



# SPECIAL RELEASE

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## BATANES VITAL STATISTICS: SECOND SEMESTER 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

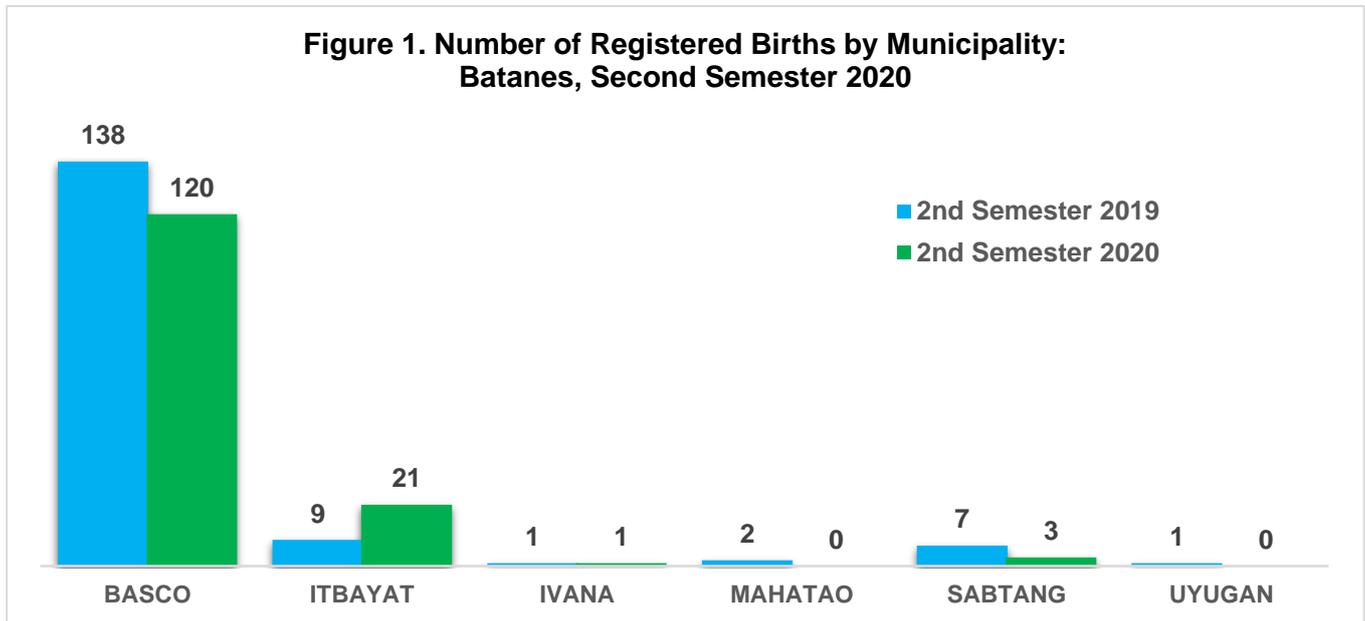
The total number of registered births in the province of Batanes in the second semester of 2020 was 145, lower by 13 births from 158 registered births in second semester 2019. Among the six municipalities in the province, Basco recorded the highest number of registrations with 120 births which composed the 82.76 percent of the total registered births. Itbayat came second with 21 births or 14.48 percent, followed by Sabtang with three births or 2.07 percent of the total births in the province.

Table 1. Number of Registered Births by Municipality: Batanes, Second Semester of 2019 and 2020

MUNICIPALITY	REGISTERED BIRTHS	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2020
<b>BASCO</b>	138	120
<b>ITBAYAT</b>	9	21
<b>IVANA</b>	1	1
<b>MAHATAO</b>	2	0
<b>SABTANG</b>	7	3
<b>UYUGAN</b>	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>145</b>

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

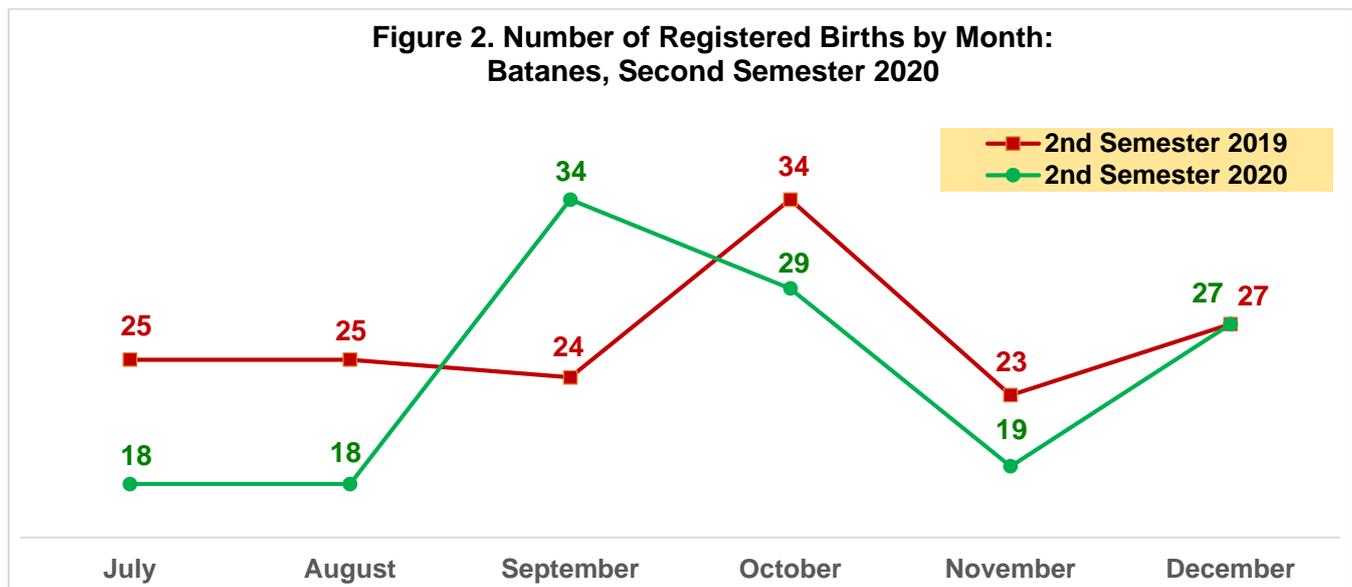
In terms of changes, the municipality of Itbayat registered the highest increase with an addition of 12 registrations from 9 births in the second semester of 2019 to 21 births in the same period in 2020. Basco and Sabtang posted a decrease in the number of registrations from 138 births to 120 births and seven births to three births, respectively. Mahatao and Uyugan also decreased due to no registered births while Ivana maintained a one birth registration for the same period in 2019 and 2020.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### Most births were registered in September

Most births in the second semester of 2020 were registered in September which had 34 registrations (23.45 percent) followed by the month of October having 29 registrations (20 percent). The least number of registered births were recorded in the months of July and August which both had 18 registrations. On the other hand, in the second semester of 2019, most births were registered in the month of October with 34 births followed by the month of December with 27 births. This indicates that the month with most births varies annually.

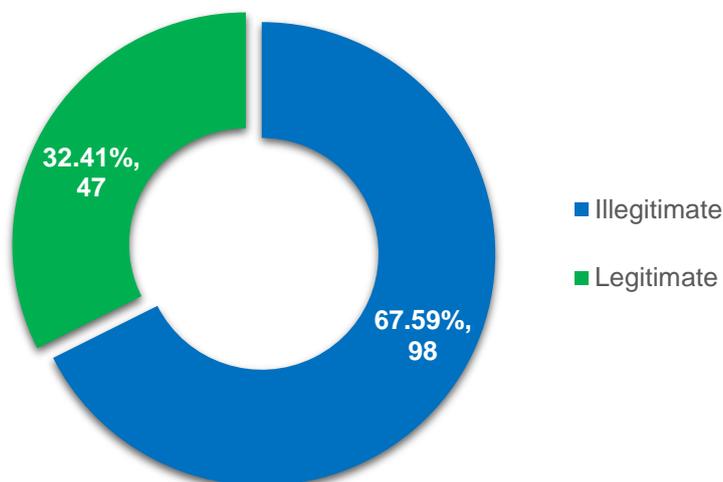


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### Most babies were born of unmarried mothers

Out of the 145 registered births in the second semester of 2020 there were 67.59 percent or 98 births born “out of wedlock” and only 32.41 percent or 47 births were legitimate (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Registered Births by Legitimacy Status: Batanes, Second Semester 2020**

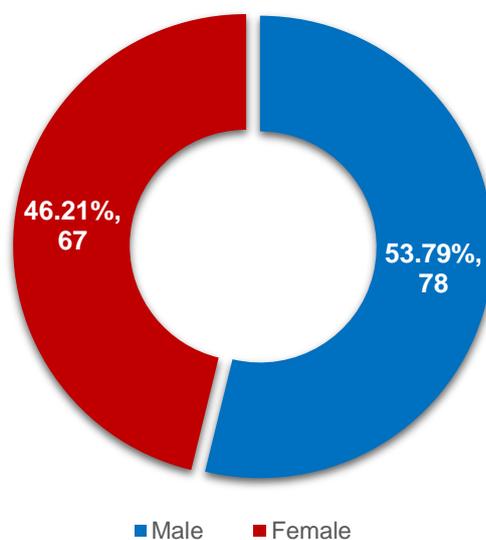


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### More males were born than females

In the second semester of 2020, registered births of male babies were at 78 or 53.79 percent while 67 births or 46.21 percent were females. This indicates that more male babies were born than female babies. On the average, there were about 13 males and 11 female babies registered monthly.

**Figure 4. Percentage Distribution of Registered Births by Sex: Batanes, Second Semester 2020**

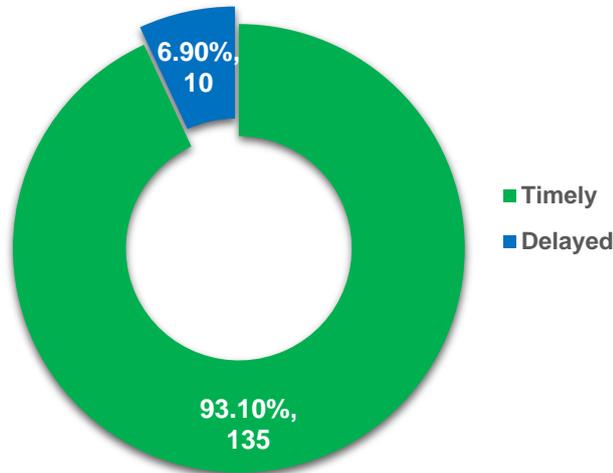


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### Most births were registered on time

In terms of timeliness of registration, 93.10 percent or 135 births were registered on time in the second semester of 2020 while the remaining 6.90 percent or 10 births were registered late (Figure 5).

**Figure 5. Percentage Distribution of Registered Births by Timeliness:  
Batanes, Second Semester 2020**

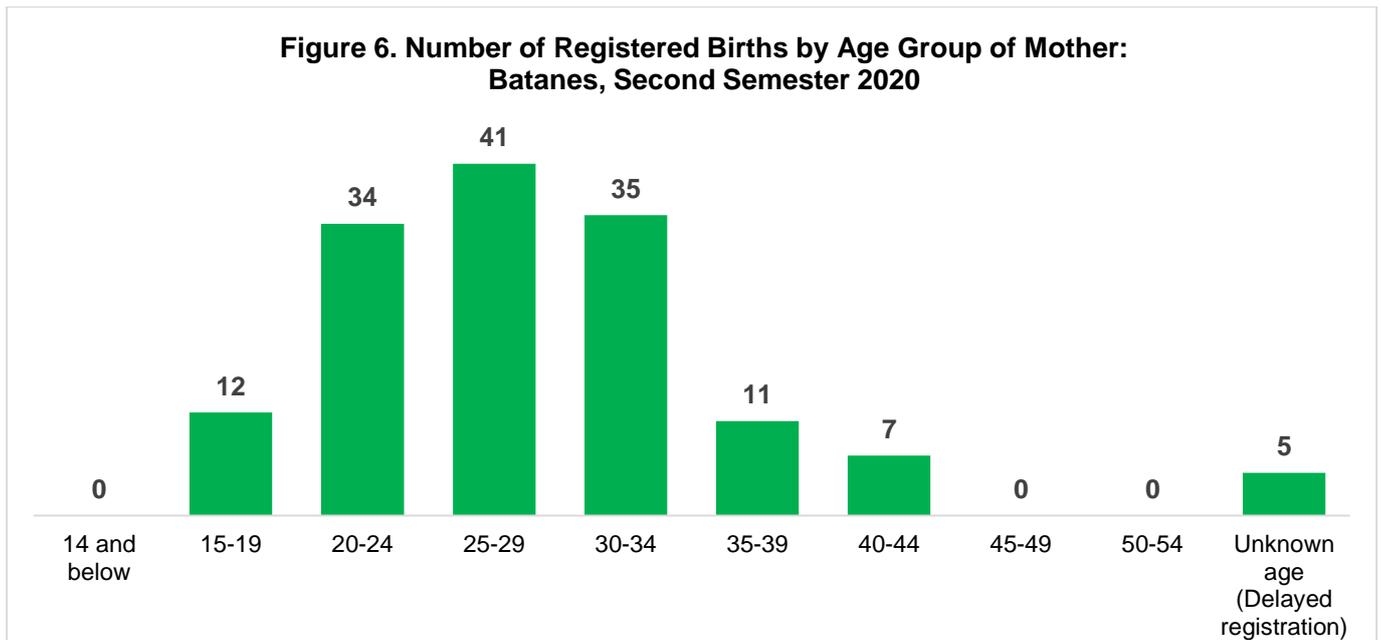


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### Most mothers gave birth at ages 25-29 years

In the second semester of 2020 in the province of Batanes, most number of mothers gave birth at ages 25 to 29 years old with a record of 41 births or 28.28 percent of the total births. Meanwhile, mothers who gave birth at ages 40 to 44 years old with recorded the least with seven or 4.83 percent. Moreover, there were five or 3.45 percent unknown age reported due to late registration. (Figure 6).

**Figure 6. Number of Registered Births by Age Group of Mother:  
Batanes, Second Semester 2020**

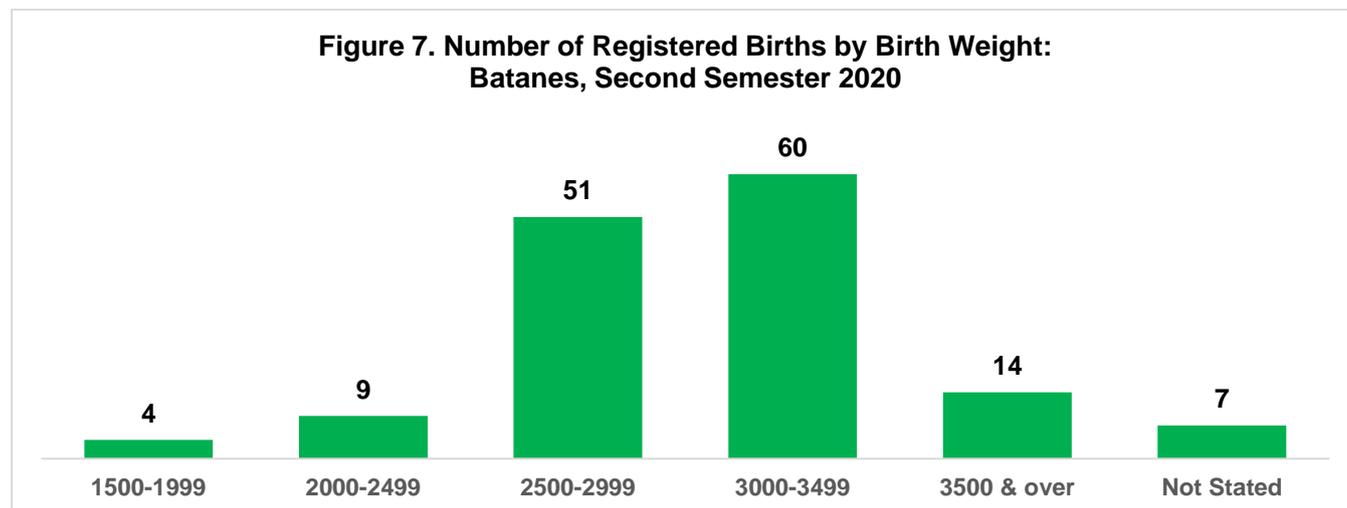


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## Most babies weighed at 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.).

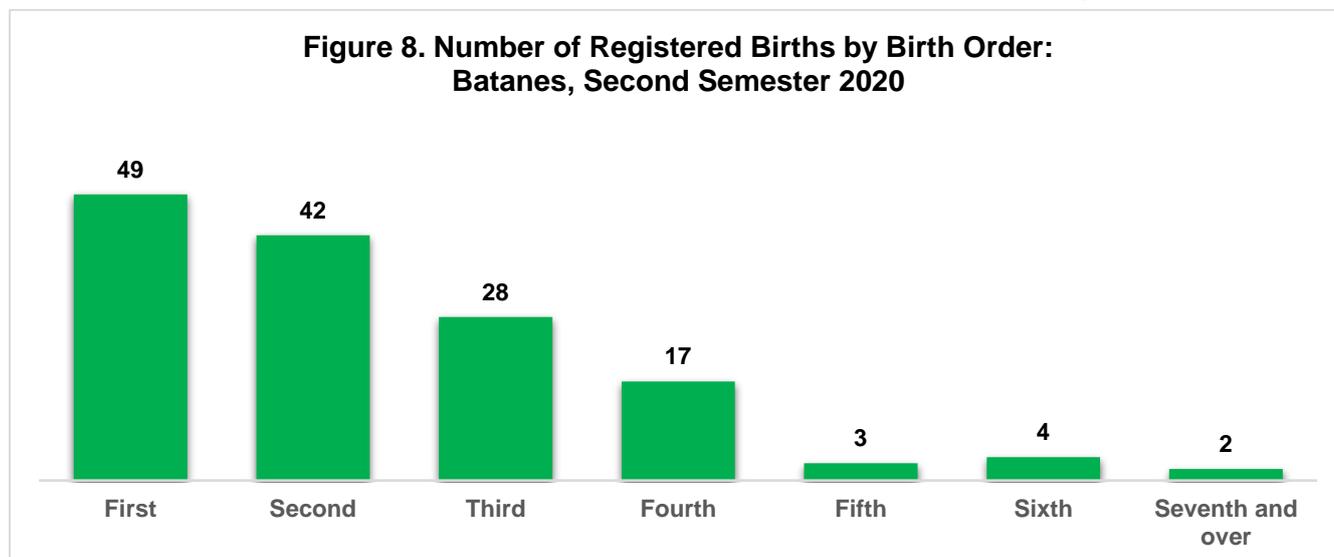
Of the total number of 145 birth registrations in the second semester of 2020, 86.21 percent or 125 newborns were above the defined low birth weight which indicates that most babies were born with normal weight. Thirteen babies or 8.97 percent were born with weights below 2,500 grams. Moreover, there were seven babies whose weight were not stated due to late registration (Figure 7).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## Most registered births were first-born babies

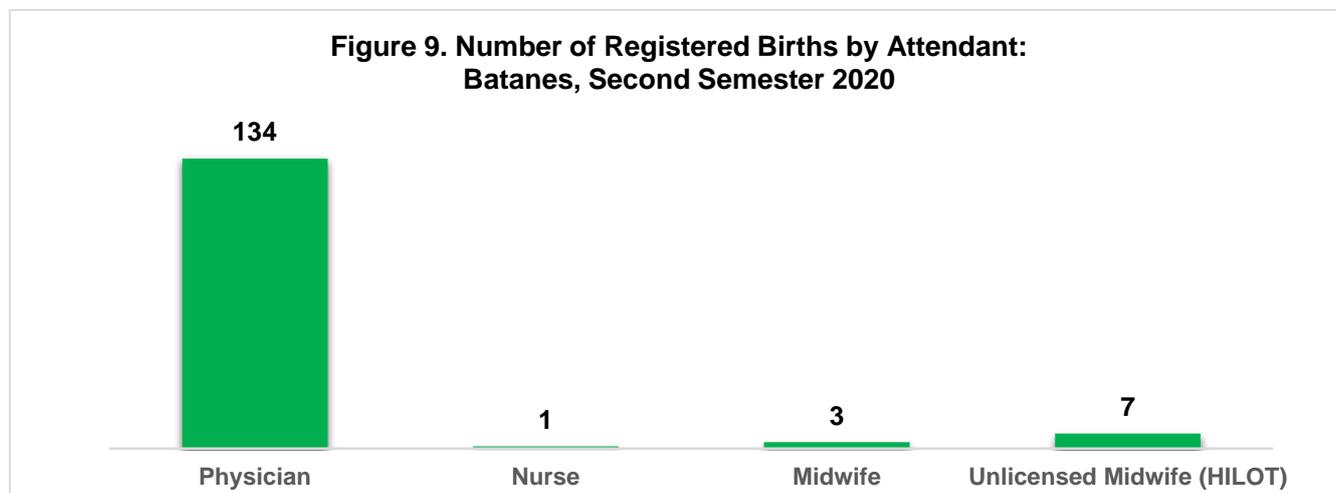
In the second semester of 2020, first-born babies had the largest proportion of registered births with 49 registrations or 33.79 percent accounting for about one-third of all babies registered in the province of Batanes. They were followed by babies whose birth order were second with 42 registrations (28.97 percent). The birth order with least number of registrations were the seventh-born and over with two registrations (1.38 percent). It can be observed from the figure that as birth order increases, the number of children born to mothers decreases in the second semester of 2020 (Figure 8).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## Most registered births were attended by physician

Out of the 145 registered births in the second semester of 2020, about 92.41 percent or 134 births were attended by physician. It was followed by the unlicensed midwife or the traditional birth attendants called “hilot” with 4.83 percent or seven registered births. Three births (2.7%) were attended by a licensed midwife while one birth (0.69%) were attended by a nurse. (Figure 9)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## DEFINITION OF TERMS AND CONCEPTS

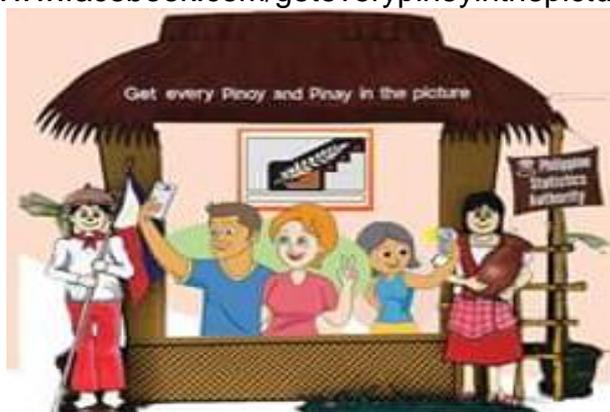
**Birth** is a complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, which after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of 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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