

Table 94: Perinatal care indicators by hospital group, Queensland 2010 to 2011

Perinatal care indicators	Facility group								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total
	Specialist obstetrics, foeto-maternal medicine, neonatal intensive care unit	Specialist obstetrics, special care nursery, >2000 births/year	Specialist obstetrics, special care nursery, <2000 births/year	Non-specialist obstetrics, generalist neonatal care, >250 births/year	Non-specialist obstetrics, generalist neonatal care, <250 births/year	Birth centres	Private hospital maternity and newborn services	Home births	
Proportion (%) of selected primigravidae having a caesarean section birth*									
	23.9	19.3	21.4	20.0	21.0	NR	39.4	NR	27.5
Proportion (%) of selected primigravidae achieving unassisted vaginal birth*									
	52.7	62.1	60.3	63.7	62.7	99.7	35.6	100.0	51.2
Proportion (%) of caesarean sections performed without labour in all women giving birth									
	17.4	13.8	15.6	12.7	10.2	NR	34.7	NR	20.6
Proportion (%) of elective births (inductions of labour and caesarean sections without labour in all women giving birth) occurring before 38 completed weeks gestation									
	41.5	36.3	37.5	26.0	27.1	14.3	48.7	NR	42.1
Proportion (%) of all women giving birth whose previous pregnancy ended in a first caesarean section who achieved a vaginal birth (i.e. successful VBAC)									
	20.6	24.7	23.3	16.0	19.2	NR	7.4	100.0	16.4
Proportion (%) of selected primigravidae labouring spontaneously and achieving unassisted vaginal birth without episiotomy and without third/fourth degree perineal tear*									
	36.1	45.5	40.9	48.7	49.1	93.1	18.5	87.5	34.2
Proportion (%) of all women giving birth labouring spontaneously and achieving unassisted vaginal birth without episiotomy and without third/fourth degree perineal tear									
	38.9	48.7	45.1	54.1	59.3	95.8	20.3	97.4	39.1

* Selected primigravida = mothers age group 20–34 years, no previous births, singleton birth in current pregnancy, 37 weeks + 0 days to 40 weeks + 6 days completed weeks of gestation, cephalic/vertex presentation at birth (NR = not relevant)

6. Data sources used in this report

Pregnancy, birth and neonatal data collected between 2000 and 2011 was sourced from the PDCT and prepared by Ms Vesna Dunne, Principal Statistical Output Officer Health Statistics Unit, Department of Health. This data was further analysed and collated by Professor Michael Humphrey, Chair of the Council.

Previous reports by this Council and the Queensland Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Morbidity and Mortality (QCOPMM) were sources of data regarding maternal and perinatal deaths between 1988 and 2003, as were AIHW reports on maternal deaths in Australia.