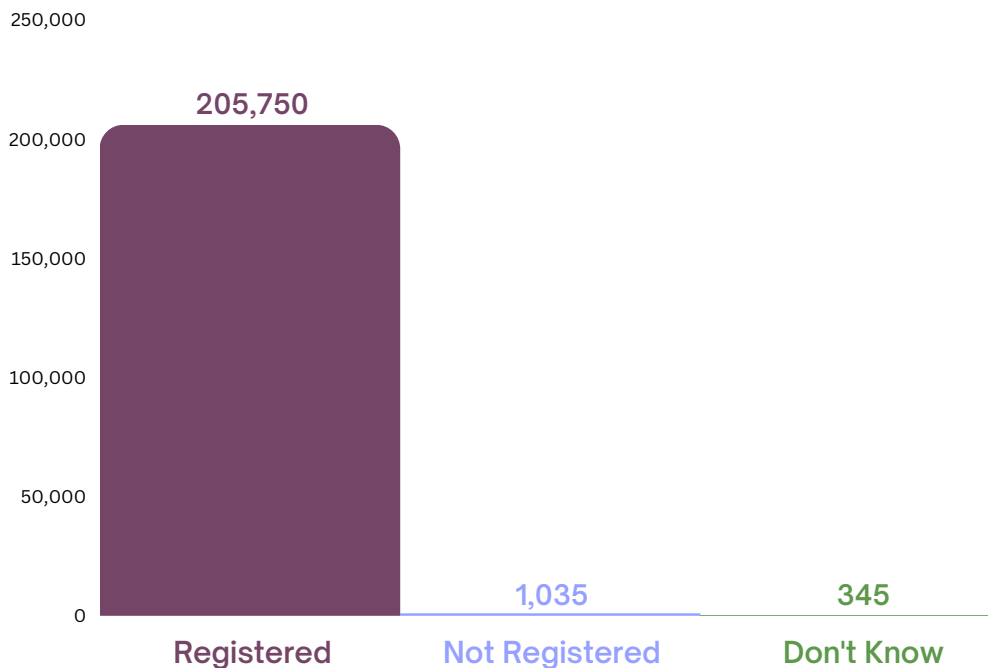# SPECIAL RELEASE

IFUGAO BIRTH REGISTRATION STATUS

Birth Registration is registering an individual's birth which is essential because it establishes a person's existence under the law and lays the foundation for safeguarding civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. It is a fundamental means of protecting the individual's human rights.

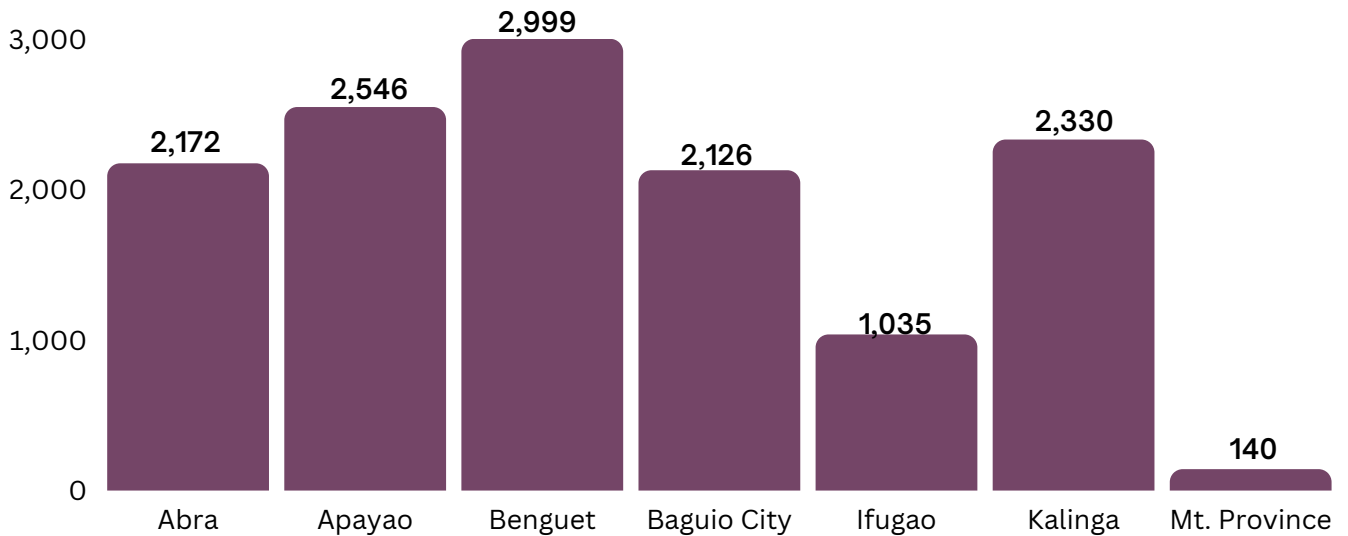**Figure 1. Household Population by Birth Registration Status: Ifugao, 2020**

Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

In the 2020 Census of Population and Housing, there were 207,130 household population in the province of Ifugao. From that number,205,750 households were registered in the Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) or an equivalent of 99.33% while 1,035 (0.5%) households were not registered. Those households who were uncertain if they were registered or not registered totaled to 345 (0.16%).
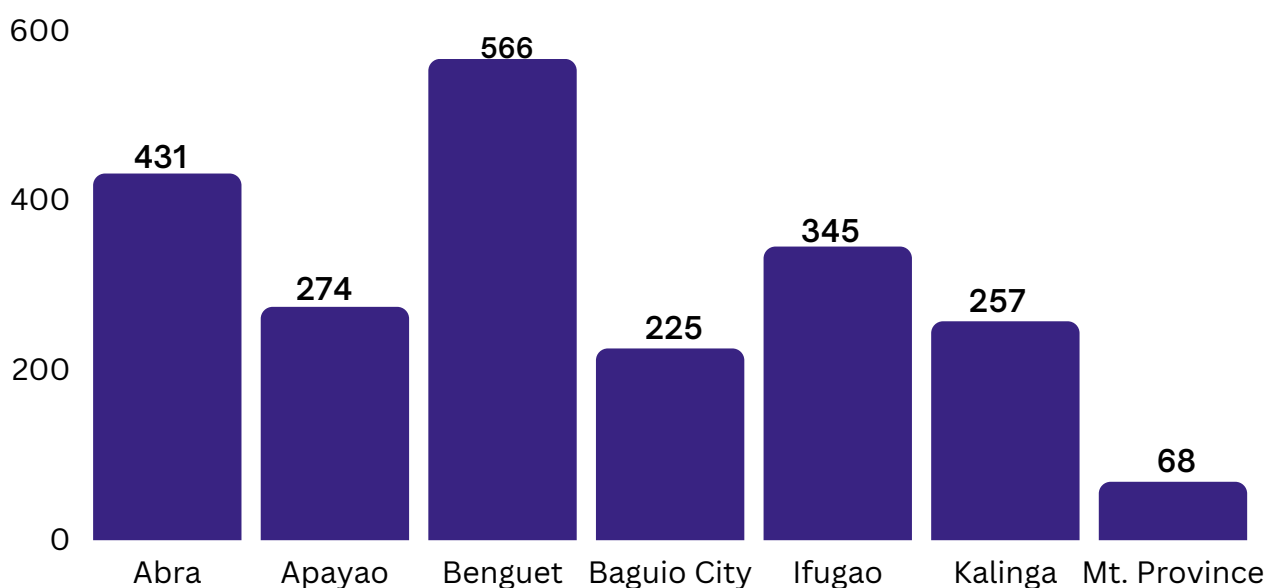
Figure 2. Household Population Not Registered, CAR, 2020

Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Ifugao has more than a thousand who are not yet registered, at least lower than the other provinces but higher than Mountain Province (Figure 2). Those households in our province who were uncertain if they were registered or not registered totaled to 345. Benguet had the highest households who were uncertain if they were registered or not. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Household Population Not Sure If Registered or Not, CAR, 2020

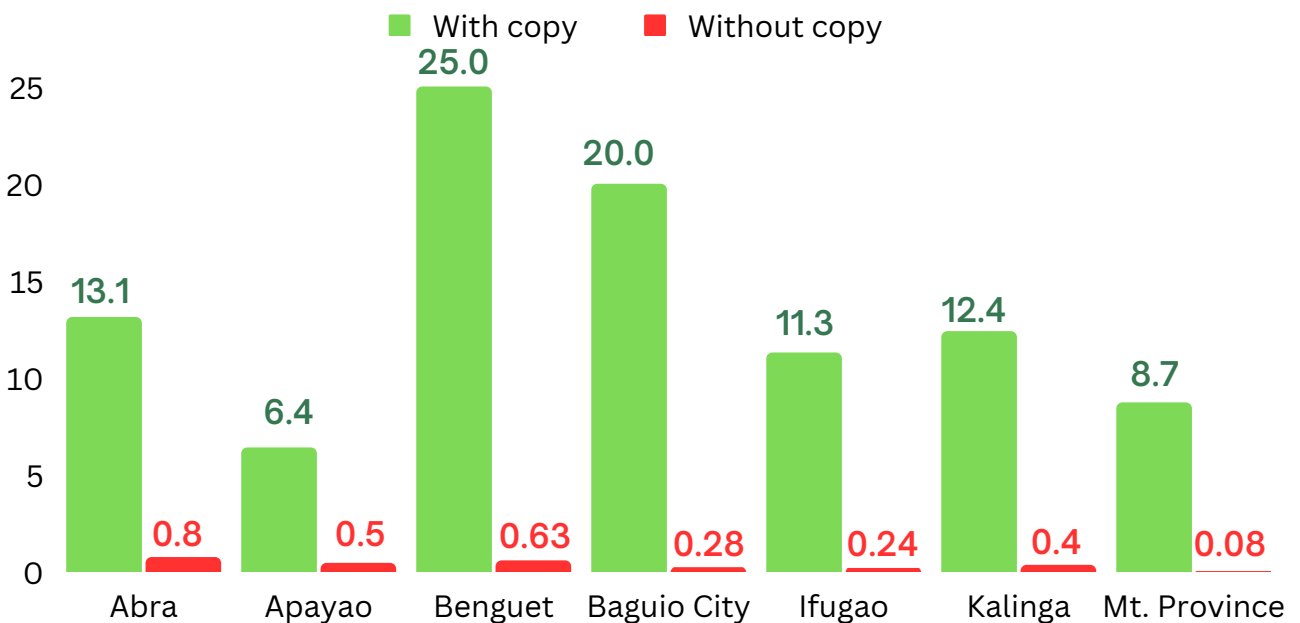*Source: Philippines Statistics Authority*

Among the 207,130 household population of Ifugao, there were 202,206 (97.62%) households with copies of their birth certificates in the province, while those without copies reached 4,377 in 2020. There were 545 people who didn't know if they had copies or not (Figure 4). One-fourth of the household population in Benguet had copies of their birth certificates. Only 11% of the population in Ifugao had copies (Figure 5).

Figure 4. Household Population with or without Copy of Birth Certificate: Ifugao, 2020

Source: Philippines Statistics Authority

Figure 5. Household Population with or without Copy of Birth Certificate: CAR, 2020 (in percent)

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Technical Notes

Birth Registration

The birth of a child is a special event in a family. This is also the event wherein the child will have a right to have a name through the registration of the child's birth. As embodied in Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, a child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, the right to acquire a nationality, and as far as possible, the right to know and
be cared for by their parents.

Birth registration is a fundamental child right and a critical tool for adequate protection from child labor, child marriage, sexual exploitation,and trafficking.

The registration of birth is fundamental to the realization of several rights and practical needs, including but not limited to the following:

 a. Providing access to health care;

 b. Providing access to immunization;

 c. Ensuring that the child enrolls in school at the right age;

 d. Enforcing laws relating to the minimum age for employment, increasing efforts to prevent child labor;

 e. Effectively countering the problem of girls forced into marriage before they are legally eligible, without proof of age;

 f. Ensuring that children in conflict with the law are given special protection and not treated (legally and practically) as adults;

 g. Protecting young people from under-age military service or conscription;

 h. Protecting children from harassment by police or other law enforcement officials;

 i. Protecting children who are trafficked and who are eventually repatriated and reunited with family members; and

 j. Getting a passport, opening a bank account, obtaining a credit card, voting, or finding employment.

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The statistics presented in this Special Release were based on the answers and information provided by the respondent or any responsible member of the household to the questions on birth registration about all the household members.

For the 2020 CPH, birth registration data of all household members were collected by asking the respondents, "Was _____'s birth registered with the Local Civil Registry Office?" and "Has _____ ever had a copy of his/her birth certificate?"

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