



SPECIAL RELEASE

Birth Statistics Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) 1st Quarter 2023

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Almost Five Babies were Born in the Region every Hour

- There were 9,984 live births registered in the Cordillera Administrative Region during the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 17.22% from the same period in 2022 with 8,517 recorded births.
- Five babies were born per hour, or nearly 111 babies each day on average.
- In comparison to the same quarter last year, almost all provinces reported a rise in the number of registered live births. The highest percentage increase was in Apayao with 31.9%, followed by Abra at 30.4%, Benguet came in third at 21.5%, Kalinga at 15.2%, and Mountain Province at 11.5% percent. On the other hand, Ifugao had a decrease of 4.9%.
- Across areas, Benguet had the most live births reported in the 2nd quarter of 2023 with 1,998, followed by Kalinga with 1,626, Baguio City with 1,596, Abra with 1,379, Apayao with 1,226, Mt Province with 1,124, and Ifugao with the lowest registered live births at 1,035.
- The province of Benguet had the highest daily average registered live births with 22, Baguio City and Kalinga followed at 18 each. Ifugao and Mountain Province had the lowest daily average registered live births at twelve each.

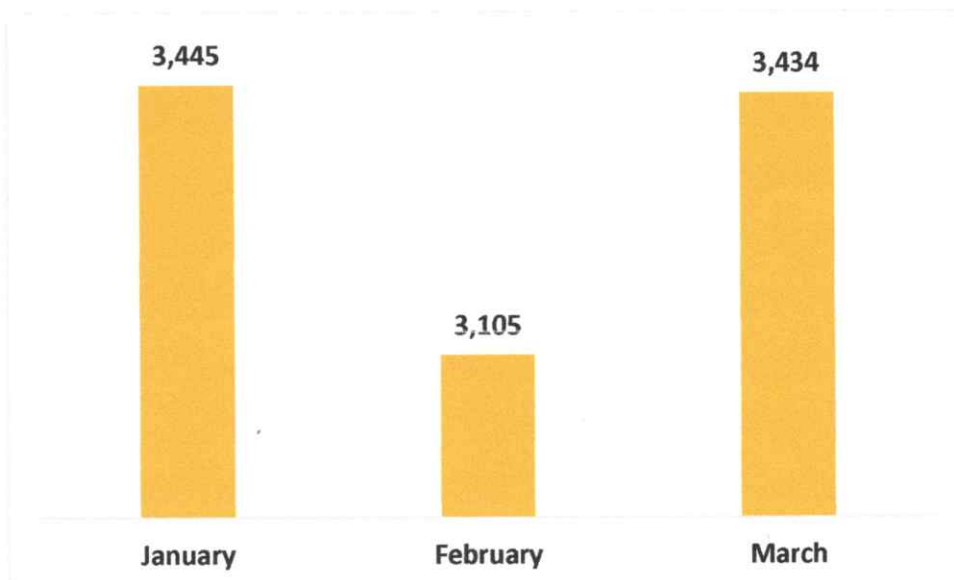
**Table 1. Number and Daily Average of Registered Live Births: CAR
1st Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2022**

City/Province	Number		Daily Average	
	1 st Quarter	1 st Quarter	1 st Quarter	1 st Quarter
	2023	2022	2023	2022
CAR	8,517	9,984	95	111
Abra	1,057	1,379	12	15
Apayao	929	1,226	10	14
Benguet	1,644	1,998	18	22
Baguio City	1,379	1,596	15	18
Ifugao	1,089	1,035	12	12
Kalinga	1,411	1,626	16	18
Mountain Province	1,008	1,124	11	12

January had the Most Registered Births Occur in the Region

- The month of January had the highest registered live births with 7 out of 20 babies born in the Region. It was followed by the month of March and February with 3,434 and 3,105, respectively.

**Figure 1. Number of Registered Live Births by Month: CAR
1st Quarter 2023**



More Male babies are Born in CAR

- There were 5,051 male babies registered during the second quarter of 2023, making up 50.6% of all births in the Region, compared to 4,933 females, or 49.4%. As a result, there were 102 men for every 100 women.
- The Province of Kalinga had a sex ratio of 108, higher than the regional average. Following this were Mountain Province and Ifugao with 104 and 103, respectively. Meanwhile, a sex ratio below 100 indicates that there are more females than males in Benguet, Abra, and Apayao

**Table 2: Number of Live Births by Sex and Sex Ratio: CAR
1st Quarter 2023**

Region/Province	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Sex Ratio
CAR	9,984	5,051	4,933	102
Abra	1,226	679	700	97
Apayao	1,379	587	639	92
Benguet	1,998	993	1,005	99
Baguio City	1,596	851	745	114
Ifugao	1,035	526	509	103
Kalinga	1,626	843	783	108
Mt. Province	1,124	572	552	104

Live Births by Registration Status

- Timely Registration refers to the registration of births within 30 days of occurrence. In the first quarter of 2023, 17 out of 25 registered births were timely.
- The areas that recorded the highest share in timely registered births were Baguio City at 28.7%, Benguet at 15.3%, and Kalinga at 13.5%. On the other hand, the province of Abra has the highest recorded share in late registered births at 26.4%, followed by Kalinga and Benguet at 22.3% and 17% respectively.

**Table 3: Number and Percent Distribution of Registered Live Births by Registration Status:
CAR
1st Quarter 2023**

Region/Province	Number	Percent	Timely Registered		Late Registered	
			Number	% Share	Number	% Share
CAR	9,984	100.0	6,813	100.0	3,171	100.0
Abra	1,226	13.8	542	8.0	837	26.4
Apayao	1,379	12.3	832	12.2	394	12.4
Benguet	1,998	20.0	1,045	15.3	539	17.0
Baguio City	1,596	16.0	1,958	28.7	52	1.6
Ifugao	1,035	10.4	670	9.8	365	11.5
Kalinga	1,626	16.3	918	13.5	708	22.3
Mt. Province	1,124	11.3	848	12.4	276	8.7



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Technical 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.

Vital acts and events are the births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and all such events that have something to do with an individual's entrance and departure from life together with the changes in civil status that may occur to a person during his lifetime. Recording of these events in the civil register is known as vital or civil registration and the resulting documents are called vital records.

Live 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 liveborn.
