

What's in a Name? Marriage, Cohabitation and Legitimacy of Births

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About this presentation

Descriptive, examines trends and patterns of births and marriage, and their intersection via legitimacy status of births.

Uses CRVS data on births and marriages

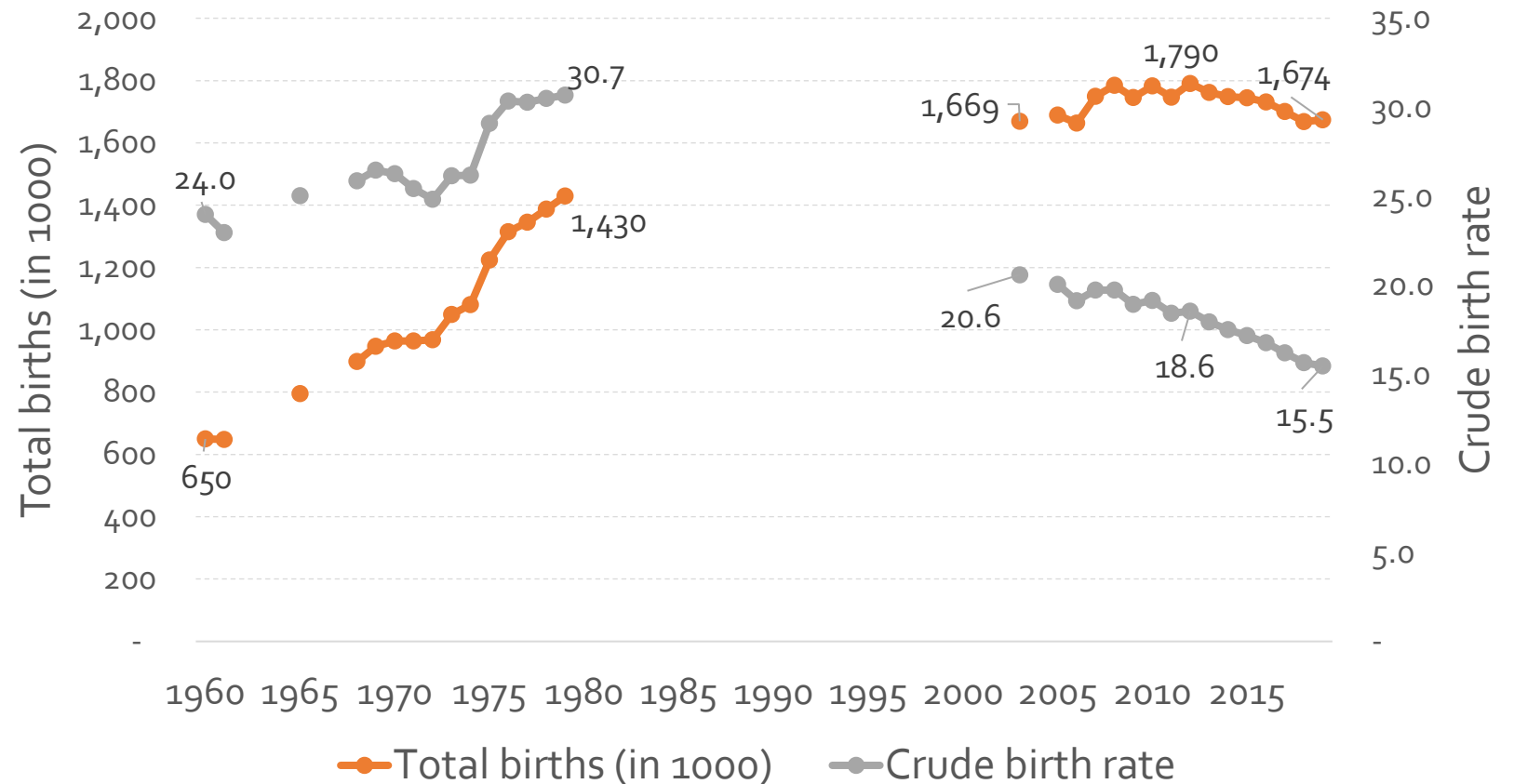
Provides insights and recommendations to improve the availability of data for analysis



There is a declining number of births in recent years.



Number of births (in 1000s) and crude birth rates, Philippines: 1960-2019



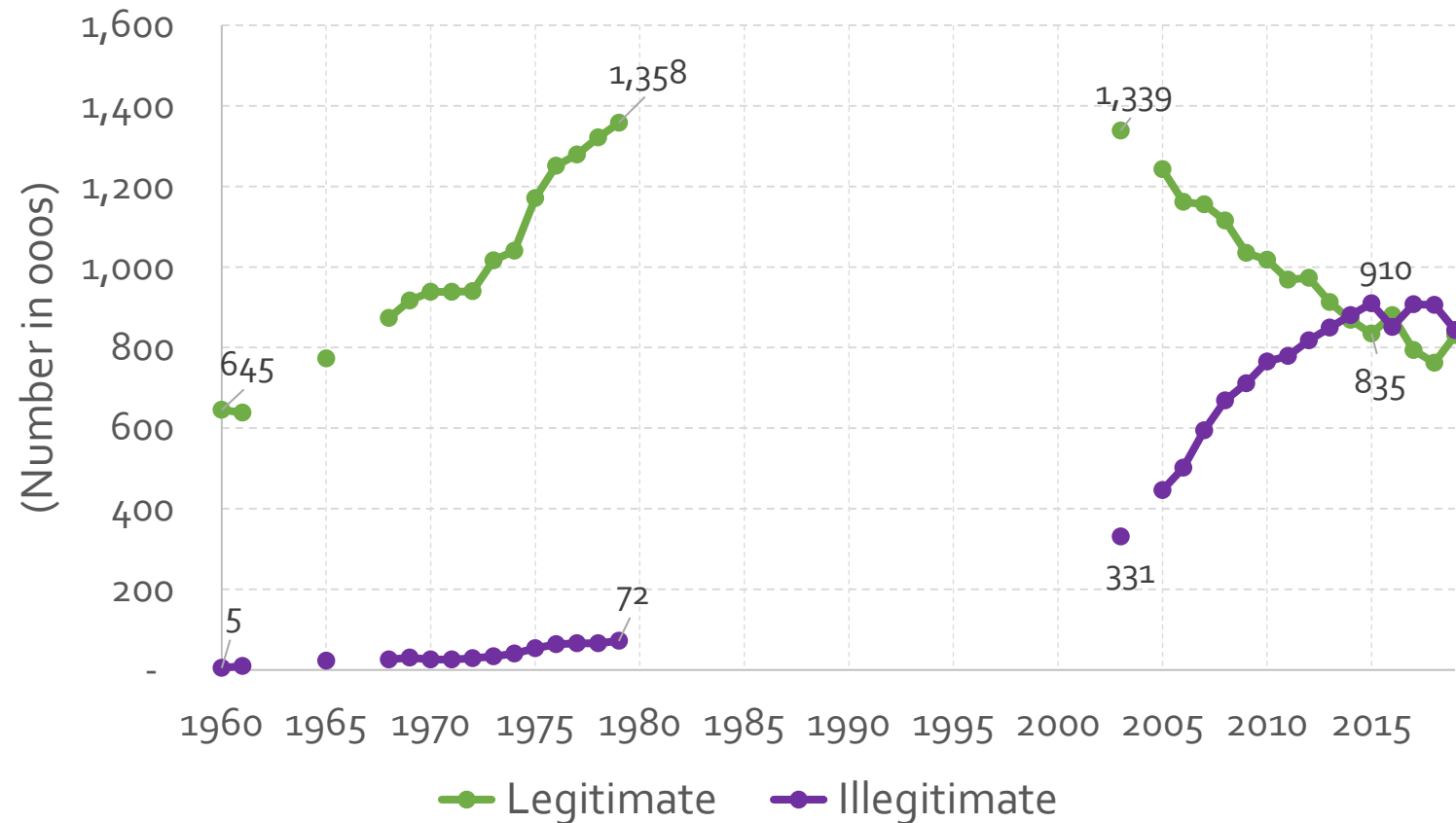
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Note: There were no published data for some years in the 1960s and for the period 1980 to 2002, 2004.

Over the years, majority of the births were legitimate but by 2014, only half of the births were legitimate.



Number of legitimate and illegitimate births (in 1000s), Philippines: 1960-2019

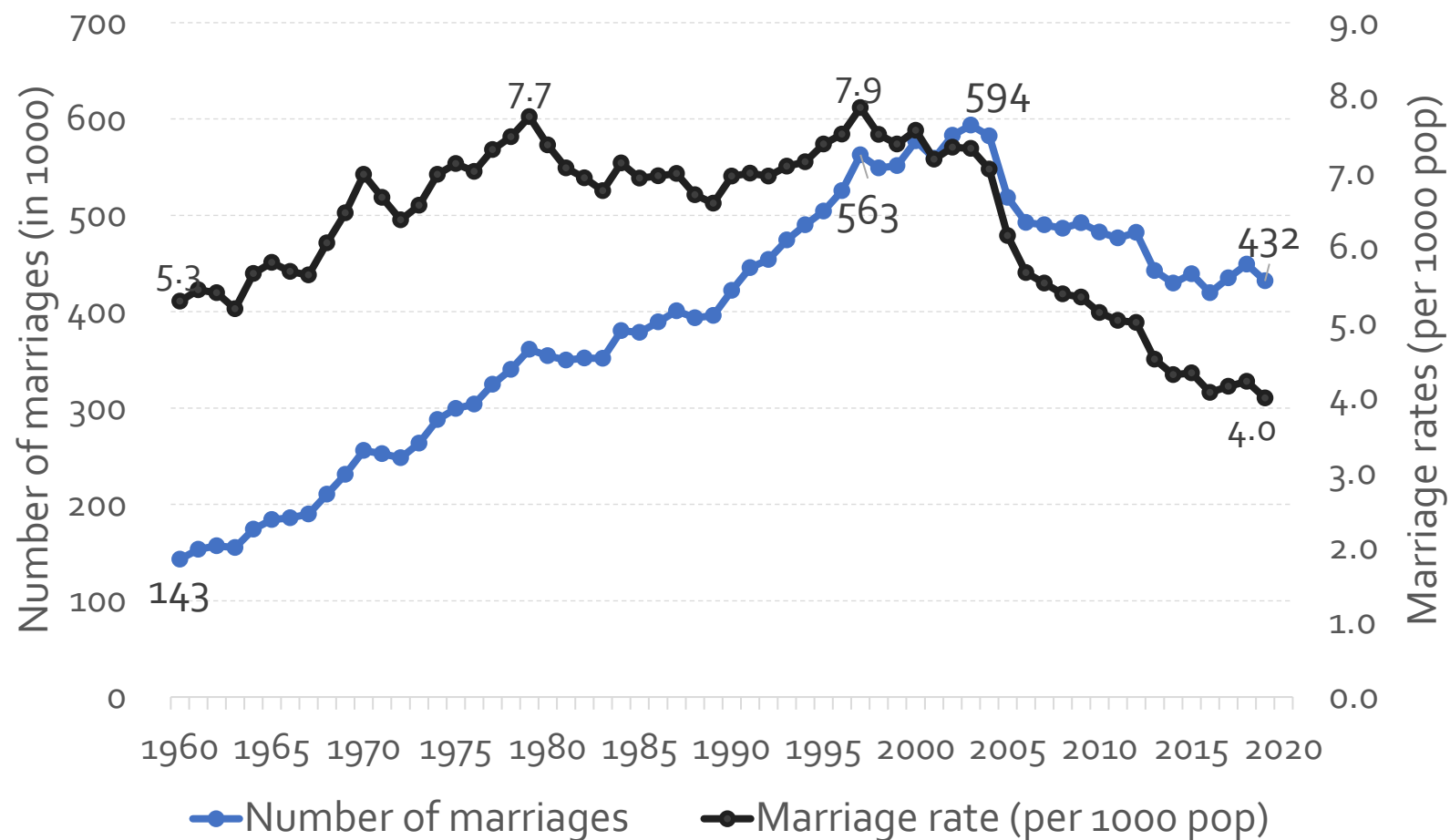


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The number of marriages peaked at 594 thousand in 2003; crude marriage rates have declined

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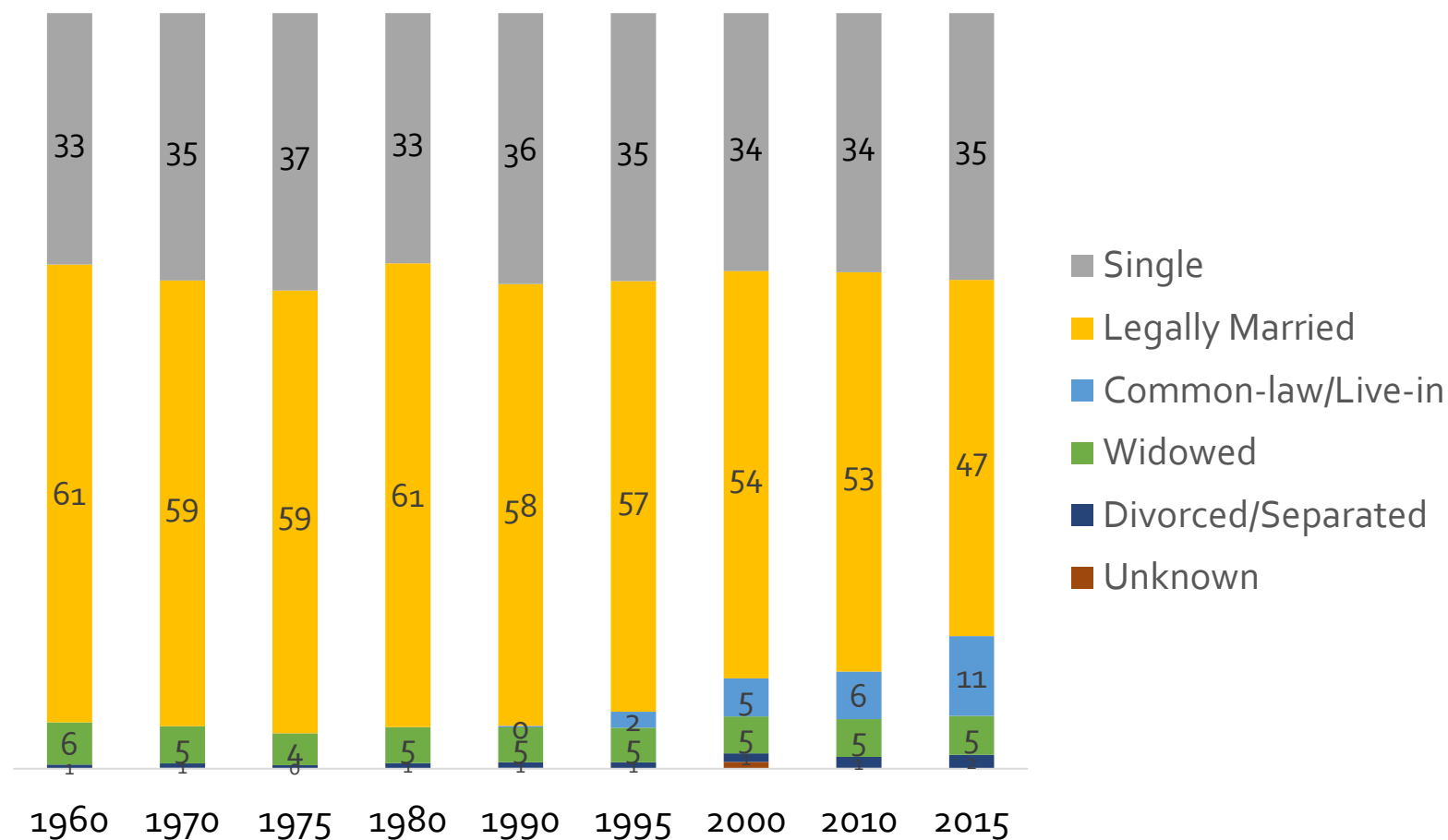


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Since 1990, the percentage legally married is declining while the percentage cohabiting or living-together consensually has been increasing.



Percentage distribution of the population ages 15 years and over by marital status, Philippines: 1960-2015

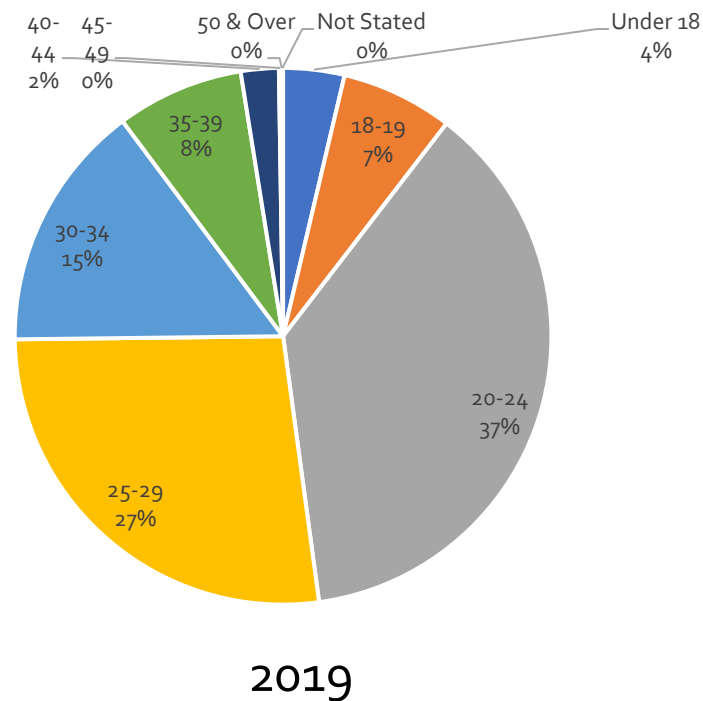
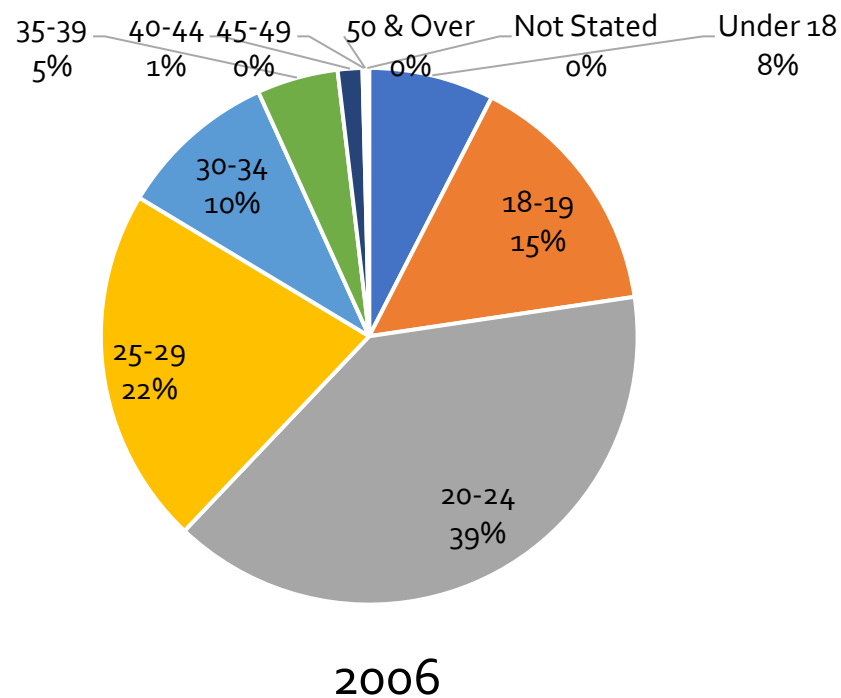


Source: Various census report

Note: For census years before 1990, "married" includes both the legally married and those living together consensually

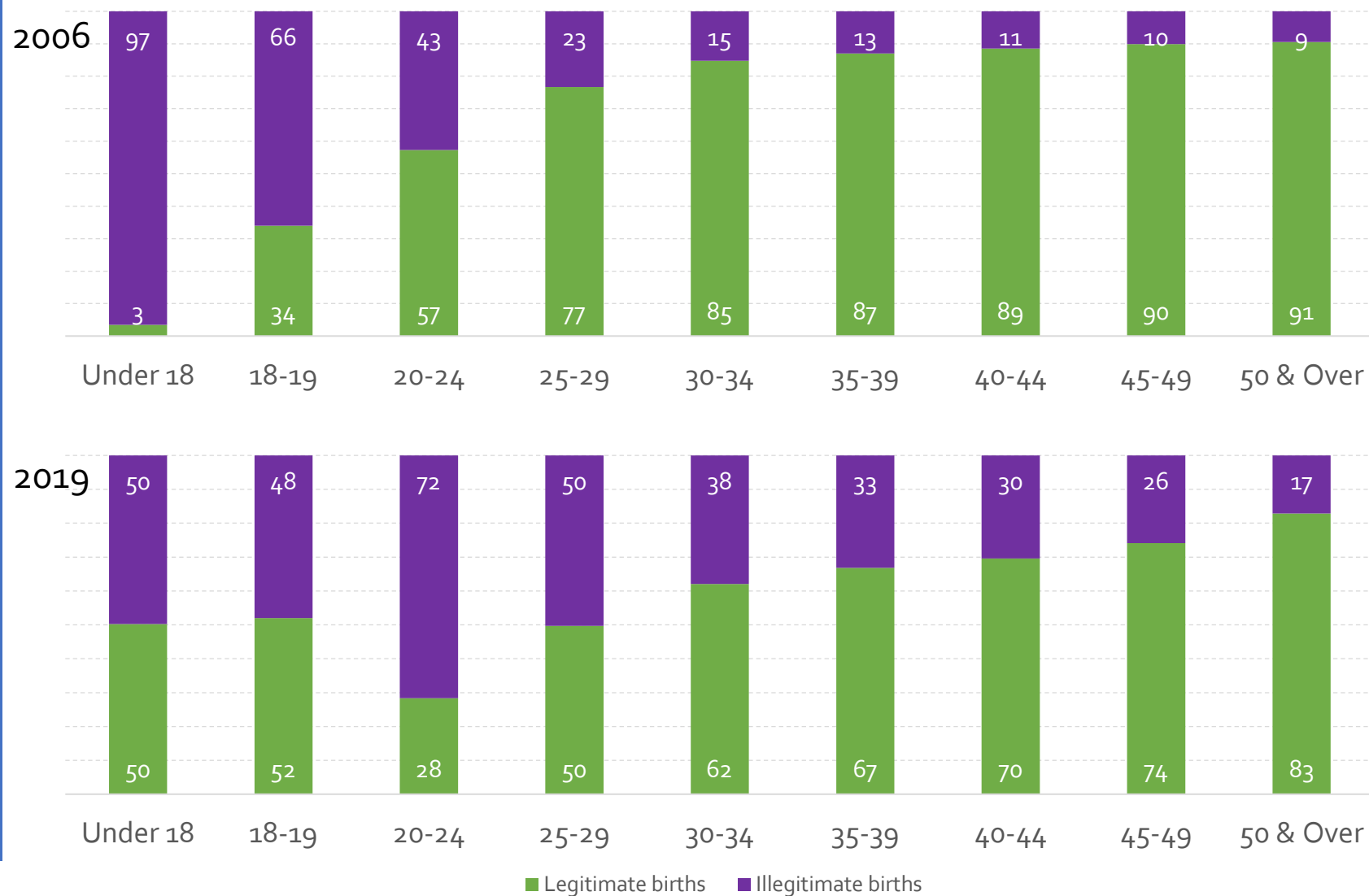
Illegitimate births are mostly from women in their 20s to early 30s

Percentage distribution of illegitimate births by age groups, Philippines: 2006 and 2019



There is a decreasing proportion of illegitimate births as the mother ages; between 2006 and 2019, illegitimate births decreased among teens but increased among the older mothers.

Percentage distribution of births by age of mother and by status of birth, Philippines: 2006 and 2019



What do these trends and patterns suggest?

Delinking of marriage and childbearing in the Philippines

Based on other survey data, attitudes toward unmarried childbearing is generally becoming acceptable



What's in a name?

Prior to RA 9055, qualitative data indicates that getting married legally is a solution to have children carry their father's last name.

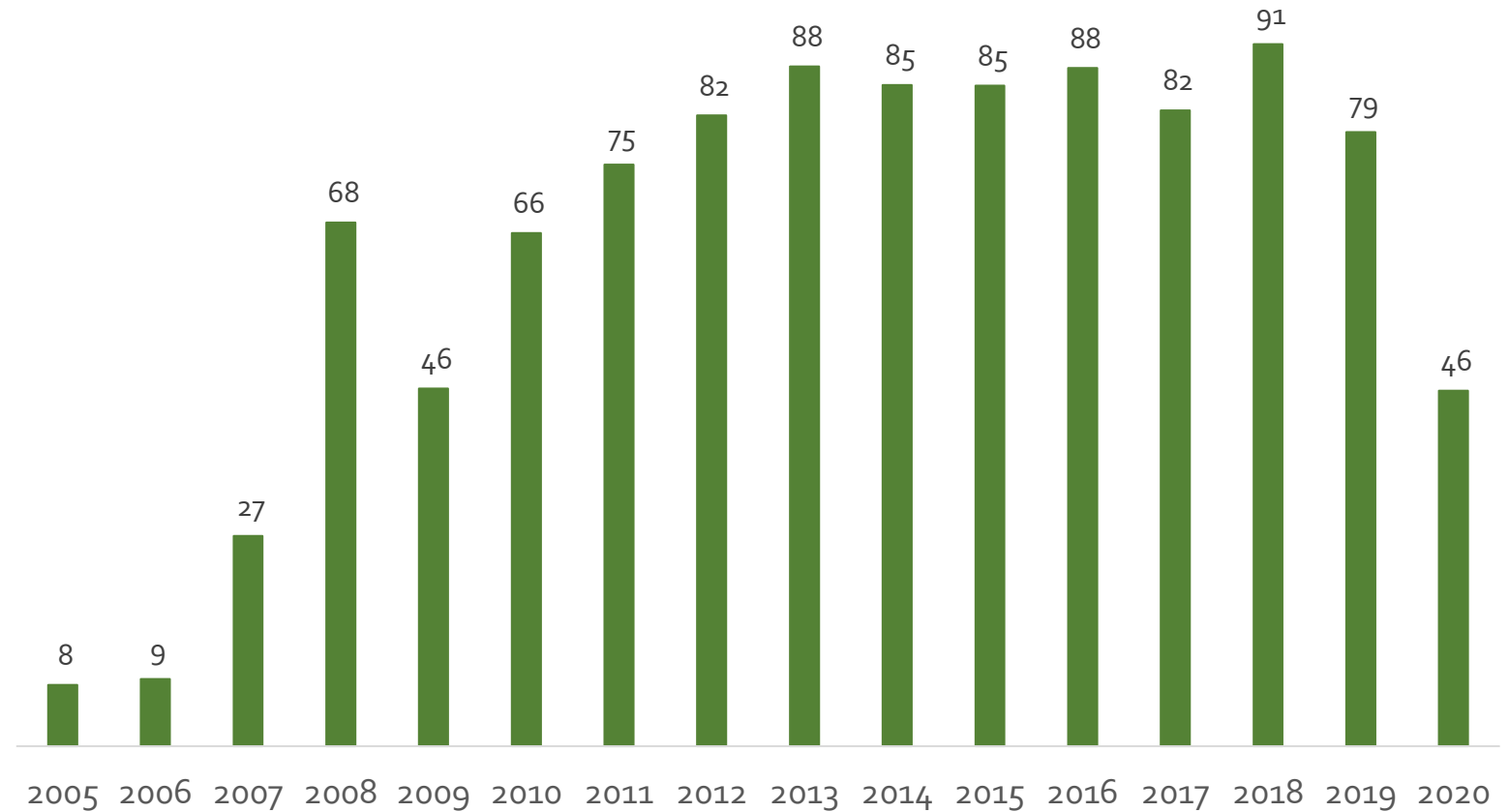
Stigma

RA 9055 does not remove the “illegitimate” status of a child, RA 9858 does

An average of 65 thousand legitimations are processed each year from 2005 to 2019



Number of legitimations (in 1000s) by year, Philippines: 2005-2020



The CRVS data



The CRVS is a very good source of information beside the requisite certifications it accords the people.

Suggestions:

That all data in the forms be included in the database and provided to those who request for them, not just a few.

Add information on legitimation and other annotations in the database.

Thank you!



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