



SURVEILLANCE PERINATAL INDICATORS: ANNUAL REPORT BRITISH COLUMBIA RESIDENTS DELIVERING IN BC

Indicator	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10	2010/ 11	2011/ 12	2012/ 13	2013/ 14
Deliveries (Mothers) - Number	40,016	40,355	41,536	43,498	44,063	44,374	43,359	43,596	43,906	43,148
Maternal Age at Delivery (mean in years)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	31
Maternal Age at Delivery ≥35 Years (rate per 100 deliveries)	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.6	22.7	22.7	23.3	23.2	23.8	24.3
Maternal Age at First Delivery (mean in years)	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29
Maternal Age at First Delivery ≥35 Years (rate per 100 first time deliveries)	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.5	15.3	16.1	16.0	16.7	17.1
First Time Mothers (rate per 100 deliveries)	46.0	46.1	46.5	46.5	46.6	46.9	47.4	46.2	46.5	46.3
First Time Mothers with <5 Antenatal Visits (rate per 100 first time deliveries)	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.7
Pre-Pregnancy BMI ≥30 kg/m ² (rate per 100 mothers)	11.2	11.4	11.7	12.1	12.8	12.9	13.3	12.9	13.0	13.6
Unknown Pre-Pregnancy BMI (rate per 100 deliveries)	30.5	30.1	32.2	34.0	35.5	33.9	29.6	26.8	24.8	24.1
Smoking During Pregnancy (rate per 100 deliveries)	11.0	10.3	10.7	10.0	9.9	8.9	8.5	8.2	7.4	7.4
Labour Induction (rate per 100 deliveries)	20.2	21.1	21.4	21.4	20.5	20.9	21.4	21.2	20.4	21.2
Intermittent Auscultation Only (rate per 100 deliveries with labour)	18.6	20.3	22.5	23.7	24.6	29.0	31.1	31.1	31.5	31.3
Epidural Use in First Time Mothers with Labour (rate per 100 first time mothers with labour)	46.3	46.3	47.5	48.0	47.6	47.2	49.6	50.7	51.2	51.2
Cesarean Delivery (rate per 100 deliveries)	29.3	29.7	29.8	30.6	30.2	30.2	30.7	30.9	31.2	31.5
Delivery Care Provider (rate per 100 deliveries)										
Obstetrician	50.8	50.1	50.7	50.0	49.3	49.8	50.0	50.5	51.0	50.2
Family Physician	40.8	40.9	39.8	39.7	39.1	37.9	36.8	35.4	34.3	33.9
Midwife	4.8	5.3	5.7	6.3	7.5	8.7	10.0	11.0	11.9	13.2
Other	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.7
Postpartum Length of Stay after Vaginal Delivery (mean in hours)	43.3	43.2	42.8	40.8	40.9	40.1	40.0	40.2	40.0	39.9
Postpartum Length of Stay after Cesarean Delivery (mean in hours)	80.2	79.1	76.6	76.1	74.7	72.7	72.3	72.0	70.6	69.9
Births (Babies) - Number	40,621	41,021	42,198	44,206	44,750	45,131	44,049	44,341	44,634	43,893
Crude Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 total births)	7	8	9	8	9	11	10	10	9	11
Stillbirth Rate ≥500 g (per 1,000 total births ≥500 g)	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.1
Multiple Births (rate per 100 live births)	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.3
Preterm Births <37 Weeks (rate per 100 live births)	9.3	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2
Spontaneous	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.4
Iatrogenic	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.8
Infants Receiving Exclusive Breast Milk During Birth Admission (rate per 100 live term births)	71.7	72.1	70.6	69.9	70.1	72.4	71.5	72.7	72.3	73.0

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All pregnancy outcomes that satisfy the definition of live birth or stillbirth (including pregnancy terminations) are included.

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