

**TABLE 5.01 MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
 NUMBER OF ANTENATAL VISITS**

Number of antenatal visits	Mothers	
	No.	%
Less than 2	760	1.6
2 or more	46,669	98.4
Not stated	21	0.0
Total	47,450	100.0

TABLE 5.02 **MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998**
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS DELIVERIES BY AGE OF MOTHER

Number of previous deliveries	Age of mother (years)							
	Under 20		20 - 34		35 and over		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	2,481	80.4	14,706	38.9	1,322	20.3	18,509	39.0
1	525	17.0	13,183	34.8	2,000	30.7	15,708	33.1
2	66	2.1	6,318	16.7	1,532	23.5	7,916	16.7
3	12	0.4	2,295	6.1	857	13.2	3,164	6.7
4	-	-	824	2.2	403	6.2	1,227	2.6
5 or more	-	-	522	1.4	402	6.2	924	1.9
Not stated	1	0.0	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	3,085	100.0	37,849	100.0	6,516	100.0	47,450	100.0

TABLE 5.03 MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF MOTHER

Condition ^(a)	Mothers	
	No.	%
Asthma	1,719	3.6
Streptococcal infection	587	1.2
Essential hypertension	457	1.0
Disorder of thyroid gland	334	0.7
Epilepsy	284	0.6
Active genital herpes	276	0.6
Heart murmur	261	0.6
Anaemia	203	0.4
Viral hepatitis	184	0.4
Diabetes mellitis	183	0.4
Migraine	53	0.1
Influenza	25	0.1
All mothers	47,450	

(a) Reporting of multiple conditions was permitted for each delivery, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

Although the level of reporting continued to increase in 1998, it is suspected that there is still some under-reporting of medical conditions and pregnancy complications.

For 8,098 (17.1 per cent) mothers at least one medical condition was reported. The changes in this proportion over the previous years is most likely attributable to improved reporting practices and more recently changes in form design. From July 1994 the MR63D (Perinatal Data form) was amended to improve the reporting of Asthma as a **current** medical condition that affected management of the pregnancy. It is suspected that the fall in the reporting of Asthma is a result of this form change.

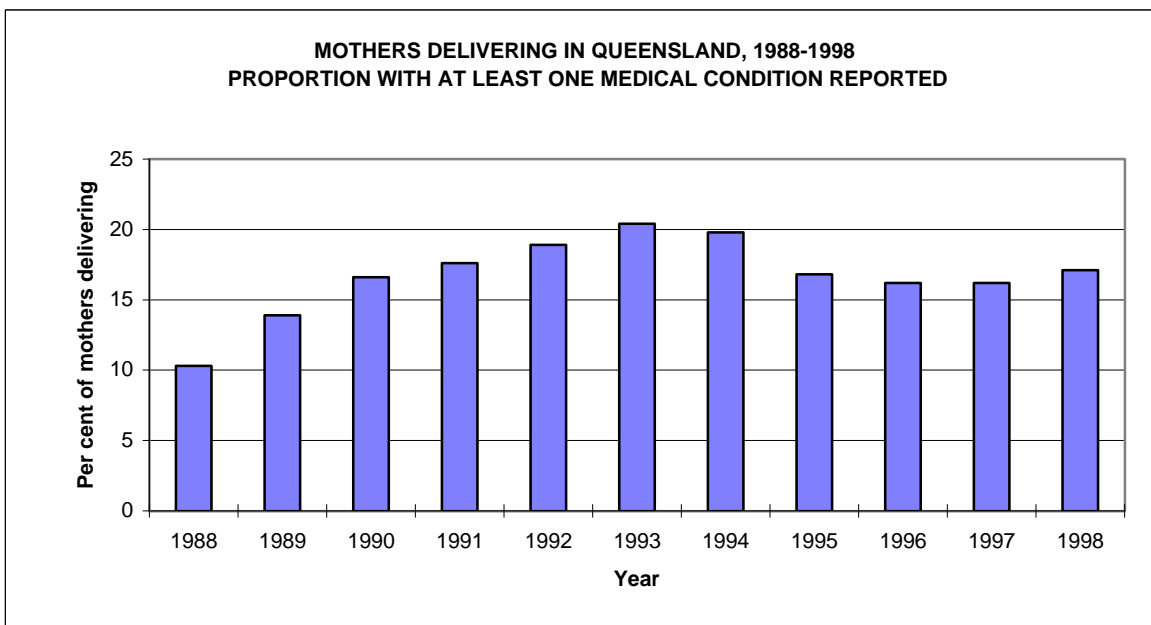


TABLE 5.04

MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS

Complication ^(a)	Mothers	
	No.	%
Uterine scar from previous surgery	5,792	12.2
Prolonged pregnancy	4,539	9.6
Hypertension complicating pregnancy (includes pre-eclampsia and eclampsia)	4,217	8.9
Rupture of membranes >4 hrs before labour (<24 hrs before delivery)	2,856	6.0
Rupture of membranes >24 hrs before delivery	1,586	3.3
Gestational diabetes	1,431	3.0
Antepartum haemorrhage, abruption placentae and placenta praevia	1,385	2.9
Early or threatened labour	1,292	2.7
Haemorrhage in early pregnancy	1,086	2.3
Infections of genitourinary tract	986	2.1
All mothers	47,450	

(a) Reporting of multiple conditions was permitted for each delivery, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

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Although the level of reporting continued to improve in 1998, it is suspected that there is still some under-reporting of medical conditions and pregnancy complications.

For 24,710r (52.1 per cent) mothers at least one pregnancy complication was reported. The increase in this proportion over previous years is most likely attributable to improved reporting and processing practices.

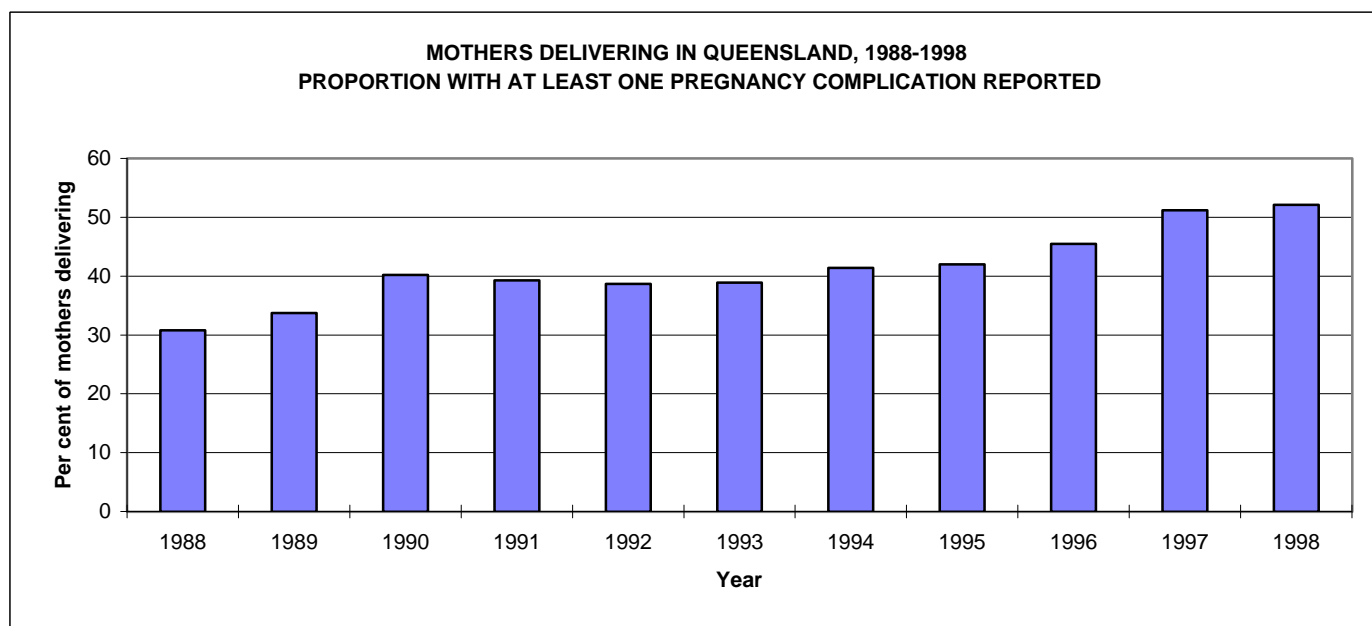


TABLE 5.05

MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
ANTENATAL TRANSFER STATUS BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER

Antenatal Transfer Status	Indigenous Status of Mother									
	Aboriginal		Torres Strait Islander		Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander		Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander		Total ^(a)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Not transferred	1,874	88.5	492	94.4	84	91.3	43,864	98.1	46,320	97.6
Transferred	244	11.5	29	5.6	8	8.7	848	1.9	1,129	2.4
<i>Transferred - before labour</i>	140	6.6	24	4.6	7	7.6	572	1.3	743	1.6
<i>Transferred - during labour</i>	103	4.9	5	1.0	1	1.1	275	0.6	384	0.8
<i>Not stated</i>	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	2	0.0
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
Total	2,118	100.0	521	100.0	92	100.0	44,713	100.0	47,450	100.0

(a) Includes mothers with a not stated Indigenous status.

TABLE 5.06 MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
REASON FOR ANTENATAL TRANSFER BY INDIGENOUS STATUS OF MOTHER

Reason ^(a)	Indigenous status of mother					
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Early/threatened labour	35	12.5	162	19.1	197	17.4
Premature/prolonged rupture of membranes	25	8.9	137	16.2	162	14.3
Hypertension	26	9.3	109	12.9	135	12.0
Antepartum haemorrhage	10	3.6	55	6.5	65	5.8
Obstructed/abnormal labour	4	1.4	42	5.0	46	4.1
Malpresentation of fetus	7	2.5	31	3.7	38	3.4
Administrative reasons	9	3.2	21	2.5	30	2.7
Multiple pregnancy	2	0.7	24	2.8	26	2.3
Gestational diabetes	12	4.3	4	0.5	16	1.4
Previous Caesarean	5	1.8	9	1.1	14	1.2
Other	163	58.0	357	42.1	520	46.1
Mothers transferred antenatally	281		848		1,129	

(a) Reporting of multiple reasons was permitted for each delivery, so numbers cannot be cumulated.