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Statistical Researcher and Team Supervisor visiting a sample household to test the literacy of the respondent.

## Bataan Ranked 8th Highest in Country's Basic and Functional Literacy Rates in 2024

Bataan recorded 93.6 percent Basic Functional Literacy Rate which is 8th highest across all provinces in the Philippines based on 2024 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey released in May 2025. This indicates that for every 100 individuals 5 years old and over in the province, nearly 94 individuals 5 years old and over can read, write, and compute.

In terms of sex, the basic literacy rate was higher for females at 94.0 percent compared to males at 93.3 percent for population 5 years old and over in 2024. For both basic and functional literacy, females have a higher rate compared to male. By age group, individuals in Bataan who are 25 to 29 years old had the highest basic literacy rate at 98.6 percent. On the other hand, the age group 60 years old and over reported the lowest at 89.6 percent.

The provincial figure is higher than the national level of Basic literacy rate

of 90.0 percent.

Basic literacy is defined as the ability of a person to read and write a simple message in any language or dialect with understanding, and to compute or perform basic mathematical operations.

Functional literacy is the ability of a person to read, write, compute and comprehend. In addition to the basic literacy skills, functional literacy includes higher levels of comprehension skills, such as integrating two or more pieces of information and making inferences based on the given information.

The 2024 FLEMMS is a nationwide household-based survey conducted by the PSA to provide a quantitative framework and reliable baseline that will guide the development and evaluation and literacy policies and program. In the province, there were 64 barangays where sample households were enumerated in September 2024.

MAY 2025



Registration Assistant Ryan G. Alcanzaren assists a client in capturing her biometrics during the ongoing National ID registration at the BGHMC OB Lounge.

## PSA Bataan Partners with Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center to Expand National ID Registration Services

Balanga City, Bataan - Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has officially launched its National ID registration at the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) compound through a new colocation set up on 01 May 2025. It is a continuous effort to make the National ID System more accessible to every Filipino.

The PSA initiated to conduct a National ID Registration to private and public hospitals to prioritize newborns, pregnant women, and other unregistered patients in the hospitals. The pilot registration at the BGHMC was held on 25 to 26 April 2025 that marked a successful start with fourteen (14) moms completing their biometrics and demographic capture.

Regular operations will proceed every Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting 28 to 29 April 2025, with the PSA Registration Kit Operator (RKO) and Registration Assistant (RA) assisting clients directly within the hospital premises. Other services such as Issuance of ePhilID, Issuance of Digital ID and Retrieval of Transaction Reference Numbers (TRN) are also included in the regular operation.

The government, through the PSA, remains committed to expanding public awareness by implementing information, education, and communication campaigns that highlight the functionalities and benefits of the National ID.

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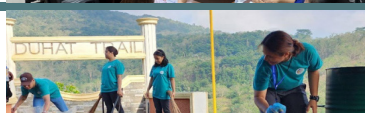
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 2025 Labor Day Celebration -DOLE Trade Fair



The Philippine Statistics Authority - Bataan was invited to the 2025 Labor Day Celebration organized by the Department of Labor and Employment on 01 May 2025 at Bataan People's Center, Balanga City, Bataan. The activity was to set up services and introduce the job vacancies from different agencies in Bataan. This initiative facilitates employment opportunities and promotes economic activity by job seekers with employers and provides access to various livelihood programs.

### Balanga Smart City Assessment Validation Workshop



Balanga City, Bataan - Through the guidance of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), conducted a three-day Smart City Validation Workshop and Visioning Activity from 20 to 22 May 2025 at the Bataan Tourism Pavilion. The Philippine Statistics Authority Bataan Information Systems Analyst II Kenneth Brian B. Landicho, various sectors in government, private organizations and civil society attended the event aimed at evaluating Balanga's current smart city initiatives and laying the foundation for its future development.

### Oath of Undertaking - Administrative Assistant II Serlee Ann B. Espiritu



Serlee Ann B. Espiritu, a former National ID Clerk took her oath as she was appointed as an Administrative Assistant II in the PSA Bataan on 20 May 2025 at the Regional Statistical Services Office III.

### DA-MAO-MA Meeting and Assessment



13 May 2025 - Balanga City, Bataan. The Philippine Statistics Authority Bataan attended the monthly meeting of the Department of Agriculture - Municipal Agricultural Officers - Municipal Agriculturists Meeting organized by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturists (OPA) of Bataan. This monthly meeting and assessment is to strengthen and update the agricultural activities in the province.

## FROM THE CSS: Francisco P. Corpuz



PSA Bataan employees add a touch of traditional accessory to their daily work.

## ASEAN Spirit: PSA Bataan Wears Symbolic Accessories on the First Monday of the Month

*"When all employees are involved, real change becomes possible"* Thereby, this month PSA Bataan actively conducted various surveys and partnered with stakeholders.

The ongoing 2024 Annual Survey on Philippine Business and Industry data collection phase that provides comprehensive information on the structure and performance of the country's economy. We encourage all selected establishments to support this survey by providing accurate and timely data. Your cooperation is instrumental in building a reliable and updated database. Additionally, a Quarterly Survey on Philippine Business and Industry was conducted this month and ends on 30 June 2025.

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Region III - Central Luzon referred to as a "Rice Granary of the Philippines". The Monthly Palay and Corn Situation Reporting System of the PSA was conducted in this month to monitor the growing conditions and actual plantings of palay and corn. We gather timely and relevant data from our farmer-producers to help assess trends in planting intentions, standing crops, and harvesting activities. The enumeration was started on 1 to 5 May 2025 and seven (7) barangays were visited in the province.

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The regional and provincial trainings for the Labor Force Survey were conducted this month. This survey gathers data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It is primarily geared towards the estimation of the levels of employment in the country specifically in the province. The enumeration was started on 08 to 30 May 2025.

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Additionally, the PSA Bataan delivers social responsibility by conducting a Clean Up Drive Campaign in different barangays in Bataan. We have two (2) barangays (Barangay Wawa Pagasa and General Lim, Orion, Bataan) visited in this month to fulfill our commitment not only to data and public service, but also to community welfare and environmental stewardship. This month, we focused on the municipality of Orion, identifying spots where residents find comfort and relaxation like in Duhat Trail, the spot of viewing Mt. Samat Cross. Our goal is to contribute to enhancing these areas. That is why we put in some trash bins and cleaned the benches, making them even more inviting and encouraging more tourists to visit.

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The implementation of ASEAN and Filipiniana-inspired official attire for government officials take us back to the Philippines Centennial era in 1998, when we were required to do the same. The same nostalgia that brings the new employees to keep in touch with the culture and roots of the region. This strong appreciation did not start on the first time - on the First Monday of May 2025, when we all wore ASEAN-inspired scarves. It was from the process we went through searching for the appropriate traditional garment or accessory that would best represent us as Filipino civil servants. This hopes to transcend simple gestures into cultural expression and exemplification of our Filipino values.

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Under the administrative scheme, our office is now closer to finally completing its roster of administrative officers, strengthening our capacity to deliver more efficient and coordinated services in the next succeeding months. Serlee Ann B. Espiritu took her oath as an Administrative Assistant II part of the significant step toward completing the office's full complement.

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As we continue to embrace national culture, with or without the need to change our ways of dressing up, may we discover the Filipino strength within us individually and collectively.

- Maraming Salamat at Mabuhay!





Statistical Specialist II Allan G. Bruno delivering the inflation rate reports in the province of Bataan

## Bataan Inflation Decelerates to -0.4% in April 2025

16 May 2025 - The Philippine Statistics Authority Bataan reports the overall inflation decelerated to -0.4 percent in April 2025 via Facebook livestream and Zoom. In March 2025, the inflation rate was recorded at -0.1 percent in April 2024, the inflation rate was at 3.2 percent.

Statistical Specialist II Allan G. Bruno delivered the inflation report in the province of Bataan and Information Officer I Tristan Espinosa acted as moderator during the conference. SS II Bruno stated that the downward trend in overall inflation in April 2025 was primarily brought about by the lower year-on-year growth in the index of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at -1.6 percent, from 0.0 percent last March 2025. This was followed by Transport at -3.5 from -2.2 percent last March 2025, and Information and Communication at -0.2 percent in April 2025, from 0.4 percent in March 2025.

Lower increments were also noted in the indices of the following commodity groups during the month: Furnishings, Household and Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance 0.9 percent

from 1.1 percent, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 7.4 percent from 7.7 percent, Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 2.1 percent from 2.2 percent and Clothing and Footwear, 0.2 percent from 0.3 Recreation, sport & culture, 1.2 percent from 1.3 percent.

On the contrary, the index of the following commodity group exhibited a higher annual increment in April 2025 compared to last March 2025. The food and Alcoholic Beverages, -0.5 percent from -0.9 percent, Health, 0.3 percent from 0.2 percent, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services, 1.4 percent from 1.3 percent. Meanwhile, the following commodity groups retained its respective index as last month's index: Education Services, 1.7 percent, and Financial Services, 0.0 percent.

In April 2025, the inflation rate for the Bottom 30% Income Households was recorded at -0.9 percent, compared to 2.4 percent in April 2024.

The annual inflation rate in Central Luzon decreased to 1.3 percent in April 2025 compared to March 2025. The national level decreased at 1.4 percent in April 2025 compared to March 2025.

LIVESTOCK/ POULTRY	Inventory (in heads)		Percent Change (in %)
	01 January 2024	01 January 2025	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,959,807</b>	<b>2,891,428</b>	<b>47.54</b>
<b>Livestock</b>	<b>107,204</b>	<b>123,734</b>	<b>15.42</b>
Carabao	4,403	4,445	0.95
Cattle	24,953	22,870	-8.35
Goat	44,703	42,703	-4.47
Swine	33,145	53,716	62.06
<b>Poultry</b>	<b>1,852,603</b>	<b>2,767,694</b>	<b>49.39</b>
Duck	275,214	252,840	-8.13
Chicken	1,577,389	2,514,854	59.43
Broiler	1,256,428	2,012,171	60.15
Layer	240,388	431,044	79.31
Native/ Improved	80,573	71,639	-11.09

## PSA Updates on the Inventory of Live Stock and Poultry Report in the Province of Bataan

Through the two (2) surveys, namely, Live Stock and Poultry Surveys, the PSA collected to update on the total report of inventory that serves as a ready reference for the various clients and stakeholders.

The total inventory of livestock and poultry in the province of Bataan as of 01 January 2025 reached 2,891,428 heads which was 47.54 percent

higher than the recorded total inventory of 1,959,807 heads as of 01 January 2024. Livestock inventory as of 01 January 2025 increased by 15.42 percent compared to the inventory as of 01 January 2024. Similarly, poultry inventory also increased by 49.39 percent.

In terms of animal type, carabao and swine increased with 0.95 percent and 62.06 percent. On the other hand, cattle and goats decreased with 8.35 percent and 4.47 percent.



Registration Officer I Jherico Ryan G. Herrera talking through the 10 Leading Causes of Death in Bataan.

## Inter-Agency Committee Gathers to Streamline the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in the Province

28 May 2025 - The Philippine Statistics Authority Bataan conducted the 10th Consultative Meeting for the Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics at Provincial Statistical Office Bataan. The committee focuses on initiatives designed to update civil registration and vital statistics data for informed decision-making in the province.

Supervising Statistical Specialist Richard T. Guevara acts as an Officer-In-Charge in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson due to their equally important matters. The meeting was attended by the representatives from the partner agencies, Bataan League of Civil Registrar, Provincial Health Office, Department of Education Schools Division Office, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Department of Interior and Local Government Field Office, and Provincial Population Office.

Registration Officer I Lea Angeli E. Gabriel presented the process of mandatory verification of octogenarians, nonagenarians and centenarians as part of the Memo circular 2024-17A or the additional requirements for delayed registration of birth to prevent fraudulent registrations and to target the many elderly individuals who may have lived for decades without official documentation. This process affirms their identity and confirms they are indeed Filipino citizens, which is crucial for accessing government programs specially on their birth certificate. Registration Officer I Jherico Ryan G. Herrera discussed the ten (10) leading causes of death in Bataan and the municipalities with highest and lowest mortality rate according to place of registration.

Additionally, PSA Bataan proposed to create a Technical Working Group for information materials for permanent validity of Certificate of Live Birth, Marriage and Death (RA 11909) with the guidelines for delayed registration of birth (MC No. 2024-17A) to promote the public awareness and compliance for the civil registrations in the province. This initiative of the PSA will help to centralize in communicating the same information and requirements to clients in all partner agencies.

This consultative meeting was set to enhance and update the civil registrations and vital statistics in Bataan. Municipal Civil Registrar Cristina A. De Jesus reminded the committee on the standard processes to maintain the integrity of the documents they release. MCR De Jesus also shared their experiences on the fraudulent registrations.

The PSA Bataan together with the partner agencies continue its mission to improve the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of vital statistics data for use in planning, legislation, and development programs.





Information Officer I Tristan Espinosa discussing the different formats of National ID.



## PSA Bataan Distributes ePhilIDs and Promotes National ID Awareness Campaign at Dunlop AFAB, Mariveles

Mariveles, Bataan — The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Bataan conducted ePhilID distributions to 38 employees of Dunlop Mariveles and distribution of informational stickers to private financial services on 20 May 2025 in Mariveles and Balanga City.

This task aligns with PSA Bataan's undertaking to support both public and private sector employees by ensuring they are equipped with valid proof of identity that is recognized nationwide. Through this action, PSA Bataan aims to raise awareness about the multiple forms

of the National ID and to encourage wider public understanding and acceptance.

The activity demonstrates the agency's effort in bringing essential services closer to the workforce, helping streamline processes for employees, and supporting employers in identity verification and documentation.

The government, through the PSA, remains committed to expanding public awareness by implementing information, education, and communication campaigns that highlight the functionalities and benefits of the National ID.



PSA Bataan personnel actively collecting plastic waste and used bottles as part of the clean-up initiative.

## PSA Bataan Leads the Second Visit Clean Up Drive Campaign at Duhat Trail, General Lim, Orion to Promote Environmental Activity

The Provincial Statistical Office of Bataan and Barangay Officials from General Lim, Orion, Bataan conducted the Second Visit Clean Up Drive Campaign held at Duhat Trail, General Lim, Orion, Bataan on 14 May 2025. This second visit enhanced the greener tourist areas in Duhat Trail.

PSO Bataan intensified its efforts by maximizing the use of trash bins and waste bags throughout the area. The initiative aims to strengthen collaboration with other agencies in promoting environmental responsibility among residents. Through coordinated clean-up drive activity—particularly in tourist spots like the Duhat Trail—the campaign seeks not only to remove litter and restore natural beauty, but also to raise awareness and encourage behavioral change toward proper waste disposal and environmental stewardship.

The activity starts with a courtesy call from the barangay and assigned personnel of Duhat Trail Area before conducting the said activity. Information Officer I Tristan Espinosa,

emphasized the importance of this initiative in his orientation and thanked the participants for this second visit activity.

PSA Bataan makes one way forward in thPSA Bataan makes one way forward in this initiative headed by the Chief Statistical Specialist, Francisco P. Corpuz and the barangay officials who helped to clean the area specifically on the sidewalk and benches in the area were different from the view spot of Mt. Samat located.

The Local Government of Orion continues to improve the cleanliness of the area by providing a barangay tanod to easily address the concern of the local tourist and to navigate the spot where the people can enjoy the serenity of the nature vibes.

This activity will bring people, especially the residents in the Municipality of Orion, to be responsible for the cleanliness of the land areas. Participants believe that clean up drive helps to connect people in the community to the benefits of trees and foster environmental stewardship.



## The highest number of deaths due to land transport accidents happened in 2022 in the last five (5) years

In Bataan, the highest number of deaths due to land transport accidents has been in 2022 at 129 recorded deaths by place of occurrence, based on the 2019 to 2023 Vital Statistics Report.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) noted that the latest number of deaths in the province due to land transport accidents declined to 105 in 2023 from 129 in 2022, which broke the increasing numbers since the pandemic in 2020. 141 deaths in 2016 was the highest reported since 2010. This is almost four times the figure of the lowest reported death of 64 in 2010.

There is no sex aggregated data released for the province. However, it is interesting to note that across the country, there were five males (10,509) in every one female (2,220) who died due to land transport accidents in 2023.

Data on deaths are based on registration at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars nationwide and submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar General; derived from Certificate of Death-Municipal Form No. 103). Further, the Causes of death are coded based on the ICD-10 Rules and Guidelines (ICD codes V01-V89).

### VISION

Solid, responsive, and world-class authority on quality statistics, efficient civil registration, and inclusive identification system.

### MISSION

Deliver relevant and reliable statistics, efficient civil registration services and inclusive identification system for equitable development towards improved quality of life for all.

### CORE VALUES

- Integrity. We observe the highest standards of professional behavior by exemplifying impartiality and independence in everything we do.
- Transparency. We ensure transparency in all interactions and transactions to build and nurture trust inside and outside the PSA.
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