In terms of birth weight the ideal or standard weight of newborn is 2,500 grams or more. In year 2011, only 12.88% of the total newborn babies reached the standard weight. Those who weighed less were computed at 78.54% and around 8.58% were not indicated. The percentage of underweight babies even grew to 95.39% in 2012 such that only 4.49% had the standard weight. This trend was reversed during the succeeding years from 2013 to 2015 wherein the ideal weight of newborns reached an average of 94.44%.

Table D.8
PERCENTAGE OF NATALITY BY BIRTH WEIGHT
Province of Bataan
CY 2011-2015

Description	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	No.	%								
Less 2,500 gms.	10,725	78.54	13,038	95.39	488	3.72	765	6.59	708	5.76
2,500 gms. or more	1,759	12.88	614	4.49	12,584	96.05	10,822	93.25	11,564	94.03
Unknown	1,172	8.58	16	0.12	29	0.22	18	0.16	26	0.21
TOTAL	13,656	100%	13,668	100%	13,101	100%	11,605	100%	12,298	100%

SOURCE: PHO sep 2015 :natality by sex

