

**QUEENSLAND PERINATAL DATA COLLECTION**  
**NUMBER OF MOTHERS BY SELECTED VARIABLES BY YEAR <sup>(a)</sup>**

Selected variable	Year of delivery											
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Indigenous status of mother <sup>(b)</sup></b>												
Aboriginal	1,371	1,250	1,424	1,697	1,638	1,874	1,788	1,884	1,944	2,052	1,914	2,118
Torres Strait Islander	482	413	473	506	561	502	494	482	540	556	552	521
Both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	92
Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	35,772	38,910	40,347	42,116	41,842	43,653	44,437	44,961	45,335	44,647	44,790	44,713
Not stated	1,217	55	52	148	90	44	46	29	45	46	2	6
<b>Age of mother (years)</b>												
Less than 20	2,887	2,976	3,154	3,351	3,231	3,286	3,189	3,259	3,299	3,205	3,235	3,085
20-34	33,002	34,512	35,563	37,121	36,729	38,299	38,792	38,842	38,972	38,138	37,705	37,849
35 or more	2,938	3,140	3,579	3,995	4,171	4,488	4,784	5,255	5,593	5,959	6,338	6,516
Not stated	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Marital status</b>												
Single	4,255	4,482	4,897	4,781	4,787	5,182	5,248	5,445	5,697	5,846	5,915	5,786
Married/defacto	33,389	35,111	36,172	39,125	38,808	40,396	41,017	41,366	41,635	40,887	40,829	41,059
Other	594	583	641	526	521	493	488	518	490r	535	534	603
Not stated	604	452	586	35	15	2	12	27	42r	34	-	2
<b>Number of previous deliveries</b>												
None	14,869	15,723	16,499	17,586	17,295	17,910	18,292	18,770	18,700	18,612	18,718	18,509
One to four	23,276	24,246	25,152	25,730	25,686	26,940	27,345	27,676	28,344	27,814	27,702	28,015
Five or more	592	633	620	740r	770	770	795	810	811	867	858	924
Not stated	105	26	25	411	380	453	333	100	9	9	-	2
<b>Plurality of pregnancy</b>												
Singleton	38,411	40,153	41,758	43,917	43,496	45,451	46,111	46,689	47,224	46,645	46,554	46,763
Twin	420	455	516	525	616	593	626	644	611	633	690	662
Other multiple	11	20	22r	25	19	29	28	23	29	24	34	25
<b>Onset of labour</b>												
Spontaneous - not augmented <sup>(c)</sup>	22,112	22,729	20,883	20,020	20,032	21,396	20,903	19,358	17,462	17,362	17,126	17,177
Spontaneous - augmented	4,838	6,189	9,037	11,706	11,405	11,775	11,475r	12,704	14,452	14,124r	13,237	12,668
Induced	7,964	7,660	7,982	7,997	7,677	7,885	9,233	9,713	10,162	10,224	11,038	11,484
No labour	3,805	4,044	4,363	4,710	4,985	5,005	5,141r	5,564	5,785	5,591r	5,877	6,118
Not stated	123	6	31	34	32	12	13	17	3	1	-	3
<b>Number of mothers</b>	<b>38,842</b>	<b>40,628</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>44,467</b>	<b>44,131</b>	<b>46,073</b>	<b>46,765</b>	<b>47,356</b>	<b>47,864</b>	<b>47,302</b>	<b>47,278</b>	<b>47,450</b>

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Indigenous status of mother <sup>(b)</sup></b>												
Aboriginal	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.5
Torres Strait Islander	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1
Both Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.2
Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	92.1	95.8	95.4	94.7	94.8	94.7	95.0	94.9	94.7	94.4	94.7	94.2
Not stated	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Age of mother (years)</b>												
Less than 20	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.5
20-34	85.0	84.9	84.1	83.5	83.2	83.1	83.0	82.0	81.4	80.6	79.8	79.8
35 or more	7.6	7.7	8.5	9.0	9.5	9.7	10.2	11.1	11.7	12.6	13.4	13.7
Not stated	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Marital status</b>												
Single	11.0	11.0	11.6	10.8	10.8	11.2	11.2	11.5	11.9	12.4	12.5	12.2
Married/defacto	86.0	86.4	85.5	88.0	87.9	87.7	87.7	87.4	87.0	86.4	86.4	86.5
Other	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0r	1.1	1.1	1.3
Not stated	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1r	0.1	-	0.0
<b>Number of previous deliveries</b>												
None	38.3	38.7	39.0	39.5	39.2	38.9	39.1	39.6	39.1	39.3	39.6	39.0
One to four	59.9	59.7	59.5	57.9	58.2	58.5	58.5	58.4	59.2	58.8	58.6	59.0
Five or more	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7r	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Not stated	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Plurality of pregnancy</b>												
Singleton	98.9	98.8	98.7	98.8	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.6	98.5	98.6
Twin	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4
Other multiple	0.0	0.0	0.1r	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Onset of Labour</b>												
Spontaneous - not augmented <sup>(c)</sup>	56.9	55.9	49.4	45.0	45.4	46.4	44.7	40.9	36.5	36.7	36.2	36.2
Spontaneous - augmented	12.5	15.2	21.4	26.3	25.8	25.6	24.5r	26.8	30.2	29.9r	28.0	26.7
Induced	20.5	18.9	18.9	18.0	17.4	17.1	19.7	20.5	21.2	21.6	23.3	24.2
No labour	9.8	10.0	10.3	10.6	11.3	10.9	11.0r	11.7	12.1	11.8r	12.4	12.9
Not stated	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Number of mothers</b>	<b>38,842</b>	<b>40,628</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>44,467</b>	<b>44,131</b>	<b>46,073</b>	<b>46,765</b>	<b>47,356</b>	<b>47,864</b>	<b>47,302</b>	<b>47,278</b>	<b>47,450</b>

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**NUMBER OF BABIES BY SELECTED VARIABLES BY YEAR<sup>(a)</sup>**

Selected Variable	Year of birth											
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Method of delivery</b>												
SVD <sup>(b)</sup>	26,519	27,936	28,886	30,282	29,900	31,245	31,839	32,280	33,068	32,664r	32,297	32,280
Forceps	3,904	3,979	4,041	4,182	3,741	3,674	3,231	2,976	2,778	2,747	2,357	2,180
Vacuum	819	832	1,007	1,092	1,204	1,316	1,637	1,828	1,841	1,902	2,099	2,098
Caesarean section	7,354	7,796	8,345	8,866	9,393	9,979	10,157	10,398	10,294	10,121r	10,821	11,188
Breech	505	551	535	579	517	485	546	533	492	477	387	368
Other	-	-	-	34	26	24	33	28	60	74	77	47
Not stated	185	29	45	7	6	3	6	3	2	2	-	2
<b>Birthweight (grams)</b>												
Less than 1,500	547	538	609	618	668	738	723	707	744	773	783	733
1,500-2,499	1,914	1,015	2,130	2,328	2,387	2,396	2,464	2,540	2,549	2,439	2,527	2,561
2,500-3,999	32,270	34,666	35,407	36,658	36,725	38,211	38,544	39,215	39,348	39,052	38,824	38,837
4,000 or more	4,470	4,872	4,687	5,345	4,967	5,352	5,692	5,566	5,880	5,720	5,900	6,026
Not stated	85	32	26	93	40	29	26	18	14	3	4	6
<b>Gestation (weeks)</b>												
Less than 28	271	251	285	313	325	365	391	344	388	427	412	410
28-36	2,333	2,730	2,856	3,055	3,115	3,398	3,288	3,404	3,446	3,354	3,461	3,388
37-41	34,725	36,752	38,104	39,781	39,488	41,270	41,967	42,736	43,184	43,094	43,107	43,358
42 or more	1,811	1,364	1,561r	1,872	1,826	1,677	1,786	1,560	1,511	1,110	1,058	1,003
Not stated	146	26	53	21	33	16	17	2	6	2	-	4
<b>Perinatal deaths</b>												
Stillbirths	284	285	299	326	324	305	292	330	363	362	353	341
Neonatal deaths	245	202	221	219	193	231	229r	173	201	200	200	208
Perinatal deaths	529	487	520	545	517	536	521r	503	564	562	553	549
<b>Number of babies</b>	<b>39,286</b>	<b>41,123</b>	<b>42,859</b>	<b>45,042</b>	<b>44,787</b>	<b>46,726</b>	<b>47,449</b>	<b>48,046</b>	<b>48,535</b>	<b>47,987</b>	<b>48,038</b>	<b>48,163</b>

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Method of delivery</b>												
SVD <sup>(b)</sup>	67.5	67.9	67.4	67.2	66.8	66.9	67.1	67.2	68.1	68.1	67.2	67.0
Forceps	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.3	8.4	7.9	6.8	6.2	5.7	5.7	4.9	4.5
Vacuum	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.5	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.4
Caesarean section	18.7	19.0	19.5	19.7	21.0	21.4	21.4	21.6	21.2	21.1 <sup>r</sup>	22.5	23.2
Breech	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
Other	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Not stated	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Birthweight (grams)</b>												
Less than 1,500	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5
1,500-2,499	4.9	2.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.3
2,500-3,999	82.1	84.3	82.6	81.4	82.0	81.8	81.2	81.6	81.1	81.4	80.8	80.6
4,000 or more	11.4	11.8	10.9	11.9	11.1	11.5	12.0	11.6	12.1	11.9	12.3	12.5
Not stated	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Gestation (weeks)</b>												
Less than 28	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
28-36	5.9	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.3	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.0
37-41	88.4	89.4	88.9	88.3	88.2	88.3	88.4	88.9	89.0	89.8	89.7	90.0
42 or more	4.6	3.3	3.6 <sup>r</sup>	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.1
Not stated	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>Perinatal deaths</b>												
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Stillbirths <sup>(c)</sup>	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.5	6.2	6.9	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.1
Neonatal deaths <sup>(d)</sup>	6.3	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.3	5.0	4.9 <sup>r</sup>	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3
Perinatal deaths <sup>(c)</sup>	13.5	11.8	12.1	12.1	11.5	11.5	11.0 <sup>r</sup>	10.5	11.6	11.7	11.5	11.4
<b>Number of babies</b>	<b>39,286</b>	<b>41,123</b>	<b>42,859</b>	<b>45,042</b>	<b>44,787</b>	<b>46,726</b>	<b>47,449</b>	<b>48,046</b>	<b>48,535</b>	<b>47,987</b>	<b>48,038</b>	<b>48,163</b>

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(d) Per 1,000 livebirths.

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