

TABLE 6.01

**MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**ONSET OF LABOUR BY PLURALITY OF PREGNANCY**

Onset of labour	Plurality of pregnancy					
	Singleton		Multiple		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spontaneous - not augmented	18,186	29.5	210	22.9	18,396	29.4
Spontaneous - augmented	8,736	14.2	51	5.6	8,787	14.1
Induced	19,936	32.4	158	17.2	20,094	32.2
No labour	14,707	23.9	498	54.3	15,205	24.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 6.02****MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021  
ONSET OF LABOUR BY AGE OF MOTHER**

Onset of labour	Age of mother							
	Under 20		20 - 34		35 and over		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spontaneous - not augmented	483	32.6	14,369	30.7	3,544	25.0	18,396	29.4
Spontaneous - augmented	333	22.5	7,169	15.3	1,285	9.1	8,787	14.1
Induced	548	37.0	15,380	32.9	4,166	29.4	20,094	32.2
No labour	118	8.0	9,886	21.1	5,201	36.6	15,205	24.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,196</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 6.03    MOTHERS WITH INDUCED LABOUR, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
SELECTED PRIMARY REASON FOR INDUCTION**

Reason for induction	Mothers with induced labour	
	No.	%
Diabetes complicating pregnancy	3,280	16.3
Psychosocial and other administrative circumstances	2,832	14.1
Prolonged pregnancy	2,038	10.1
Other fetal problems (includes decreased fetal movements)	1,896	9.4
Excessive fetal growth	1,780	8.9
Premature rupture of membranes <sup>(a)</sup>	1,539	7.7
Poor fetal growth	1,374	6.8
Hypertension complicating pregnancy (incl. pre-eclampsia and eclampsia)	1,357	6.8
Fetal distress	368	1.8
Previous poor obstetric history	285	1.4
Spurious / false labour	202	1.0
Intrauterine fetal death	133	0.7
Twin pregnancy	112	0.6
Rhesus and other isoimmunisation	52	0.3
Infection of amniotic sac and membranes	31	0.2
<b>Total induced mothers</b>	<b>20,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Where the membranes rupture prior to the onset of labour regardless of gestation.

**TABLE 6.04 BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
PRESENTATION BY PLURALITY OF PREGNANCY**

Presentation	Plurality of pregnancy					
	Singleton		Multiple		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Vertex	57,821	93.9	1,160	62.8	58,981	93.0
Face	74	0.1	2	0.1	76	0.1
Brow	70	0.1	.	.	70	0.1
Breech	2,244	3.6	574	31.1	2,818	4.4
Other	1,356	2.2	111	6.0	1,467	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 6.05****BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
METHOD OF BIRTH BY PLURALITY OF PREGNANCY**

Method of birth	Plurality of pregnancy					
	Singleton		Multiple		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Vaginal non-instrumental	32,796	53.3	401	21.7	33,197	52.4
Forceps	1,492	2.4	21	1.1	1,513	2.4
Vacuum extraction	4,364	7.1	50	2.7	4,414	7.0
LSCS	22,745	36.9	1,355	73.4	24,100	38.0
Classical CS	168	0.3	20	1.1	188	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 6.06 BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
METHOD OF BIRTH BY AGE OF MOTHER**

Method of birth	Age of mother (years)							
	Under 20		20 - 34		35 and over		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Vaginal non-instrumental	1,012	67.5	25,913	54.6	6,272	43.4	33,197	52.4
Forceps	44	2.9	1,223	2.6	246	1.7	1,513	2.4
Vacuum extraction	106	7.1	3,514	7.4	794	5.5	4,414	7.0
LSCS	333	22.2	16,692	35.2	7,075	49.0	24,100	38.0
Classical CS	5	0.3	121	0.3	62	0.4	188	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,463</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

TABLE 6.07

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**METHOD OF BIRTH BY PRESENTATION**

Method of birth	Presentation											
	Vertex		Face		Brow		Breech		Other <sup>(a)</sup>		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Singleton</b>												
Vaginal non-instrumental	32,140	55.6	30	40.5	17	24.3	208	9.3	401	29.6	32,796	53.3
Forceps	1,461	2.5	2	2.7	3	4.3	1	-	25	1.8	1,492	2.4
Vacuum extraction	4,270	7.4	1	1.4	7	10.0	1	-	85	6.3	4,364	7.1
LSCS	19,861	34.3	41	55.4	43	61.4	1,970	87.8	830	61.2	22,745	36.9
Classical CS	89	0.2	.	.	.	.	64	2.9	15	1.1	168	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,821</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>61,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Multiple</b>												
Vaginal non-instrumental	315	27.2	1	50.0	.	.	74	12.9	11	9.9	401	21.7
Forceps	20	1.7	.	.	.	.	1	0.2	.	.	21	1.1
Vacuum extraction	49	4.2	.	.	.	.	1	0.2	.	.	50	2.7
LSCS	768	66.2	1	50.0	.	.	487	84.8	99	89.2	1,355	73.4
Classical CS	8	0.7	.	.	.	.	11	1.9	1	0.9	20	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	.	.	<b>574</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,981</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Other includes Other cephalic, Transverse/shoulder, and other presentations at birth that are not listed (for example, compound presentation).

TABLE 6.08

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**METHOD OF BIRTH BY METHOD OF PHARMACOLOGICAL ANALGESIA**  
**DURING LABOUR/BIRTH**

Method of Pharmacological Analgesia during labour/birth <sup>(a)</sup>	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None reported	9,591	28.9	375	6.3	11,580	47.7	21,546	34.0
At least one method	23,606	71.1	5,552	93.7	12,708	52.3	41,866	66.0
<i>Nitrous oxide</i>	18,271	77.4	3,711	66.8	3,717	29.3	25,699	61.4
<i>Epidural</i>	9,699	41.1	4,228	76.2	4,750	37.4	18,677	44.6
<i>Spinal</i>	107	0.5	121	2.2	6,864	54.0	7,092	16.9
<i>Systemic Opioid</i>	3,308	14.0	891	16.1	1,171	9.2	5,370	12.8
<i>Combined Spinal-Epidural</i>	88	0.4	51	0.9	406	3.2	545	1.3
<i>Caudal</i>	11	0.1	4	0.1	11	0.1	26	0.1
<i>Other</i>	254	1.1	58	1.0	197	1.6	509	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple methods of pharmacological analgesia permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.



TABLE 6.09

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**METHOD OF BIRTH BY METHOD OF NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL ANALGESIA**  
**DURING LABOUR/BIRTH**

Type of Non-Pharmacological Analgesia during labour/birth <sup>(a)</sup>	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None reported	12,743	38.4	2,050	34.6	19,923	82.0	34,716	54.8
At least one method	20,454	61.6	3,877	65.4	4,365	18.0	28,696	45.3
<i>Heat pack</i>	10,738	52.5	2,347	60.5	2,736	62.7	15,821	55.1
<i>Shower</i>	9,154	44.8	1,686	43.5	1,806	41.4	12,646	44.1
<i>Birth ball</i>	7,726	37.8	1,590	41.0	1,983	45.4	11,299	39.4
<i>Massage</i>	5,502	26.9	1,036	26.7	1,178	27.0	7,716	26.9
<i>Water immersion</i>	3,374	16.5	328	8.5	303	6.9	4,005	14.0
<i>Aromatherapy</i>	1,744	8.5	287	7.4	413	9.5	2,444	8.5
<i>TENS</i>	1,418	6.9	363	9.4	369	8.5	2,150	7.5
<i>Water injections</i>	675	3.3	205	5.3	174	4.0	1,054	3.7
<i>Acupuncture</i>	86	0.4	8	0.2	20	0.5	114	0.4
<i>Homoeopathy</i>	73	0.4	7	0.2	8	0.2	88	0.3
<i>Other</i>	4,192	20.5	1,044	26.9	1,010	23.1	6,246	21.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple methods of non-pharmacological analgesia permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

**TABLE 6.10 BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
METHOD OF BIRTH BY METHOD OF ANAESTHESIA FOR BIRTH**

Method of Anaesthesia for birth <sup>(a)</sup>	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None reported	33,187	100.0	805	13.6	2	0.0	33,994	53.6
At least one method	10	0.0	5,122	86.4	24,286	100.0	29,418	46.4
<i>Spinal</i>	1	10.0	172	3.4	17,813	73.4	17,986	61.1
<i>Epidural</i>	4	40.0	4,082	79.7	4,177	17.2	8,263	28.1
<i>General Anaesthesia</i>	.	.	4	0.1	1,533	6.3	1,537	5.2
<i>Combined Spinal-Epidural</i>	.	.	47	0.9	1,336	5.5	1,383	4.7
<i>Local to perineum</i>	5	50.0	1,221	23.8	37	0.2	1,263	4.3
<i>Pudendal</i>	.	.	175	3.4	3	0.0	178	0.6
<i>Caudal</i>	.	.	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
<i>Other</i>	.	.	2	0.0	119	0.5	121	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple methods of anaesthesia permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

**TABLE 6.11      MOTHERS BIRTHING BY LABOUR STATUS AND  
SELECTED PRIMARY CAESAREAN SECTION REASON, QUEENSLAND, 2021**

Reason for Caesarean Section <sup>(a)</sup>	Labour status					
	No labour		Labour		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fetal distress and/or meconium liquor	459	6.7	2,313	34.3	2,772	20.3
Uterine inertia (inc failure to progress)	.	.	2,390	35.5	2,390	17.5
Social Circumstances	1,595	23.1	205	3.0	1,800	13.2
Breech	1,066	15.5	333	4.9	1,399	10.3
Failed medical and/or surgical induction of labour	557	8.1	27	0.4	584	4.3
Previous poor obstetric history	450	6.5	48	0.7	498	3.7
Placenta praevia, with or without haemorrhage, abruptio placenta and other anteartum haemorrhage	401	5.8	79	1.2	480	3.5
Hypertension complicating pregnancy (incl. pre-eclampsia and eclampsia)	323	4.7	30	0.5	353	2.6
Multiple pregnancy	221	3.2	59	0.9	280	2.1
Poor fetal growth	241	3.5	9	0.1	250	1.8
Cephalopelvic disproportion	25	0.4	73	1.1	98	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,630</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Includes the main reason for caesarean recorded for each primary caesarean (mother's first caesarean section)

TABLE 6.12

**BIRTHS, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**ONSET OF LABOUR BY METHOD OF BIRTH**

Onset of labour	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spontaneous - not augmented	14,266	43.0	1,304	22.0	3,018	12.4	18,588	29.3
Spontaneous - augmented	5,545	16.7	1,740	29.4	1,575	6.5	8,860	14.0
Induced	13,386	40.3	2,883	48.6	3,981	16.4	20,250	31.9
No labour	.	.	.	.	15,714	64.7	15,714	24.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 6.13 TERM <sup>(a)</sup>, SINGLETON BIRTHS WITH A VERTEX PRESENTATION TO PRIMIPAROUS MOTHERS AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 34 IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
ONSET OF LABOUR BY METHOD OF BIRTH**

Onset of labour	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spontaneous - not augmented	3,033	42.3	607	22.2	487	12.4	4,127	29.9
Spontaneous - augmented	1,491	20.8	874	32.0	762	19.4	3,127	22.6
Induced	2,647	36.9	1,248	45.7	1,790	45.6	5,685	41.1
No labour	.	.	.	.	888	22.6	888	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,171</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,827</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Excludes Born Before Arrival and homebirths/freebirths.

(a) Includes babies born between 37 and 41 completed gestational weeks.

**TABLE 6.14 MOTHERS WITH A PREVIOUS CAESAREAN SECTION OR OTHER UTERINE SURGERY, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
METHOD OF BIRTH BY ONSET OF LABOUR<sup>(a)</sup>**

Onset of labour	Method of birth							
	Vaginal non-instrumental		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean Section		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spontaneous - not augmented	715	51.3	126	40.4	1,236	12.4	2,077	17.8
Spontaneous - augmented	255	18.3	91	29.2	170	1.7	516	4.4
Induced	425	30.5	95	30.5	236	2.4	756	6.5
No labour	.	.	.	.	8,310	83.5	8,310	71.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,659</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For multiple births, details of the first born baby are used.

**TABLE 6.15 MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021  
SELECTED LABOUR AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS**

Complication <sup>(a)</sup>	Mothers	
	No.	%
Precipitate labour	13,526	21.7
Fetal distress and/or meconium liquor	13,141	21.0
Primary post-partum haemorrhage	5,073	8.1
Uterine inertia (incl. failure to progress)	4,099	6.6
Obstructed labour	3,733	6.0
Previous uterine scar	3,490	5.6
Breech presentation	1,178	1.9
Prolonged second stage	1,157	1.9
Cord entanglement with/without compression	1,107	1.8
Retained placenta with/without haemorrhage	832	1.3
Maternal distress	194	0.3
<b>All mothers</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple complications was permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

**TABLE 6.16                      SELECTED LABOUR AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**MOTHERS BIRTHING FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF LABOUR <sup>(b)</sup>**

Selected complication <sup>(a)</sup>	Method of birth							
	Vaginal		Forceps/ Vacuum		Caesarean		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Perineal and other genital tract trauma	22,060	66.5	2,064	34.8	21	0.2	24,145	50.6
Fetal distress and/or meconium liquor	4,265	12.9	4,079	68.8	3,911	45.6	12,255	25.7
Primary post-partum haemorrhage	2,642	8.0	736	12.4	802	9.4	4,180	8.8
Uterine inertia (incl. failure to progress)	152	0.5	518	8.7	3,424	39.9	4,094	8.6
Obstructed labour	1,146	3.5	741	12.5	1,846	21.5	3,733	7.8
Long labour	416	1.3	921	15.5	404	4.7	1,741	3.7
Other obstetric trauma	717	2.2	53	0.9	176	2.1	946	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,197</b>	.	<b>5,927</b>	.	<b>8,574</b>	.	<b>47,698</b>	-

(a) For multiple births, details of the first born baby are used.

(b) Reporting of multiple conditions permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.



**TABLE 6.17      MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021  
SELECTED PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS PERFORMED  
DURING PREGNANCY, LABOUR AND THE PUERPERIUM**

Procedures and Operations <sup>(a)</sup>	Mothers	
	No.	%
Obstetric Ultrasound	62,282	99.7
Monitoring of fetal heart during labour	38,105	61.0
Manual removal of placenta	984	1.6
Administration of blood and blood products	917	1.5
Female sterilisation	530	0.9
Manipulation of fetal position and presentation	468	0.8
Amniocentesis	240	0.4
Insertion of cervical suture	171	0.3
Surgical postpartum evacuation of uterus	123	0.2
Chorionic villus sampling <sup>(b)</sup>	39	0.1
<b>Total mothers</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple procedures was permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

(b) May also include other diagnostic procedures on fetus.

**TABLE 6.18** **MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**SELECTED PUERPERIUM COMPLICATIONS**

Complication <sup>(a)</sup>	Mothers	
	No.	%
Disorders of the breast and/or lactation (excluding infection)	2,755	4.4
Anaemia	1,950	3.1
Hypertension complicating the puerperium	897	1.4
Puerperial pyrexia	573	0.9
Complications of obstetrical surgical wounds	212	0.3
Venous complications	210	0.3
Spinal and epidural anaesthesia induced headache during puerperium	146	0.2
Post-partum haemorrhage	85	0.1
Infection of genitourinary tract	71	0.1
Infection of breast	32	0.1
<b>Total mothers</b>	<b>62,482</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Reporting of multiple complications was permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.

TABLE 6.19 A

**MOTHERS BIRTHING VAGINALLY, QUEENSLAND, 2021**  
**GENITAL TRACT TRAUMA <sup>(a)</sup> BY SURGICAL REPAIR**

Genital tract trauma <sup>(b)</sup>	Surgical repair <sup>(c)</sup>					
	Yes		No		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nil	.	.	8,238	56.0	8,238	21.2
1st degree laceration, graze or vaginal tear	4,032	16.7	5,974	40.6	10,006	25.7
2nd degree laceration only	11,379	47.0	234	1.6	11,613	29.9
3rd degree laceration only	777	3.2	2	0.0	779	2.0
4th degree laceration only	45	0.2	.	.	45	0.1
Episiotomy only	6,131	25.3	2	0.0	6,133	15.8
Episiotomy and laceration <sup>(d)(e)</sup>	1,442	6.0	.	.	1,442	3.7
Laceration and other trauma	166	0.7	23	0.2	189	0.5
Episiotomy and other trauma	34	0.1	.	.	34	0.1
Episiotomy, laceration and other trauma	29	0.1	.	.	29	0.1
Other genital trauma	53	0.2	132	0.9	185	0.5
Other trauma only	81	0.3	103	0.7	184	0.5
Other	23	0.1	.	.	23	0.1
<b>Total <sup>(f)</sup></b>	<b>24,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) In the case of multiple types of perineal trauma, the highest degree of trauma is used.

(b) In the case of multiple births, details of the first born baby are used.

(c) Includes surgical repair to the lower genital tract including the cervix.

(d) Includes episiotomies with lacerations and other trauma.

(e) May include episiotomies with labial and perineal grazes.

(f) Includes mothers with not stated genital tract trauma.

TABLE 6.19 B

**MOTHERS BIRTHING VAGINALLY, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
GENITAL TRACT TRAUMA <sup>(a)</sup>, EPISIOTOMY / LACERATION  
BY SURGICAL REPAIR**

Genital tract trauma <sup>(b)</sup>	Surgical repair <sup>(c)</sup>					
	Yes		No		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nil	.	.	8,238	56.0	8,238	21.2
Episiotomy only	6,131	25.3	2	0.0	6,133	15.8
Episiotomy and 1st degree laceration, graze or vaginal tear	465	1.9	.	.	465	1.2
Episiotomy and 2nd degree laceration	722	3.0	.	.	722	1.9
Episiotomy and 3rd degree laceration	243	1.0	.	.	243	0.6
Episiotomy and 4th degree laceration	12	0.1	.	.	12	0.0
Episiotomy and other trauma	34	0.1	.	.	34	0.1
Episiotomy, laceration and other trauma <sup>(d)</sup>	29	0.1	.	.	29	0.1
1st degree laceration, graze or vaginal tear	4,032	16.7	5,974	40.6	10,006	25.7
2nd degree laceration only	11,379	47.0	234	1.6	11,613	29.9
3rd degree laceration only	777	3.2	2	0.0	779	2.0
4th degree laceration only	45	0.2	.	.	45	0.1
Other trauma only	81	0.3	103	0.7	184	0.5
Other <sup>(e)</sup>	242	1.0	155	1.1	397	1.0
<b>Total <sup>(f)</sup></b>	<b>24,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) In the case of multiple types of perineal trauma, the highest degree of trauma is used.

(b) In the case of multiple births, details of the first born baby are used.

(c) Includes surgical repair to the lower genital tract including the cervix.

(d) May include episiotomies with labial and perineal grazes.

(e) Other includes other genital trauma and laceration and other trauma

(f) Includes mothers with not stated genital tract trauma.

TABLE 6.20

MOTHERS BIRTHING VAGINALLY, QUEENSLAND, 2021  
EPISIOTOMY BY SURGICAL REPAIR

Episiotomy <sup>(b)</sup>	Surgical repair <sup>(a)</sup>					
	Yes		No		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nil	16,556	68.4	14,706	100.0	31,262	80.4
Episiotomy only	6,131	25.3	2	0.0	6,133	15.8
Episiotomy and other <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	1,505	6.2	.	.	1,505	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes surgical repair to the lower genital tract including the cervix.

(b) In the case of multiple births, details of the first born baby are used.

(c) Includes episiotomies with lacerations and other trauma.

(d) May include episiotomies with labial and perineal grazes.

TABLE 6.21 A

**PRIMIPAROUS<sup>(a)</sup> MOTHERS AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 34 IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION WITH A VAGINAL NON-INSTRUMENTAL BIRTH OF A SINGLETON, TERM<sup>(b)</sup> BABY, QUEENSLAND, 2021, GENITAL TRACT<sup>(c)</sup> TRAUMA BY ACCOUCHEUR**

Primiparous mothers <sup>(a)</sup> Genital tract trauma <sup>(c)</sup>	Accoucheur													
	Medical Officer		Medical Student		Midwife		Obstetrician		Student Midwife		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nil	10	3.6	1	2.4	357	7.1	6	3.4	117	6.6	.	.	491	6.7
Other Genital Trauma	.	.	.	.	20	0.4	1	0.6	6	0.3	.	.	27	0.4
1st degree laceration only	28	10.2	10	24.4	1,319	26.3	18	10.3	424	23.7	.	.	1,799	24.6
2nd degree laceration only	77	28.0	20	48.8	2,235	44.5	33	18.9	845	47.3	2.0	100.0	3,212	44.0
3rd degree laceration only	2	0.7	2	4.9	207	4.1	9	5.1	66	3.7	.	.	286	3.9
4th degree laceration only	.	.	.	.	14	0.3	.	.	4	0.2	.	.	18	0.3
Episiotomy only	137	49.8	4	9.8	646	12.9	83	47.4	235	13.2	.	.	1,105	15.1
Episiotomy and laceration <sup>(d)</sup>	18	6.6	4	9.8	177	3.5	23	13.1	67	3.8	.	.	289	4.0
Laceration and other trauma	.	.	.	.	23	0.5	.	.	12	0.7	.	.	35	0.5
Episiotomy and other trauma	.	.	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	1	0.1	.	.	2	0.0
Episiotomy, laceration and other trauma	1	0.4	.	.	3	0.1	.	.	1	0.1	.	.	5	0.1
Vaginal tear with intact perineum	.	.	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0.0
Other trauma only	1	0.4	.	.	13	0.3	.	.	7	0.4	.	.	21	0.3
Other	1	0.4	.	.	4	0.1	2	1.1	2	0.1	.	.	9	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Excludes Born Before Arrival (BBA) and homebirths/freebirths.

(a) Primiparous mothers have had no previous pregnancies resulting in a livebirth or a stillbirth. Multiparous mothers have had at least one previous pregnancy resulting in a livebirth or stillbirth.

(b) Includes babies born between 37 and 41 completed gestational weeks.

(c) Lower than but not including the cervix.

(d) May include labial and perineal grazes.

(e) In the case of multiple types of perineal trauma, the highest degree of trauma is used.

TABLE 6.21 B

**MULTIPAROUS<sup>(a)</sup> MOTHERS AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 34 IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION WITH A VAGINAL NON-INSTRUMENTAL BIRTH OF A SINGLETON, TERM<sup>(b)</sup> BABY, QUEENSLAND, 2021, GENITAL TRACT<sup>(c)</sup> TRAUMA BY ACCOUCHEUR**

<i>Multiparous mothers</i> <sup>(a)</sup> Genital tract trauma <sup>(c)</sup>	Accoucheur													
	Medical Officer		Medical Student		Midwife		Obstetrician		Student Midwife		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nil	84	31.0	24	24.2	2,691	31.0	55	31.8	927	29.8	10	50.0	3,791	30.6
Other Genital Trauma	2	0.7	1	1.0	73	0.8	3	1.7	25	0.8	.	.	104	0.8
1st degree laceration only	66	24.4	35	35.4	2,867	33.0	43	24.9	1,069	34.3	6	30.0	4,086	33.0
2nd degree laceration only	64	23.6	31	31.3	2,589	29.8	24	13.9	926	29.7	4	20.0	3,638	29.4
3rd degree laceration only	3	1.1	2	2.0	122	1.4	5	2.9	34	1.1	.	.	166	1.3
4th degree laceration only	1	0.4	.	.	5	0.1	.	.	2	0.1	.	.	8	0.1
Episiotomy only	43	15.9	6	6.1	219	2.5	38	22.0	94	3.0	.	.	400	3.2
Episiotomy and laceration <sup>(d)</sup>	8	3.0	.	.	69	0.8	4	2.3	26	0.8	.	.	107	0.9
Laceration and other trauma	.	.	.	.	25	0.3	1	0.6	7	0.2	.	.	33	0.3
Episiotomy and other trauma	.	.	.	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0.0
Episiotomy, laceration and other tr	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Vaginal tear with intact perineum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other trauma only	.	.	.	.	30	0.4	.	.	4	0.1	.	.	34	0.3
Other	.	.	.	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,371</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Excludes Born Before Arrival (BBA) and homebirths/freebirths.

(a) Primiparous mothers have had no previous pregnancies resulting in a livebirth or a stillbirth. Multiparous mothers have had at least one previous pregnancy resulting in a livebirth or stillbirth.

(b) Includes babies born between 37 and 41 completed gestational weeks.

(c) Lower than but not including the cervix.

(d) May include labial and perineal grazes.

(e) In the case of multiple types of perineal trauma, the highest degree of trauma is used.

TABLE 6.22

**MOTHERS BIRTHING IN QUEENSLAND, 2021  
SELECTED ANTENATAL ULTRASOUNDS/SCANS**

Selected antenatal ultrasounds/scans <sup>(a)</sup>	Plurality of pregnancy					
	Singleton		Multiple		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nuchal translucency ultrasound	45,684	74.2	712	77.6	46,396	74.3
Morphology ultrasound scan	57,619	93.6	841	91.7	58,460	93.6
Assessment for chorionicity scan	9	0.0	536	58.5	545	0.9
<b>Total mothers</b>	<b>61,565</b>	.	<b>917</b>	.	<b>62,482</b>	.

(a) Reporting of multiple ultrasounds/scans was permitted, so numbers cannot be cumulated.