

Although quality checks are performed routinely to detect movement between birth centres and their main hospital, some concern remains regarding reporting of antenatal and postnatal transfers. Birth centre data are captured as separate facilities in the Perinatal Collection although all birth centres in Queensland are physically located on public hospital campuses.

It is suspected that not all planned homebirths are reported to the Perinatal Collection.

Data presented in this profile is intended to provide a basic source of information into the outcomes of mothers and babies utilising the main types of services available in Queensland. It is not intended as an evaluation of those services and should not be used as such. The issues surrounding choice availability, suitability, and access to maternity services are complex and individual to each mother. Therefore, direct comparison of outcomes between the main types of services is not possible at this level of analysis. Caution should also be used when interpreting data based on small numbers.

**MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH**

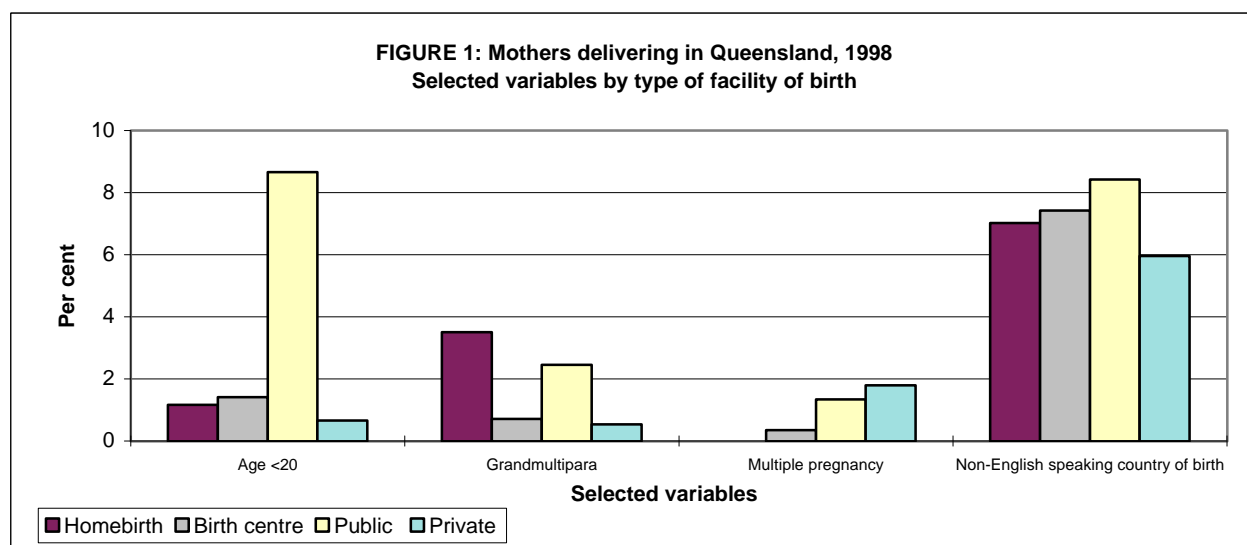
Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age of mother (years)										
Less than 20	2	1.2	4	1.4	2,997	8.7	82	0.7	3,085	6.5
20-34	121	70.8	233	82.3	27,700	80.1	9,791	79.0	37,849	79.8
35 and over	48	28.1	46	16.3	3,896	11.3	2,526	20.4	6,516	13.7
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Indigenous status of mother										
Indigenous	2	1.2	13	4.6	2,603	7.5	113	0.9	2,731	5.8
Non-indigenous	169	98.8	270	95.4	31,988	92.5	12,284	99.1	44,713	94.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0	6	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Marital status of mother										
Single	10	5.8	13	4.6	5,518	16.0	245	2.0	5,786	12.2
Married/defacto	158	92.4	270	95.4	28,530	82.5	12,098	97.6	41,059	86.5
Other	2	1.2	-	-	545	1.6	56	0.5	603	1.3
Not stated	1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Country of birth of mother										
Australia	131	76.6	208	73.5	28,503	82.4	10,823	87.3	39,666	83.6
Other English speaking	28	16.4	54	19.1	3,168	9.2	835	6.7	4,085	8.6
Non-English speaking	12	7.0	21	7.4	2,915	8.4	739	6.0	3,687	7.8
Other ^(c)	-	-	-	-	7	0.0	2	0.0	12	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Area of usual residence of mother^(d)										
Urban	123	71.9	193	68.2	21,873	63.2	8,885	71.7	31,077	65.5
Rural	46	26.9	88	31.1	11,275	32.6	3,019	24.3	14,428	30.4
Remote	2	1.2	2	0.7	1,293	3.7	282	2.3	1,579	3.3
Other	-	-	-	-	152	0.4	213	1.7	366	0.8
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Number of previous deliveries										
None	44	25.7	79	27.9	13,156	38.0	5,228	42.2	18,509	39.0
One to four	121	70.8	202	71.4	20,586	59.5	7,104	57.3	28,015	59.0
Five or more	6	3.5	2	0.7	849	2.5	67	0.5	924	1.9
Not stated	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Plurality of pregnancy										
Singleton	171	100.0	282	99.6	34,131	98.7	12,176	98.2	46,763	98.6
Twin	-	-	1	0.4	452	1.3	208	1.7	662	1.4
Other multiple	-	-	-	-	10	0.0	15	0.1	25	0.1
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0

(a) Includes private accommodation in public facility.

(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Includes not stated country of birth and "Other" countries as per Table 4.05.

(d) "Other" includes interstate/overseas. "Rural" includes "Remote Major", ie. Mt Isa.



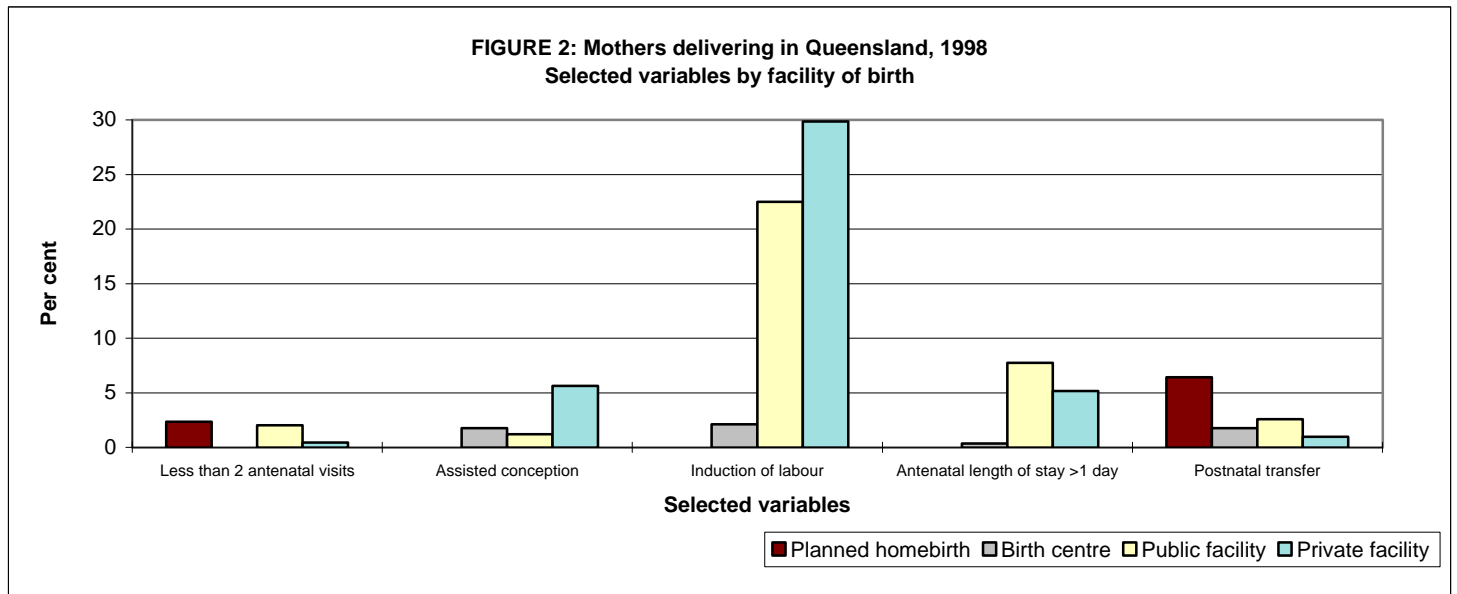
MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Number of antenatal visits										
Less than 2	4	2.3	-	-	700	2.0	56	0.5	760	1.6
2 or more	165	96.5	283	100.0	33,876	97.9	12,342	99.5	46,669	98.4
Not stated	2	1.2	-	-	17	0.0	1	0.0	21	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Type of antenatal care										
Public hospital/clinic	3	1.8	266	94.0	12,682	36.7	35	0.3	12,986	27.4
Shared care	13	7.6	12	4.2	18,516	53.5	235	1.9	18,778	39.6
Private medical practioner	9	5.3	5	1.8	3,178	9.2	12,028	97.0	15,220	32.1
Private midwifery practitioner	134	78.4	-	-	24	0.1	68	0.5	226	0.5
Private medical & midwife practitioners	10	5.8	-	-	3	0.0	1	0.0	14	0.0
No antenatal care	2	1.2	-	-	174	0.5	32	0.3	208	0.4
Not stated	-	-	-	-	16	0.0	-	-	18	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Assisted conception										
Not assisted	171	100.0	278	98.2	34,173	98.8	11,694	94.3	46,317	97.6
Assisted conception	-	-	5	1.8	414	1.2	697	5.6	1,116	2.4
Not stated	-	-	-	-	6	0.0	8	0.1	17	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Type of facility from where mother was transferred before giving birth										
Homebirth	-	-	-	-	20	0.1	1	0.0	21	0.0
Birth centre	-	-	-	-	122	0.4	-	-	122	0.3
Public facility	-	-	1	0.4	908	2.6	24	0.2	933	2.0
Private facility	-	-	-	-	25	0.1	25	0.2	50	0.1
Not stated facility	-	-	1	0.4	2	0.0	-	-	3	0.0
Not transferred ^(c)	171	100.0	281	99.3	33,516	96.9	12,349	99.6	46,321	97.6
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Accommodation type										
Not applicable - Planned homebirth	171	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	0.4
Public	-	-	280	98.9	31,985	92.5	-	-	32,266	68.0
Private shared/single	-	-	3	1.1	2,608	7.5	12,399	100.0	15,010	31.6
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0

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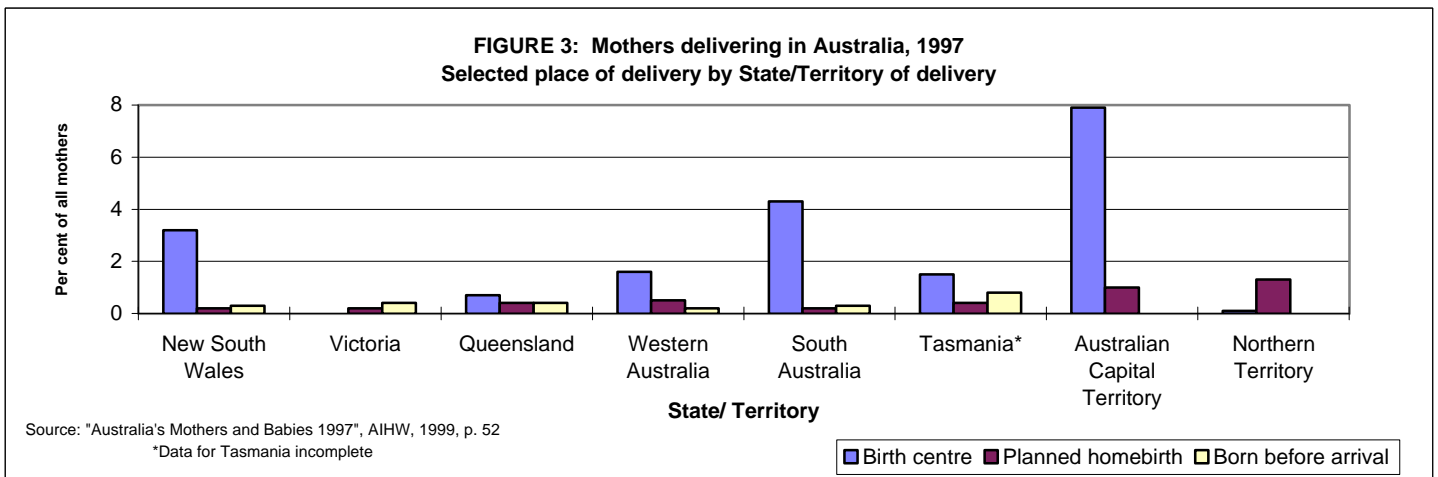
**MOTHERS DELIVERING IN QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH**

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Selected pregnancy / medical complications^(c)										
Pre-eclampsia	1	0.6	3	1.1	2,958	8.6	995	8.0	3,957	8.3
Rupture of membranes >4 hrs before labour (<24 hrs before delivery)	3	1.8	15	5.3	2,111	6.1	727	5.9	2,856	6.0
Asthma	-	-	1	0.4	1,259	3.6	459	3.7	1,719	3.6
Rupture of membranes >24 hrs before delivery	6	3.5	6	2.1	1,323	3.8	251	2.0	1,586	3.3
Gestational diabetes	-	-	2	0.7	1,054	3.0	375	3.0	1,431	3.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	6	3.5	1	0.4	1,113	3.2	274	2.2	1,394	2.9
<i>Streptococcal infection</i>	-	-	1	0.4	465	1.3	121	1.0	587	1.2
<i>Active genital herpes</i>	4	2.3	-	-	183	0.5	89	0.7	276	0.6
<i>Viral hepatitis</i>	1	0.6	-	-	166	0.5	17	0.1	184	0.4
<i>Syphilis</i>	-	-	-	-	62	0.2	-	-	62	0.1
Antepartum haemorrhage, abruptio placentae and placenta praevia	-	-	1	0.4	1,081	3.1	303	2.4	1,385	2.9
Haemorrhage in early pregnancy	1	0.6	2	0.7	719	2.1	364	2.9	1,086	2.3
Disorder of thyroid gland	-	-	1	0.4	231	0.7	102	0.8	334	0.7
Epilepsy	-	-	-	-	240	0.7	44	0.4	284	0.6
Substance abuse	-	-	-	-	209	0.6	4	0.0	213	0.4
Diabetes mellitus	-	-	-	-	150	0.4	33	0.3	183	0.4
Intrauterine fetal death	-	-	-	-	118	0.3	31	0.3	149	0.3
Suspected fetal anomaly	-	-	-	-	125	0.4	12	0.1	137	0.3
Infection of amniotic cavity	-	-	-	-	76	0.2	11	0.1	87	0.2
Cervical incompetence	-	-	-	-	32	0.1	20	0.2	52	0.1
Total	171		283		34,593		12,399		47,450	
Length of antenatal stay (days)										
0-1	-	-	280	98.9	31,712	91.7	11,737	94.7	43,729	92.2
2-7	-	-	1	0.4	2,249	6.5	510	4.1	2,760	5.8
8-14	-	-	-	-	245	0.7	72	0.6	317	0.7
15-21	-	-	-	-	100	0.3	30	0.2	130	0.3
22 and over	-	-	-	-	88	0.3	29	0.2	117	0.2
Not applicable- Planned homebirth	171	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	0.4
Not applicable- Born before arrival	-	-	2	0.7	199	0.6	20	0.2	225	0.5
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0
Selected procedures and operations during pregnancy, labour & delivery, or the puerperium^(c)										
Obstetric ultrasound	102	59.6	278	98.2	33,988	98.3	12,299	99.2	46,670	98.4
Amniocentesis	-	-	10	3.5	962	2.8	935	7.5	1,907	4.0
Removal of retained placenta	5	2.9	8	2.8	605	1.7	157	1.3	776	1.6
Chorionic villus sampling	-	-	1	0.4	194	0.6	136	1.1	331	0.7
Encirclement suture of cervix	-	-	-	-	67	0.2	49	0.4	116	0.2
Total	171		283		34,593		12,399		47,450	
Onset of labour										
Spontaneous - not augmented	160	93.6	231	81.6	13,658	39.5	3,124	25.2	17,177	36.2
Spontaneous - augmented	9	5.3	46	16.3	9,593	27.7	3,020	24.4	12,668	26.7
Induced	-	-	6	2.1	7,777	22.5	3,701	29.8	11,484	24.2
No labour	-	-	-	-	3,564	10.3	2,554	20.6	6,118	12.9
Not stated	2	1.2	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	3	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0

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(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Reporting of multiple conditions/procedures permitted.



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SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Perineal status (vaginal deliveries only - including vacuum and forceps)										
Intact	120	71.0	162	57.2	13,543	48.7	2,233	26.7	16,060	43.8
Lacerated - sutured	8	4.7	50	17.7	7,980	28.7	3,576	42.7	11,614	31.7
Lacerated - not sutured	40	23.7	62	21.9	2,681	9.6	244	2.9	3,027	8.3
Episiotomy	1	0.6	9	3.2	3,619	13.0	2,325	27.8	5,954	16.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	169	100.0	283	100.0	27,824	100.0	8,378	100.0	36,657	100.0
Selected labour and delivery complications^(c)										
Obstructed/abnormal labour	43	25.1	95	33.6	11,544	33.4	4,184	33.7	15,868	33.4
Meconium liquor	17	9.9	28	9.9	5,589	16.2	1,242	10.0	6,876	14.5
Fetal distress	-	-	1	0.4	3,153	9.1	1,131	9.1	4,285	9.0
Primary post-partum haemorrhage	14	8.2	12	4.2	938	2.7	201	1.6	1,165	2.5
Retained placenta or membranes (without haemorrhage)	5	2.9	10	3.5	663	1.9	169	1.4	848	1.8
Total	171		283		34,593		12,399		47,450	
Length of postnatal stay for mothers delivering in hospital/birth centre and discharged home (days)										
0	-	-	58	20.9	992	2.9	51	0.4	1,101	2.4
1	-	-	145	52.2	5,006	14.9	101	0.8	5,252	11.4
2	-	-	43	15.5	7,707	22.9	323	2.6	8,073	17.5
3	-	-	20	7.2	7,994	23.7	952	7.8	8,966	19.4
4 - 7	-	-	11	4.0	11,201	33.2	9,492	77.3	20,704	44.8
8-14	-	-	1	0.4	714	2.1	1,314	10.7	2,029	4.4
15-21	-	-	-	-	67	0.2	39	0.3	106	0.2
22 and over	-	-	-	-	21	0.1	8	0.1	29	0.1
Total	-	-	278	100.0	33,702	100.0	12,280	100.0	46,260	100.0
Separation status of mother^(d)										
Planned homebirth	160	93.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	0.3
Discharged	-	-	278	98.2	33,702	97.4	12,280	99.0	46,260	97.5
Transferred	11	6.4	5	1.8	890	2.6	119	1.0	1,026	2.2
Died	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	4	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,593	100.0	12,399	100.0	47,450	100.0

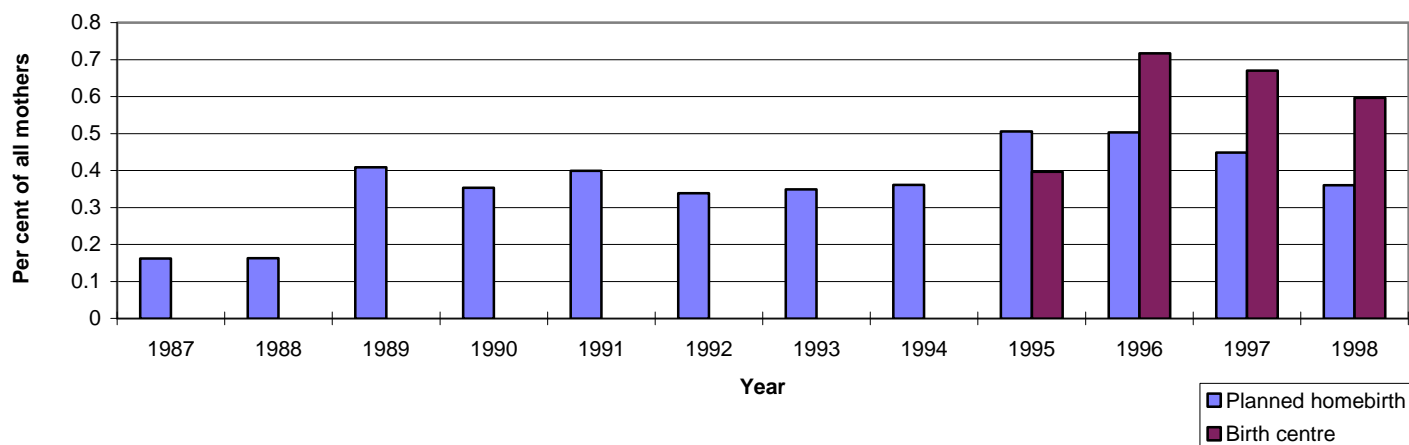
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(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Reporting of multiple conditions permitted.

(d) Planned homebirths are included in this table although they are not formally discharged/transferred from a facility.

FIGURE 4: Mothers delivering in a planned homebirth or birth centre, Queensland, 1987 - 1998



**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH**

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Selected methods of analgesia or anaesthesia used during labour and delivery^(c)										
None reported	155	90.6	209	73.6	6,858	19.6	1,326	10.5	8,549	17.8
At least one method	14	8.2	75	26.4	28,207	80.4	11,310	89.5	39,608	82.2
Nitrous oxide	-	-	60	21.1	17,304	49.3	4,870	38.5	22,234	46.2
Narcotic (IM/IV)	-	-	13	4.6	10,990	31.3	2,748	21.7	13,751	28.6
Epidural	-	-	1	0.4	7,586	21.6	5,674	44.9	13,261	27.5
Spinal	-	-	1	0.4	3,949	11.3	1,750	13.8	5,700	11.8
General anaesthesia	-	-	2	0.7	1,100	3.1	459	3.6	1,563	3.2
Other	14	8.2	11	3.9	367	1.0	320	2.5	712	1.5
Not stated	2	1.2	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0	6	0.0
Total	171		284		35,066		12,637		48,163	
Method of delivery										
Spontaneous vertex	164	95.9	284	100.0	25,349	72.3	6,479	51.3	32,280	67.0
Forceps/vacuum	-	-	-	-	2,370	6.8	1,908	15.1	4,278	8.9
Caesarean section	-	-	-	-	7,022	20.0	4,166	33.0	11,188	23.2
Breech	5	2.9	-	-	288	0.8	75	0.6	368	0.8
Other	-	-	-	-	37	0.1	9	0.1	47	0.1
Not stated	2	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Accoucheur										
Obstetrician	-	-	3	1.1	5,001	14.3	11,418	90.4	16,422	34.1
Other medical officer	-	-	1	0.4	7,652	21.8	127	1.0	7,782	16.2
Midwife	161	94.2	273	96.1	18,009	51.4	1,062	8.4	19,505	40.5
Student midwife	-	-	4	1.4	3,239	9.2	8	0.1	3,251	6.7
Medical student	-	-	-	-	949	2.7	-	-	949	2.0
Other	8	4.7	3	1.1	208	0.6	20	0.2	241	0.5
Not stated	2	1.2	-	-	8	0.0	2	0.0	13	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Birthweight (grams)										
Less than 1,500	-	-	-	-	592	1.7	138	1.1	732	1.5
Less than 1,000	-	-	-	-	347	1.0	89	0.7	438	0.9
1,500-2,499	2	1.2	1	0.4	1,991	5.7	566	4.5	2,560	5.3
2,500-3,999	111	64.9	230	81.0	28,163	80.3	10,334	81.8	38,839	80.6
4,000 and over	55	32.2	53	18.7	4,320	12.3	1,597	12.6	6,026	12.5
Not stated	3	1.8	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	6	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Gestation (weeks)										
Less than 28	-	-	-	-	324	0.9	84	0.7	410	0.9
28-36	3	1.8	-	-	2,584	7.4	800	6.3	3,388	7.0
37-41	160	93.6	282	99.3	31,305	89.3	11,609	91.9	43,358	90.0
42 and over	7	4.1	2	0.7	850	2.4	144	1.1	1,003	2.1
Not stated	1	0.6	-	-	3	0.0	-	-	4	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0

(a) Includes private accommodation in public facility.

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(c) Reporting of multiple methods of analgesia/anaesthesia permitted.

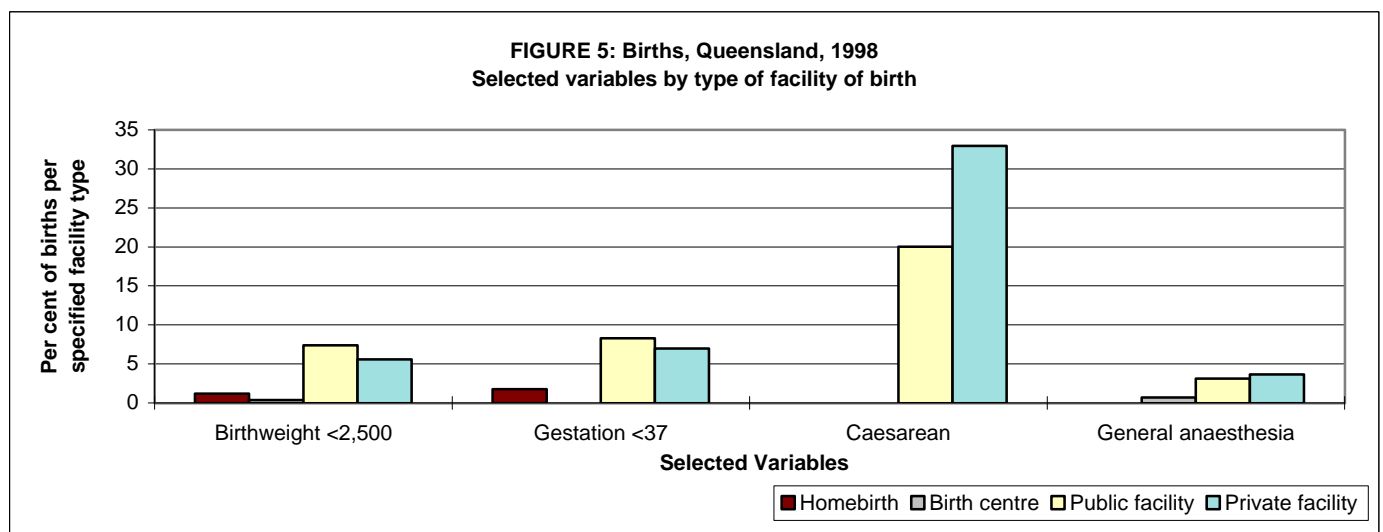


FIGURE 6: Births, Queensland, 1998
Selected type of birth facility by size of birth facility

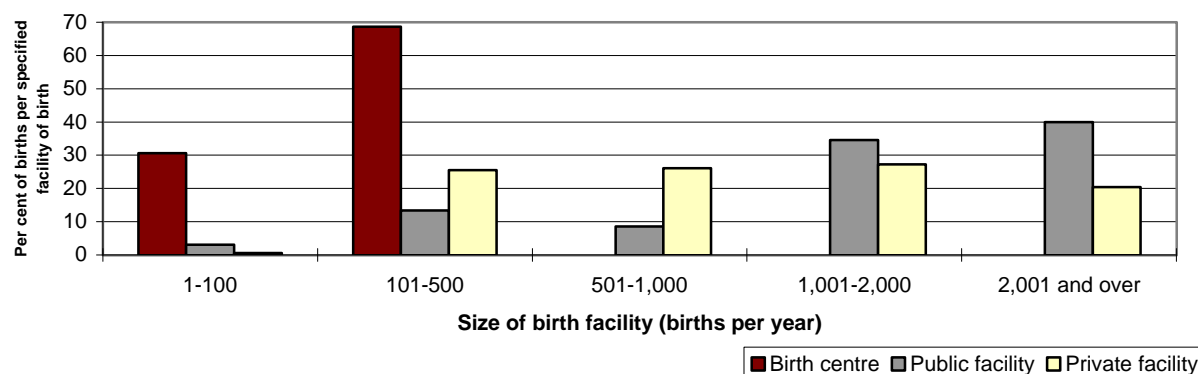
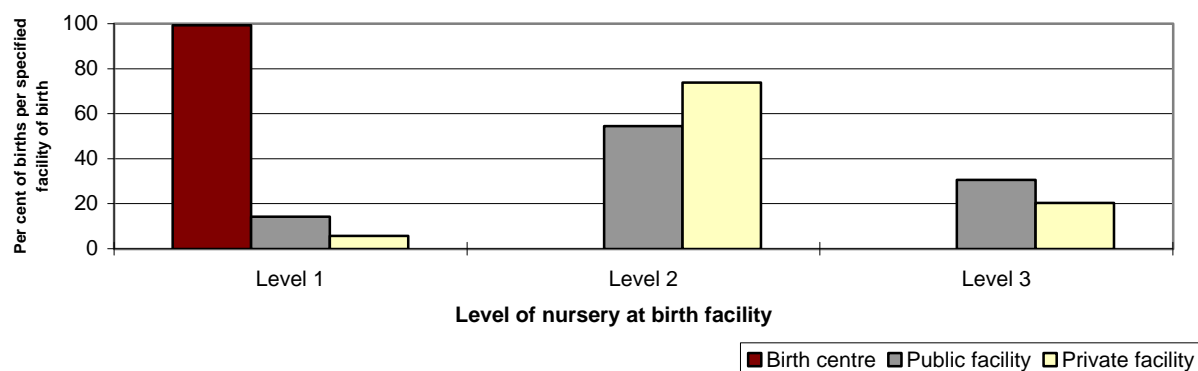


FIGURE 7: Births, Queensland, 1998
Selected type of birth facility by level of nursery at birth facility



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SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Size of birth facility (births per year)										
1-100	-	-	87	30.6	1,064	3.0	68	0.5	1,219	2.5
101-500	-	-	195	68.7	4,694	13.4	3,226	25.5	8,115	16.8
501-1,000	-	-	-	-	3,004	8.6	3,297	26.1	6,301	13.1
1,001-2,000 ^(c)	-	-	-	-	12,105	34.5	3,448	27.3	15,553	32.3
2,001 and over	-	-	-	-	14,000	39.9	2,578	20.4	16,578	34.4
Planned homebirth	171	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	0.4
Born before arrival	-	-	2	0.7	199	0.6	20	0.2	226	0.5
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Level of nursery at birth facility										
Level 1	-	-	282	99.3	4,994	14.2	717	5.7	5,993	12.4
Level 2	-	-	-	-	19,124	54.5	9,322	73.8	28,446	59.1
Level 3	-	-	-	-	10,745	30.6	2,578	20.4	13,323	27.7
Other	-	-	-	-	4	0.0	-	-	4	0.0
Planned homebirth	171	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	0.4
Born before arrival	-	-	2	0.7	199	0.6	20	0.2	226	0.5
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0

(a) Includes private accommodation in public facility.

(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Includes 1 hospital with a tertiary nursery.

LIVEBIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Apgar score at 1 minute										
0-4	6	3.5	4	1.4	1,553	4.5	346	2.8	1,909	4.0
5-7	26	15.2	19	6.7	5,721	16.4	1,795	14.3	7,561	15.8
8-10	134	78.4	259	91.5	27,511	79.0	10,407	82.9	38,312	80.1
Not stated	5	2.9	1	0.4	30	0.1	3	0.0	40	0.1
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,815	100.0	12,551	100.0	47,822	100.0
Apgar score at 5 minutes										
0-4	2	1.2	-	-	215	0.6	32	0.3	249	0.5
5-7	3	1.8	2	0.7	943	2.7	200	1.6	1,148	2.4
8-10	160	93.6	280	98.9	33,632	96.6	12,317	98.1	46,390	97.0
Not stated	6	3.5	1	0.4	25	0.1	2	0.0	35	0.1
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,815	100.0	12,551	100.0	47,822	100.0
Establishment of respirations >3 minutes (excludes babies that were intubated at birth or failed to establish respirations)										
	10	5.8	2	0.7	959	2.8	198	1.6	1,169	2.4
Selected neonatal resuscitation methods ^(c)										
Nil resuscitation	128	74.9	226	79.9	12,500	35.9	2,370	18.9	15,226	31.8
At least one method	42	24.6	57	20.1	22,314	64.1	10,181	81.1	32,594	68.2
<i>Oral/pharyngeal suction</i>	30	17.5	36	12.7	18,073	51.9	9,182	73.2	27,321	57.1
<i>Facial oxygen</i>	21	12.3	14	4.9	8,867	25.5	3,728	29.7	12,630	26.4
<i>Bag and mask</i>	7	4.1	8	2.8	3,039	8.7	873	7.0	3,927	8.2
<i>Narcotic antagonist injection</i>	-	-	-	-	722	2.1	148	1.2	870	1.8
<i>IPPV via ETT ^(d)</i>	-	-	-	-	521	1.5	98	0.8	619	1.3
Not stated	1	0.6	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171		283		34,815		12,551		47,822	
Selected neonatal treatment ^(c)										
None	166	97.1	271	95.8	29,344	84.3	10,746	85.6	40,529	84.7
At least one method	4	2.3	12	4.2	5,470	15.7	1,805	14.4	7,291	15.2
<i>Oxygen >4 hrs</i>	1	0.6	3	1.1	2,035	5.8	715	5.7	2,754	5.8
<i>Phototherapy</i>	2	1.2	5	1.8	1,877	5.4	728	5.8	2,612	5.5
<i>Intramuscular/Intravenous antibiotics</i>	1	0.6	6	2.1	1,957	5.6	421	3.4	2,385	5.0
<i>Intravenous fluid</i>	1	0.6	1	0.4	1,925	5.5	566	4.5	2,493	5.2
<i>Mechanical ventilation</i>	-	-	-	-	640	1.8	125	1.0	765	1.6
Not stated	1	0.6	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171		283		34,815		12,551		47,822	
Administration of Vitamin K										
Oral	2	1.2	26	9.2	217	0.6	36	0.3	282	0.6
Intramuscular injection	17	9.9	237	83.7	34,355	98.7	12,483	99.5	47,092	98.5
None	151	88.3	20	7.1	234	0.7	32	0.3	438	0.9
Not stated	1	0.6	-	-	9	0.0	-	-	10	0.0
Total	171	100.0	283	100.0	34,815	100.0	12,551	100.0	47,822	100.0
Feeding method for livebirths discharged home from facility of birth ^(e)										
Breastmilk	153	96.8	273	98.6	27,062	81.2	10,921	88.6	38,409	83.3
Artificial milk	3	1.9	4	1.4	5,592	16.8	1,177	9.5	6,776	14.7
Both breastmilk and artificial milk	2	1.3	-	-	670	2.0	233	1.9	905	2.0
Total	158	100.0	277	100.0	33,324	100.0	12,331	100.0	46,090	100.0
Length of stay of livebirths discharged home from facility of birth (days) ^(e)										
0	-	-	58	20.9	866	2.6	11	0.1	935	2.0
1	-	-	145	52.3	4,777	14.3	79	0.6	5,001	10.9
2	-	-	42	15.2	7,469	22.4	306	2.5	7,817	17.0
3	-	-	20	7.2	7,760	23.3	933	7.6	8,713	18.9
4-7	-	-	11	4.0	10,691	32.1	9,403	76.3	20,105	43.6
8-14	-	-	1	0.4	959	2.9	1,323	10.7	2,283	5.0
15-27	-	-	-	-	468	1.4	182	1.5	650	1.4
28 and over	-	-	-	-	333	1.0	94	0.8	427	0.9
Not stated	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Not applicable - Planned homebirths	158	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	0.3
Total	158	100.0	277	100.0	33,324	100.0	12,331	100.0	46,090	100.0

(a) Includes private accommodation in public facility.

(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Reporting of multiple methods/treatments permitted.

(d) Intermittent positive pressure ventilation via endotracheal tube.

(e) Planned homebirths (not transferred) are included in this table although they are not formally discharged from a facility.

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 1998
SELECTED VARIABLES BY TYPE OF FACILITY OF BIRTH**

Selected variables	Type of facility of place of birth									
	Homebirth		Birth centre		Public Facility ^(a)		Private Facility		Total ^(b)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Congenital anomaly status										
No anomaly	167	97.7	276	97.2	33,537	95.6	12,172	96.3	46,153	95.8
At least one anomaly	4	2.3	8	2.8	1,529	4.4	464	3.7	2,007	4.2
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	3	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Separation status of baby ^(c)										
Planned homebirth	158	92.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	0.3
Discharged	-	-	277	97.5	33,324	95.0	12,331	97.6	45,932	95.4
Transferred	12	7.0	6	2.1	1,337	3.8	205	1.6	1,560	3.2
<i>To a facility with a Level 1 nursery</i>	1	0.6	1	0.4	641	1.8	43	0.3	686	1.4
<i>To a facility with a Level 2 nursery</i>	6	3.5	1	0.4	361	1.0	73	0.6	441	0.9
<i>To a facility with a Level 3 nursery</i>	4	2.3	4	1.4	232	0.7	85	0.7	325	0.7
<i>Other ^(d)</i>	-	-	-	-	102	0.3	4	0.0	106	0.2
<i>Not stated</i>	1	0.6	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Died	1	0.6	1	0.4	404	1.2	101	0.8	511	1.1
Not stated	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Total	171	100.0	284	100.0	35,066	100.0	12,637	100.0	48,163	100.0
Perinatal deaths	No.	Rate ^(e)	No.	Rate ^(e)	No.	Rate ^(e)	No.	Rate ^(e)	No.	Rate ^(e)
Stillbirths	-	-	1	3.5	251	7.2	86	6.8	341	7.1
Neonatal deaths	1	5.8	-	-	175	5.0	31	2.5	208	4.3
Perinatal deaths	1	5.8	1	3.5	426	12.1	117	9.3	549	11.4

(a) Includes private accommodation in public facility.

(b) Includes not stated facility type.

(c) Planned homebirths are included in this table although they are not formally discharged/transferred from a facility.

(d) Other includes Interstate facilities.

(e) Neonatal death rate per 1,000 livebirths of specified facility group.

Stillbirth and Perinatal death rate per 1,000 total births of specified facility group.

