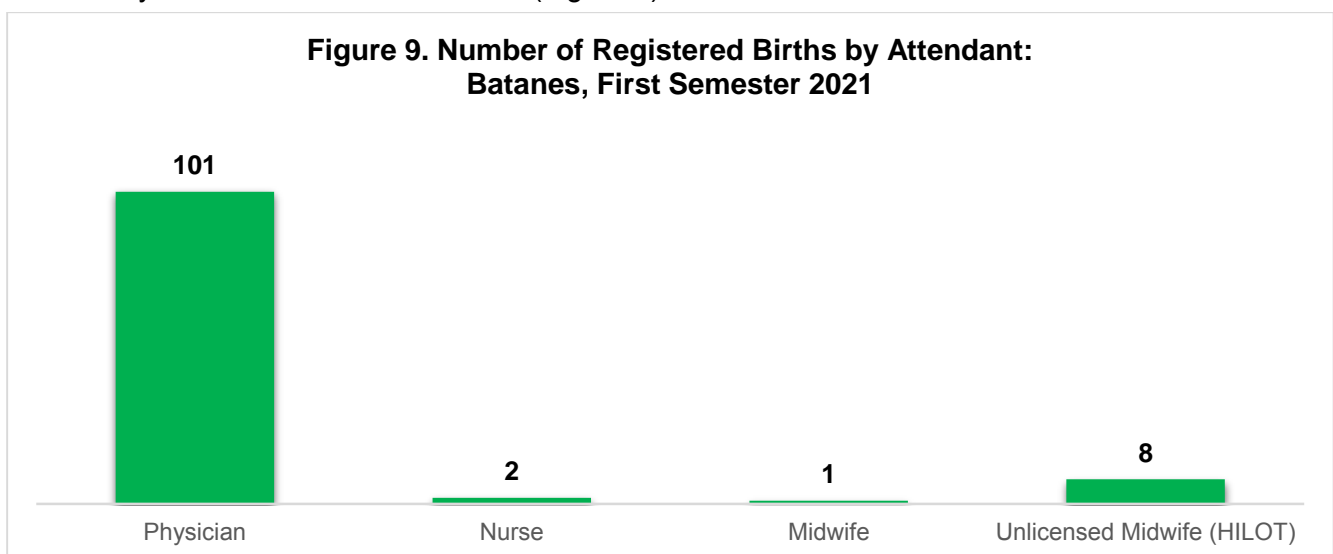
In the first semester of 2021, first-born babies had the largest proportion of registered births with 46 registrations or 41.07 percent accounting for more than two-fifth of all babies registered in the province of Batanes. In contrary, the birth order with least number of registrations were the eight-born which have 1 registration or 0.89 percent (Figure 8).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most registered births were attended by physician

Out of the 112 registered births in the first semester of 2021, about 90.18 percent or 101 births were attended by physician. In contrary, the least registered births were attended by a midwife which has only 1 birth (0.89 percent). Moreover, there were 8 late registered births (7.14 percent) which were attended by unlicensed midwife or “hilot” (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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