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## **General Notes**

This report is based on delivery, postpartum transfer/readmission, newborn, and newborn transfer/readmission records submitted to Perinatal Services BC's British Columbia Perinatal Data Registry (BCPDR). The registry captures >99% of deliveries and births that occur in the province.

Records used to generate this report meet the following conditions:

- Mother delivery and baby newborn records must be linked. Unlinked mother delivery or newborn records are excluded (<0.2% of babies are not linked to a mother).
- Complete late terminations are excluded from all indicators except the Crude Stillbirth Rate; pregnancies involving selective fetal reduction are retained.
- Mother's delivery record has a discharge date between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2019.
- Fiscal years begin on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year. Fiscal year is based on the mother's discharge date from the delivery admission.
- Resident Health Authority was derived by linking the postal code on the mother's delivery record with the September 2016 version of BC Stats' Geocoding Self Service translation file.
- Rates with numerators of 1-4 cases are not reported (NR).

### **Terms used in the Perinatal Health Report (see specifications on pages 99 and 100)**

#### **Delivery Admission<sup>1</sup>**

- Record of care provided between admission to acute care and discharge from acute care for delivery of a baby. Woman can be discharged to home or to another hospital. OR
- Record of care provided by a registered midwife for deliveries at home.

#### **Delivery Episode of Care**

- Total time woman spent in one or more hospitals, beginning from admission to hospital for delivery of a baby. Includes the Delivery Admission and all acute care episodes captured in the BCPDR where the woman was discharged from one hospital and admitted directly to a different hospital.

#### **Maternal Admission**

- Any record of maternal care received by the BCPDR. Includes deliveries at home with a registered midwife, admissions to acute care for delivery, and postpartum readmissions or transfers within 42 days of delivery.

<sup>1</sup>NOTE: Until March 31, 2014, if a woman who delivered at home with a registered midwife was admitted to acute care within 24 hours of delivery, the acute care admission was her Delivery Admission and the transfer was not recorded. Effective April 1, 2014, all deliveries at home with a registered midwife have home as the location of the Delivery Admission. All admissions to acute care within 42 days, including those within 24 hours of delivery, are counted as Post-Delivery Admissions.

### Post-Delivery Admission<sup>1</sup>

- Any record of post-delivery maternal care received by the BCPDR. Includes acute care episodes that are transfers from another hospital and admissions from home, up to 42 days after delivery.

### Birth Admission<sup>1</sup>

- Record of care provided between baby's birth and discharge from acute care after birth. Baby can be discharged home or to another hospital. OR
- Record of care provided by a registered midwife for births at home.

### Birth Episode of Care

- Total time baby spent in hospital between birth and discharge home. Includes the Birth Admission and all acute care episodes captured in the BCPDR where baby was discharged from one hospital and admitted directly to a different hospital.

### Baby Admission

- Any record of baby care received by the BCPDR. Includes births at home with a registered midwife, admissions to acute care from birth, neonatal readmissions or transfers before 28 days of age, and continuous episodes of care (never discharged to home) from birth up to one year of age.

### Post-Neonatal Admission<sup>1</sup>

- Any record of post-birth baby care received by the BCPDR. Includes acute care episodes that are transfers from another hospital and admissions from home, up to 28 days after birth.

<sup>1</sup>NOTE: Until March 31, 2014, if a woman who delivered at home with a registered midwife was admitted to acute care within 24 hours of delivery, the acute care admission was her Delivery Admission and the transfer was not recorded. Effective April 1, 2014, all deliveries at home with a registered midwife have home as the location of the Delivery Admission. All admissions to acute care within 42 days, including those within 24 hours of delivery, are counted as Post-Delivery Admissions.