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BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: FIRST SEMESTER 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.



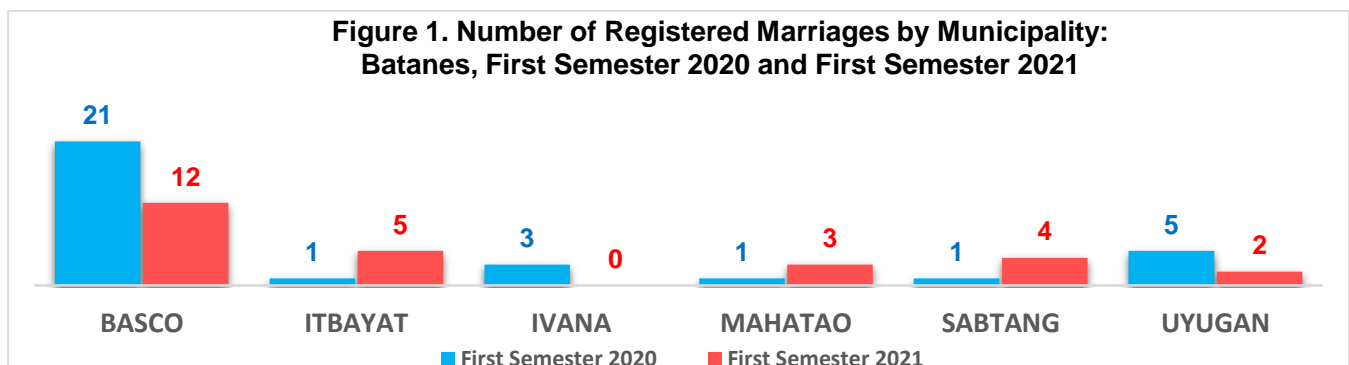
MARRIAGE STATISTICS

Basco had the highest number of registered marriages

In the first semester of 2021, the province of Batanes registered a total of 26 marriages. This was lower by 6 marriages compared to 32 registered marriages in the first semester of 2020. This indicates that the overall registered marriages recorded in the first semester 2021 dropped by a large portion 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 12 marriages or more than two-fifth of the total registered marriages while Uyugan had the least number of marriages with 2 marriages (7.69 percent). In terms of changes, Itbayat had the highest number of increase in registered marriages with an additional of 4 marriages in the first semester 2021 compared to the 1 registered marriages in the first semester of 2020. On the other hand, Basco recorded 12 marriage registrations in the first semester of 2021 which is lower by 9 marriages compared to the 21 marriages in the first semester of 2020 (Figure 1).

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

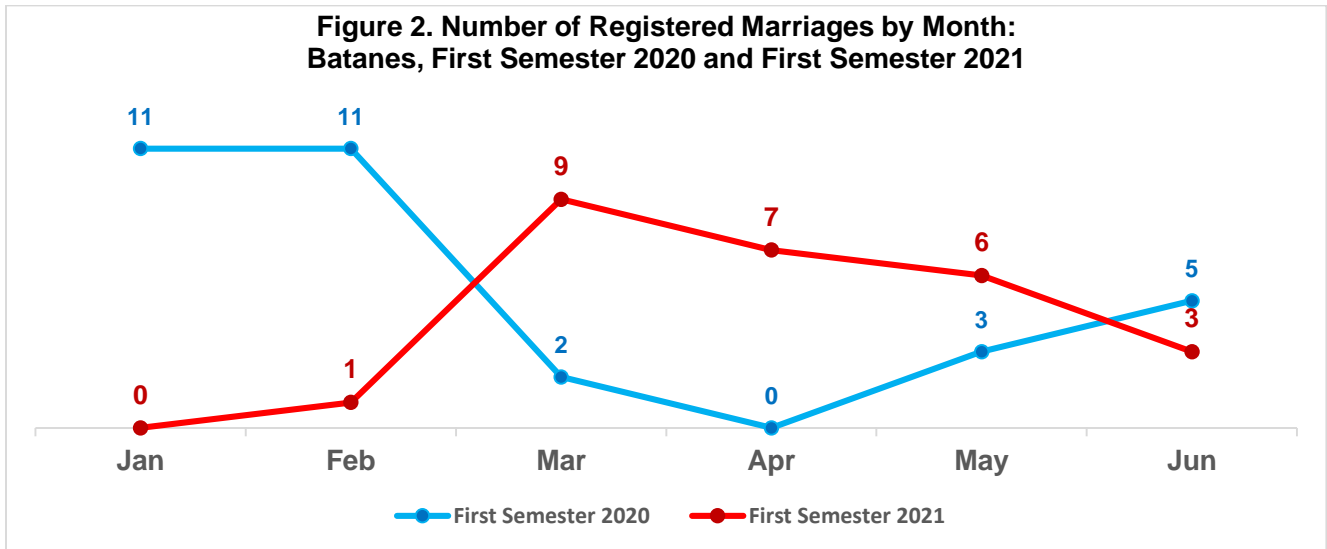


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most marriages were registered in March

In the first semester of 2021, most of the marriages were registered in the month of March which had 9 marriages or 34.62 percent of the total registration. The month of February had the least registration of marriages with only 1 registration or 3.85 percent. Meanwhile, the month of January had no occurrence of marriage registration.

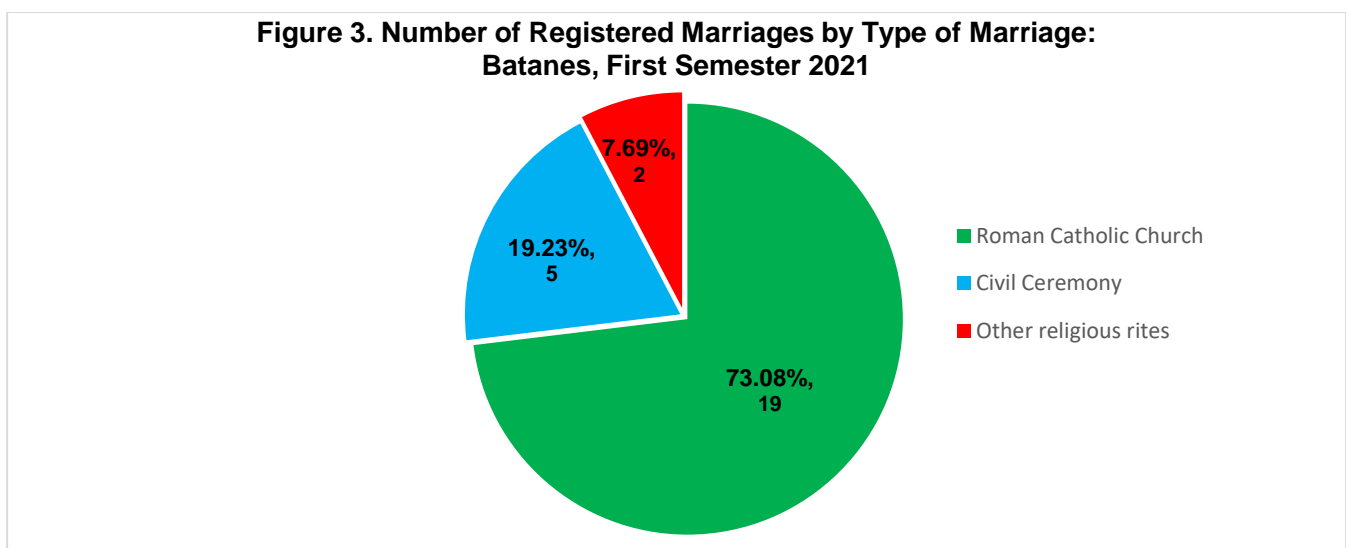
On the contrary, in the first semester of 2020, both January and February registered the highest number of marriages which greatly differ to the number of registered marriages in the first semester of 2021 in the same months. This great change is due to the mitigation of the government against Covid-19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



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Most marriages were solemnized through Roman Catholic Church

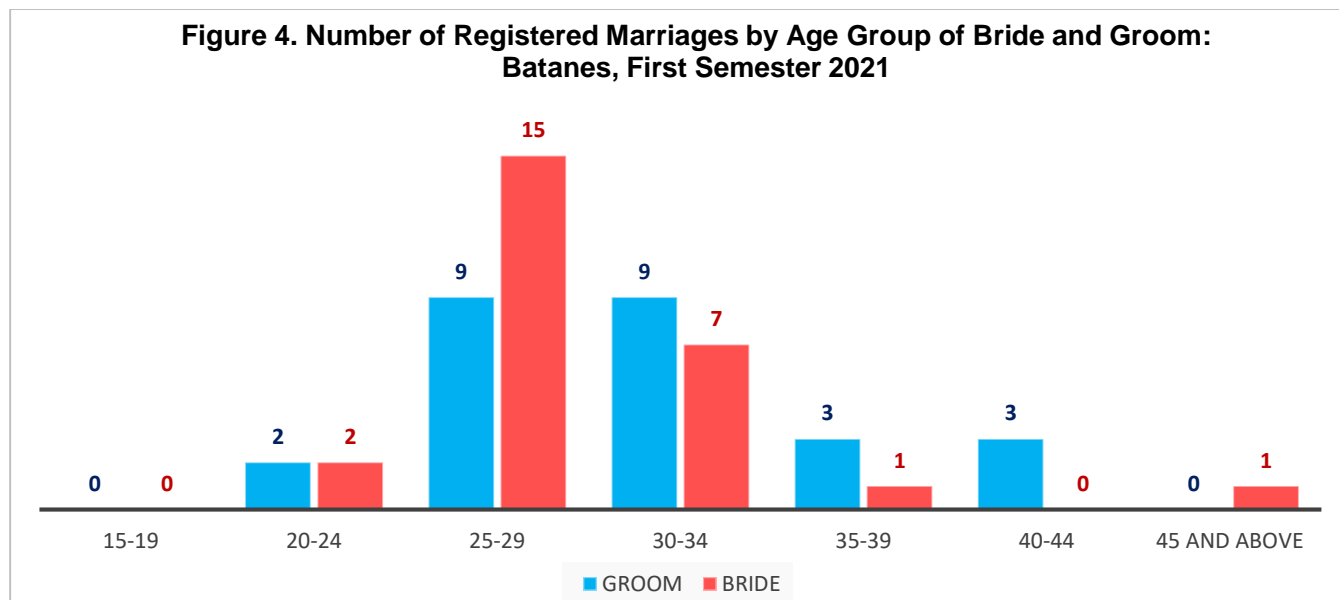
In the first semester of 2021, most of the registered marriages were held through Roman Catholic Church with 19 marriages (73.08 percent) while only the 2 marriages (7.69 percent) were held through the Other Religious Rites (Figure 3).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

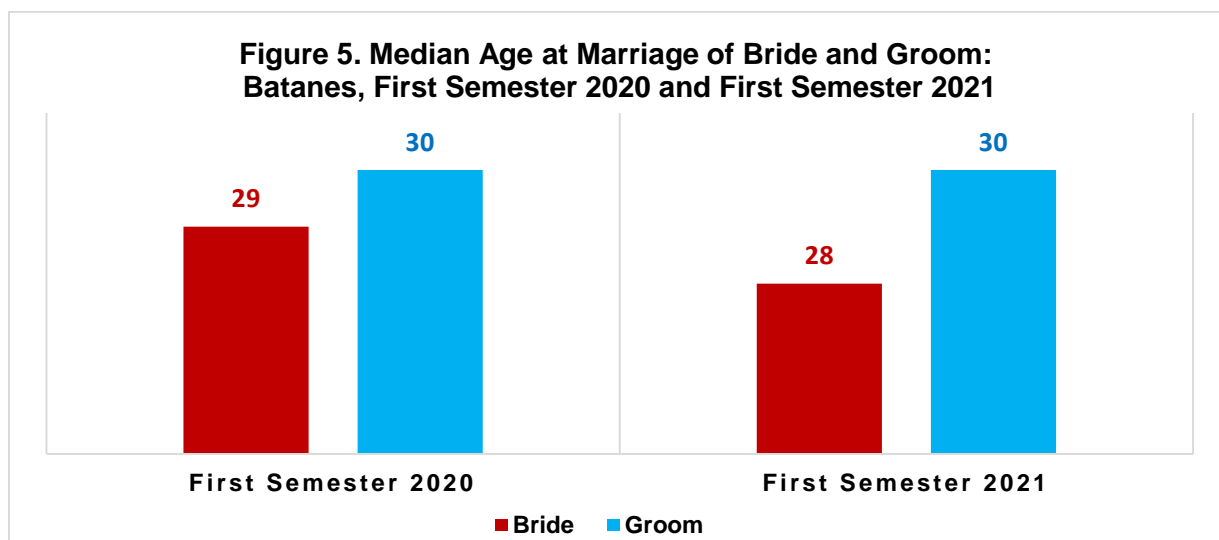
Out of the 26 registered marriages in the first semester of 2021, more than one-half of the brides with 15 (57.69 percent) were married at ages 25 to 29 years old. On the other hand, most grooms were married at both ages 25 to 29 and 30-34 years old with 9 (34.62 percent), respectively. In contrast, there were no occurrence of marriage registration at ages 15 to 19 years old (Figure 4).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

Generally, women marry at a younger age than men. In the first semester of 2021, the median age for bride is 28 years old while 30 years old for groom. As reflected on Figure 5, the median age of bride was slightly decreased from 29 years old in the first semester of 2020 to 28 years old in the first semester of 2021 while the median age of groom was the same for both years.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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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