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# Executive Summary

The principal aim of the National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS) is the provision of national statistics on perinatal events. Since 1999, The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) has been contracted by the Department of Health and Children to oversee the collection, processing, management and reporting of data submitted to the NPRS. In this report, data on pregnancy outcomes, with particular reference to perinatal mortality and important aspects of perinatal care, are presented for 2000. In addition, descriptive social and biological characteristics of mothers giving birth and babies born in 2000 are recorded.

In 2000, 55,166 births were notified to the National Perinatal Reporting System,<sup>1</sup> an increase of 4.6 per cent since 1991. Of these, 308 were stillbirths giving a stillbirth rate of 5.6 per 1,000 live births and stillbirths in 2000. This is an increase of 0.3 per 1,000 since 1999 but represents an overall decrease of 1.8 per cent over the previous decade. There were 176 early neonatal deaths resulting in an early neonatal death rate of 3.2 per 1,000 live births in 2000. This again represents an increase of 0.3 per 1,000 since 1999. The overall rate of early neonatal deaths from 1991 to 2000 has decreased by 23.8 per cent. The perinatal mortality rate was 8.8 per 1,000 live and still births in 2000, an increase of 7.3 per cent from 1999. The overall perinatal mortality rate has decreased by 11.1 per cent over the decade 1991 to 2000.

The average birthweight of babies born in 2000 is estimated at 3,491g, a very slight increase from 1999 and just over 1 per cent lower than that estimated in 1991 (3,527g). Average gestational age remains constant compared to 1999 at 39.5 weeks in 2000 and is only very slightly lower than the recorded average gestational age at delivery in 1991 at 39.6 weeks. Low birthweight babies (weighing less than 2,500g) represented 4.9 per cent of all births in 2000, which is marginally lower than in 1999 (5 per cent), but 0.6 per cent higher than the figure for 1991. Between 1991 and 2000 the proportion of low birthweight babies has increased by 15.1 per cent. The twinning rate for 2000 is 12.8 per 1,000 maternities, and comprised 698 twin births, 16 triplet births and 1 quadruplet birth.

In 2000, single mothers accounted for just over 30 per cent of all women giving birth, which represents an increase of 93.6 per cent in the rate of 15.5 per cent estimated in 1991. The average age of all mothers in 2000 remains the same as 1999 at 30 years. Average parity also remains unchanged for 2000 at 1.1, though maternal parity has declined from 1.4 in 1991. This represents an overall decline of 23.8 per cent from 1991 to 2000. The trend in the breastfeeding rate continues to be upward at 38.4 per cent in 2000 compared to 36.2 per cent in 1999.

2000 saw a decline in the number of home births attended by independent domiciliary midwives compared to 1999. In 2000 there were 216 such births while in 1999 there were 246, representing a decrease of 12.2 per cent for 2000. In 1991 there were 184 independent domiciliary midwife births, therefore over the period from 1991 to 2000 there was an overall increase of 17.4 per cent.

<sup>1</sup> Reports of 22 births are missing from the National statistics presented in this report. Of these, 21 reports relate to births at Limerick Regional Maternity Hospital that had not been returned at time of publication. The other report relates to a birth that was not notified to the NPRS and for which a chart cannot now be located.

Delivery by caesarean section increased again for 2000, although only marginally from 20.4 per cent of all births in 1999 to 21.3 per cent in 2000. The rate of caesarean section has now increased by 81.5 per cent over the decade from 11.8 per cent in 1991. While the rates of caesarean section are different for singleton and multiple births, the rate of the change over the last decade is higher for singleton births compared to multiple births. 20.5 per cent of singleton and 50.3 per cent of multiple births were delivered by caesarean section in 2000 compared to 11.3 per cent and 30.7 per cent, respectively, for singleton and multiple births in 1991. This represents a rate of increase of 81.9 per cent for singleton births and 63.9 per cent for multiple births over the decade.

Average lengths of stay for both mother and infant continue to decline in 2000. Infant's length of stay has decreased from an average of 4.47 days in 1991 to 4.25 days in 2000 while mother's length of stay has declined from 5.24 days in 1991 to 4.54 days in 2000.

2000 saw a further decrease in the percentage of early neonatal deaths undergoing post-mortem examinations. This rate, 39.4 per cent, has declined by 11.2 per cent between 1999 and 2000 alone. Over the past decade, the overall rate for post-mortems has decreased by just over 40 per cent from the 1991 rate of 66.1 per cent.



Section 1  
Introduction



## Section 1 Introduction

### Aims

This report of the National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS) has as its principal aim the provision of national statistics on perinatal events for the year 2000. More specifically, the report aims to describe the fundamental social and biological characteristics of mothers and their babies, to report on pregnancy outcomes with particular reference to perinatal mortality, and to highlight important aspects of perinatal care. Although great strides have been made in reducing infant and perinatal mortality during the past twenty years, the perinatal period continues to be a time of relatively high mortality. Set in this context, the importance of monitoring variables related to perinatal health becomes evident.

This report presents what might be considered a minimum national data set and is intended to serve as a foundation for the development of basic time series analyses and to allow for the possible addition of further variables and more extensive analysis in future years. In mid-2003 the birth notification form was revised to facilitate a number of new fields that were required by the General Register Office (part 1) for birth registrations. These changes have resulted in the collection of two new variables, nationality and country of residence for both the mother and father, by the NPRS. These variables will be reported in the national statistics from 2004. It is hoped that the publication of the data reported to the NPRS will stimulate a wider interest in research in the area of perinatal epidemiology and promote a general recognition of the importance of having an accurate and complete perinatal reporting system.

### Development of the Perinatal Reporting System

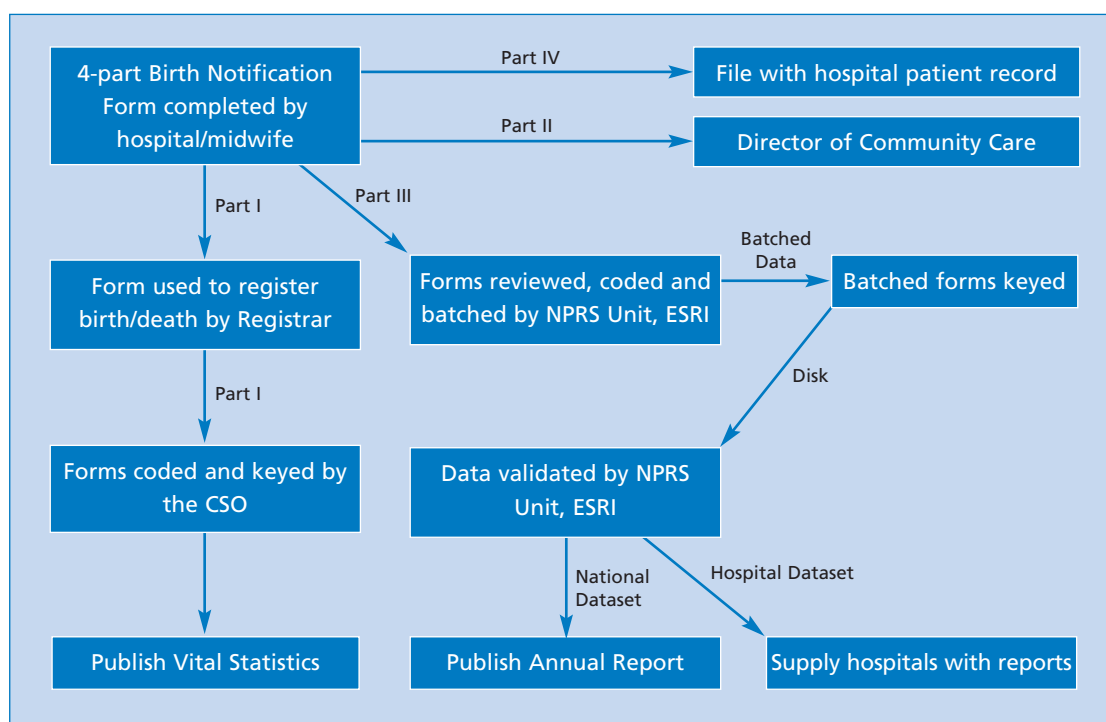
The need to rationalise data collection systems on childbirth became increasingly evident during the 1970s. Prior to the current system, hospitals used a standard form for the registration of live births; a second form completed by the hospital provided statistical information on those births to the Central Statistics Office (CSO); a third form was employed to notify stillbirths to health board(s) and to the CSO; and a variety of non-standard forms were in use to provide for the notification of births to the appropriate health board authorities as soon as possible after the birth. The decision was taken to devise an integrated system to provide on one form for the registration and notification of births and for the informational requirements of all those involved in perinatal care, including the provision of basic perinatal statistics for research and planning purposes. A four-part form was designed and printed on self-copying paper, and pilot tests were carried out to ascertain the feasibility of the scheme. The next step involved the gradual extension of the scheme across the country and the parallel development of systems for data collection, computerisation and reporting. In March 1981, a Steering Committee was set up to supervise the extension of the scheme into a comprehensive national system. On the committee were representatives from the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Irish Perinatal Society, the health boards, the Medico-Social Research Board, maternity hospitals, the Central Statistics Office, the Central Computing Service, and the Department of Health. By 1982, the Perinatal Reporting System covered approximately 64 per cent of all births; the first report, which referred to 1984, had 94 per cent coverage; and national coverage has been complete since 1985. In June 1999, The Economic and Social Research Institute was contracted by the Department of Health and Children to oversee the collection and processing of data required by the Perinatal Reporting System. See Appendix A for a copy of Part 3 of the four-part form. The ESRI has primary responsibility for the collection, processing and reporting of data from 1999 onwards.



## Data Collection

Births are registered and notified on a standard four-part form. The top copy of the form is sent by the hospital to the Registrar of Births and serves as the official document of registration. This copy is subsequently forwarded to the Central Statistics Office for use in the production of quarterly and annual reports on vital statistics. The second part of the form containing additional information on the health of the mother and the infant and on the care received goes to the Director of Community Care and Medical Officer of Health in the mother's area of residence. It serves the dual purpose of notifying the local medical and nursing services that have responsibility for the postnatal care of the mother and child and of providing the basis for health records used by the health boards. The third part of the form has all identifying information deleted and is sent to the NPRS Unit at The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). The fourth and final copy is retained by the hospital. Figure 1.1 provides a diagrammatic representation of the information system. In January 1998, the four-part form replaced the two-part Domiciliary Notification Form for the notification of domiciliary births. Just as with hospital births, Part 1 is sent to the Registrar of Births and subsequently to the CSO; Part 2 is sent to the Director of Community Care and Medical Officer of Health in the mother's area of residence; the third copy is sent to the NPRS unit at the ESRI; and the fourth copy is retained by the midwife. All the tables in the present report are based on data contained in the third copy of the standard form.

**Figure 1.1**  
**National Perinatal Reporting System, Diagrammatic View**



The data collected by the National Perinatal Reporting System can be logically grouped into demographic, clinical and administrative data. The data collected by the NPRS for 2000 include:

- **Demographic Data**  
Date of infant's birth; sex of infant; multiple birth indicator;  
Date of father's birth; father's county of residence; father's occupation;  
Date of mother's birth; mother's county of residence; mother's occupation;  
Marital status of mother and date of present marriage.

- Clinical Data**

Infant's birthweight and period of gestation; mother's obstetric history;  
Autopsy indicator; whether stillbirth occurred before or during labour;  
Main cause of death and one secondary cause of death for infant;  
Maternal immunity to rubella; method of delivery;  
Infant's BCG vaccination;  
Main maternal disease or condition and one secondary maternal disease or condition affecting the infant or foetus;  
Main disease or congenital malformation and one secondary disease or congenital malformation affecting the infant or foetus.
- Administrative Data**

Hospital number; case number (unique to hospital of birth);  
Type of birth indicator; place of birth;  
Date of last birth (live or still);  
Type of death indicator; place of death;  
Type of antenatal care received; date of first visit to hospital and doctor during pregnancy;  
Type of feeding; pre-booked admission indicator; dates of mother's admission and discharge;  
date of infant's discharge;  
Infant transfer indicator; hospital number for hospital to which infant was transferred.

## Data Processing

Coding of the forms takes place in the NPRS Unit at the ESRI. Occupations are coded according to the Central Statistics Office system of socio-economic group classification (see Appendix B). Diseases are coded using the ninth revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and according to the guidelines set out by the World Health Organisation (see Appendix C). The data are entered onto computer by a private company and the file is then transferred to the NPRS Unit at the ESRI for validation, processing and the production of reports (see Figure 1.1). Checks are also carried out to ensure the completeness of returns from each hospital. Validation, reports and analyses are carried out using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) software.

## Format and Contents

This report presents a set of national tabulations for perinatal events for 2000 indicating frequencies, stillbirth rates, early neonatal death rates, and perinatal mortality rates set out for a number of the most important social, biological and health care variables. The data are presented in four main sections covering selected trends, general characteristics, perinatal care and perinatal outcomes. Section 2 (Selected Trends) documents significant trends in the principal variables for the years 1990-1993, 1999 and 2000. Section 3 contains tables relating to the following variables: maternal age; parity; marital status; socio-economic group of mother; socio-economic group of father; distribution of previous stillbirths; birthweight (by sex); twinning rate; gestational age; interval since last birth; and month of birth.

Section 4 deals with variables which fall more naturally into the category of use of health care facilities and type of antenatal care received and deals with the following distributions: gestational age at first antenatal contact of mother with the health services; type of antenatal care received; number of antenatal days stay by the mother; number of postnatal days stay by the mother; mother's immunity to rubella; method of delivery; whether hospital admission was booked or not; type of feeding; transfer of infants between hospitals; and classification of outcome according to size of maternity unit.

In Section 5, causes of perinatal deaths and other factors closely related to the outcome of pregnancy are considered. In this section tables are presented on the following variables: numbers of antepartum and intrapartum stillbirths by birthweight groups; numbers and rates for cause of death and cause of death by birthweight; age at death for early neonatal deaths; numbers and percentages of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths undergoing post-mortem examinations; and the length of infant's stay in hospital. It should be noted that Sections 3, 4 and 5 are each divided into two parts: Part 1 dealing with singleton births and Part 2 dealing with multiple births. A number of cross-tabulations of selected variables of importance are contained in Appendix E, and many of the graphs in the report are based on data abstracted from these tables. Finally, Appendix F is included presenting an analysis of perinatal deaths for 2000 according to the classification system suggested by Dr. J.S. Wigglesworth. This system sets out five general and mutually exclusive cause of death categories designed to provide for relatively straightforward classification and to identify problem areas with implications for the clinical management of patients. The classification criteria as well as the results are set out in this Appendix.

An additional appendix based on domiciliary births has been included in this report. Appendix G documents significant trends in the principal variables for domiciliary births in 1999 and 2000 as well as a number of cross-tabulations of selected variables.

# Definitions

This section brings together the definitions of the terms used in the analyses for this report.

## Outcomes and Rates

**Live Birth:** A live birth is defined as the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. In accordance with World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, live births weighing less than 500 grams are not included in the national statistics.

**Stillbirth (SB) and Stillbirth Rate:** Foetal death is defined as death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy. A foetal death is indicated by the fact that, after such separation, the foetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Following WHO guidelines, a stillbirth, in this report, refers to the death of a foetus weighing at least 500 grams. The stillbirth rate is given as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Stillbirths} \times 1,000}{\text{Total Number of Live Births and Stillbirths}}$$

**Early Neonatal Death (ENND) and Early Neonatal Mortality Rate:** An early neonatal death refers to the death of a live born infant during the first week of life. The early neonatal mortality rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Early Neonatal Deaths} \times 1,000}{\text{Total Number of Live Births}}$$

**Perinatal Death and Perinatal Mortality Rate (PMR):** Perinatal deaths include stillbirths and early neonatal deaths. The perinatal mortality rate (PMR) is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Stillbirths and Early Neonatal Deaths} \times 1,000}{\text{Total Number of Live Births and Stillbirths}}$$

In this report a second perinatal mortality rate has been calculated excluding all stillbirths and early neonatal deaths due to congenital anomalies. This adjusted rate (Adjusted PMR) to some extent removes those perinatal events where death was unavoidable, but no attempt has been made to exclude only invariably fatal congenital anomalies.

**Twinning Rate:** This is given by

$$\frac{\text{Number of Twin Maternities} \times 1,000}{\text{Total Number of Maternities}}$$

Twin maternities, which resulted in stillbirths, are included in the calculation of the twinning rate.

**Note:** In this report, where rates are based on very small numbers, they should be interpreted with caution and should not be used as estimates of the true population rates.

## Other Items

The definitions given below relate to the principal classification variables contained in the main section of the report and refer only to those terms where explanation is considered necessary. The definitions are grouped according to the section in which they first appear.

### General Characteristics

**Born Before Arrival (BBA):** Born before arrival indicates that an infant was delivered before arrival at hospital.

**Domiciliary birth:** Domiciliary births are planned home births. The vast majority of these are attended by an independent midwife and are not associated with a hospital. In 2000 there were 27 births under hospital administered home birth schemes. For the purposes of this report these births are treated as hospital births due to the small numbers.

**Parity:** Maternal parity indicates a mother's total number of previous live births and stillbirths.

**Marital status:** Five categories are recognised as specified below:

- i. Married
- ii. Single: including women with civil annulments and women who have been widowed for more than ten months.
- iii. Widowed: including all women who have been widowed for 10 months or less.
- iv. Separated: covers the following categories:
  - Deserted
  - Legally separated
  - Church decree of nullity
  - Otherwise separated
- v. Divorced

**Father's Occupation:** Occupations are coded and grouped, with minor modifications, according to the CSO system of socio-economic groupings as used in the 1991 Census of Population, Volume 6. Details are given in Appendix B.

**Mother's Occupation:** Occupations are coded and grouped, with minor modifications, according to the CSO system of socio-economic groupings as used in the 1991 Census of Population, Volume 6. Details are given in Appendix B.

**Birthweight:** Birthweight is given in grams and hospitals are asked to record the weight within the first hour after birth. In accordance with WHO guidelines, infants weighing under 500 grams are not included in the national statistics.

**Period of Gestation:** Gestational age at delivery is recorded in completed weeks and is measured or estimated according to the best method available in each case.

**Time since last birth:** This variable gives the time, grouped into yearly intervals, since the mother's last live birth or stillbirth.

### Perinatal care

**Antenatal Length of Stay:** This is computed as the difference, in days, between a mother's date of admission and her date of delivery. Domiciliary births are not included in tables relating to this variable.

**Postnatal Length of Stay:** This is computed as the difference, in days, between the date of delivery and the date of the mother's discharge from hospital. A return of 'not stated' for this variable may indicate that the completed form was returned before the mother had been discharged. Domiciliary births are not included in tables relating to this variable.

**Immunity to Rubella:** An affirmative answer should be recorded only where there is documented evidence of a rubella antibody test. A history of rubella or previous immunisation is not sufficient.

**Method of delivery:** Six categories are used:

- i. Spontaneous cephalic delivery, without any of the following:
- ii. Breech delivery, spontaneous, with or without forceps to after-coming head, breech extraction
- iii. Forceps delivery
- iv. Vacuum extraction
- v. Caesarean section
- vi. Other specified and Combined

**Hospital Admission Booked or Unbooked:** Domiciliary births are not included in the tables relating to this variable.

**Type of Feeding:** Indicates whether artificial, breastfeeding or a combination of both was being used at the time of discharge.

**Transfer of Infants:** This identifies infants who were transferred to another hospital for medical reasons prior to completing the seventh day of life.

**Size of Maternity Unit:** Size in this context refers to the number of perinatal events occurring during the year.

### Perinatal Outcomes

**Antepartum and Intrapartum Stillbirths:** These refer to stillbirths occurring prior to and during labour respectively.

**Cause of Death:** This categorisation indicates the principal underlying pathological cause, which in the opinion of the certifier made the greatest contribution to the death of the infant or foetus. In assigning cause of death, the guidelines recommended by the World Health Organisation have been followed. A summary of these guidelines, together with a list of the International Classification of Disease codes grouped into each category, is provided in Appendix C.

**Age at Death:** The age of early neonatal deaths is given in completed hours if the infant survived less than 1 day and in completed days otherwise.

**Post-mortem:** This indicates whether or not a post-mortem examination was performed. In some cases a return of 'not stated' may be due to the notification form being returned prior to post-mortem.

**Length of Infant's Stay:** This is computed as the difference, in days, between the infant's date of birth and the date of the infant's discharge from hospital. A return of 'not stated' for this variable may indicate that the completed form was returned before the infant had been discharged. Where an infant was transferred to another hospital prior to the completion of the seventh day of life, the date of the transfer is given as the date of the infant's discharge. Domiciliary births and perinatal deaths are not included in the tables relating to this variable.

Note:

- All perinatal statistics and definitions are based on WHO ICD-9 Classifications.
- Where a particular value of a variable does not occur in a table, the row corresponding to that value is not included. This arises most frequently in relation to multiple births. For example, in Table 3.19 the values for 'unskilled manual workers' are not included as there are no occurrences of these values for mother's occupation for multiple births.

# Completeness and Reliability

## Coverage

The National Perinatal Reporting System covers all live births and stillbirths occurring in the country. However, there are differences in the vital statistics published by the CSO and the data presented in this report. The reasons for this are outlined further below.

## Late Notifications

In 2000 there were 21 late notifications reported to the NPRS by Limerick Regional Maternity Hospital. These notifications were not received until the advanced stages of preparation of the 2000 report. As a result it was not possible to include these in the statistics contained in this report. Included in these late notifications were 7 stillbirths, which represents 2 per cent of all stillbirths for 2000 and, when included in the national total, would increase the overall stillbirth rate from 5.6 per 1,000 births to 5.7 per 1,000 births.

## Missing Values

No attempt has been made to assign values to missing data, and they are included as a separate category in each table. In comparison with 1999, all variables show substantial improvement in the proportion of cases with the value 'not stated'. This is a welcome improvement arising from continued effort on the part of the NPRS staff and all the hospital administrators to improve the completeness of the reported data.

There were no new variables introduced in 2000. Father's date of birth and mother's occupation were reported on for the first time in the 1999 report and the levels of missing data were far greater than for many of the other variables in the data set. Completion of father's date of birth has improved in this report where father's date of birth is missing for 43 per cent of all births, regardless of mother's marital status,<sup>2</sup> compared to 52 per cent in 1999. Missing values for mother's occupation has also significantly improved and is missing for only 1.8 per cent of births in 2000 compared to 11 per cent of births in 1999. Efforts will continue to be expended to achieve complete coverage for these and all variables for future reports.

All aspects of perinatal care have seen improvements in missing values, most notably for type of antenatal care (down to 0.07 per cent), booking and transfer indicators (0.01 and 0.05 per cent respectively) and mothers' immunity to rubella having only 2 missing values for all births recorded in 2000. Calculation of lengths of stay for both mother and infant have also recorded fewer missing values compared to 1999.

Completeness of variables relating to the infant has improved in the dataset for 2000. Type of feeding has been recorded as 'not stated' for only 0.09 per cent of births, while birthweight and gestation are unknown in 0.02 per cent and 0.08 per cent of births respectively.

Notwithstanding improvements in the completeness of returns, the achievement of full coverage continues to be an important objective for the development of the NPRS.

In the 2000 report the category 'method of delivery' has again been sub-divided into the categories 'other specified & combined' and 'not stated'. The introduction of this category in 1999 has allowed more accurate monitoring of the recording of this variable. In 2000, the percentage of infants whose method of delivery was unknown was 0.01 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that where a mother's marital status is single, widowed, separated or divorced the father's details are not required by the GRO to register the birth and as such are generally not provided. This contributes significantly to the high percentage of missing father's date of birth.

## Accuracy

While computer validation can identify illogical or unacceptable data, it cannot detect information, which, though valid, is inaccurate. Information on the county of residence of mother can also be inaccurate since in safeguarding confidentiality the copy of the notification form received by the NPRS unit at the ESRI does not contain the mother's full address but only the county designation (see Appendix A). It is possible that data entered in this space may refer to the county in which the birth occurred. Consequently, mother's area of residence has been analysed at health board level in this report. The new instruction manual to facilitate completion of BNF01/2003 issued in May 2003 details the requirements for completion of each field, both new and existing. Careful attention to these instructions will complement the efforts that are continually in progress to improve all aspects of data quality (see Future Reports and Improvements below).

## Discrepancies with CSO Data

Differences between the vital statistics tables compiled by the CSO and the present results arise for a variety of reasons. In the first place, information is not always obtained from the same sources. This is particularly evident in the tabulations regarding cause of death. The CSO does not obtain information on maternal diseases or conditions affecting the foetus or infant while the NPRS unit at the ESRI does not have access to coroner's certificates relating to neonatal deaths. The CSO also uses a separate notification form (form 103) for collecting information on late foetal deaths. In 1995 stillbirths were registered in Ireland for the first time under the Stillbirths Registration Act, 1994. The CSO collect these data using Part 1 of the birth notification form sent to the GRO, while the NPRS collect them using Part 3 of the birth notification form. In 2000 the NPRS recorded a greater number of stillbirths than the CSO indicating that a number of stillbirths are being notified to NPRS, but not registered to the GRO.<sup>3</sup> This has implications for national perinatal mortality and stillbirth rates and is currently being addressed.

Secondly, the differences in the stillbirth numbers and rates and the perinatal rate reported in this publication and that reported by the CSO may be accounted for by the differing definitions of stillbirth that are used by the CSO and the NPRS. A broader definition of a stillbirth has been employed by the CSO since 1995 and as previously indicated the WHO definition is used by the NPRS.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, differences in coding procedures can be reflected in the published statistics. The ICD coding procedures are recognised to be particularly difficult and subjective in the area of causes of perinatal mortality and the current separate coding arrangements can therefore lead to significant discrepancies. Ideally, the data sources and data coding should be harmonised between the CSO and NPRS. One approach to achieving this objective would involve computerisation of the birth registration system and the consequent elimination of duplicate paperwork, coding and validation. The General Register Office began its national roll-out for the computerisation of birth registration in September 2003. This will cover the registration information currently collected on the top copy of the birth notification form. Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the form, which contain additional statistical information, will continue as paper based systems. Future phases of the computerisation programme are intended to include all statistical data. In the interim, the NPRS is assessing the feasibility of downloading the computerised information electronically and linking it with the statistical data captured in Part 3 of the form. This would assist in ensuring identification of all births and reduce duplication of effort in keying registered data. A determination regarding the feasibility of achieving this goal will be presented in the next report.

<sup>3</sup> Applying the CSO's definition of a stillbirth (see footnote 4 below), the NPRS recorded 333 stillbirths in 2000. The CSO recorded 325 stillbirths in 2000. There are 308 stillbirths recorded in the NPRS dataset for this report.

<sup>4</sup> The CSO defines a stillbirth as weighing at or over 500g and/or at a gestational age of 24 weeks or more. This definition applies to a late foetal death from 1995 onward. The NPRS includes all late foetal deaths weighing at least 500g, irrespective of gestational age.



In previous years there was also a discrepancy in the twinning rate calculated by the CSO and that calculated by the Department of Health and Children. Due to improved completeness of NPRS data, the gap was narrowed in 1999 and has narrowed further in 2000. For 2000 the CSO report a twinning rate of 13.4 per 1,000 maternities and the NPRS report a twinning rate of 12.8 per 1,000 maternities. The NPRS dataset includes only multiple births where weight is 500 grams or more. As a result, multiple births where one or more births weighs <500 grams are removed from the national dataset resulting in a small difference between the number of multiple births in the NPRS dataset and the number of complete sets of multiple births (see Table 3.14). There is a single field on the birth notification form that identifies a multiple birth. If this is not recorded then the ESRI has no way of identifying multiple births. However the additional personal identification data available to the CSO assures a more comprehensive estimate of the number of multiple births by this agency.

### Future Reports and Improvements

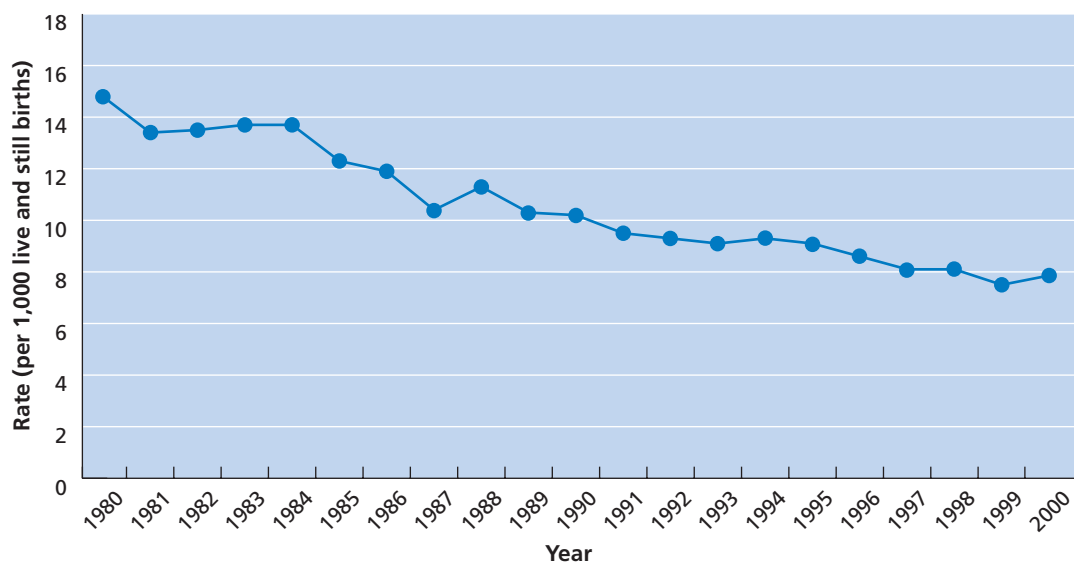
The minimum perinatal data set contained in this report is intended to serve as a foundation for the monitoring of perinatal health. In order to do this effectively the data must be accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date. While the present report notes progress in the reduction of levels of 'not stated' data and discrepancies with CSO estimates, the elimination of these problems remains a key objective. The implementation of computerised registration and notification would seem to be an essential prerequisite to the achievement of this goal and the development of a system delivering optimum data quality, timeliness and comprehensive coverage.

# General Trends and International Comparisons<sup>5</sup>

## Perinatal Mortality

Recent decades have witnessed a substantial decline in infant, neonatal and perinatal mortality in Ireland. Figure 1.2 shows the perinatal mortality rate in Ireland from 1980-2000. These rates are based on the national statistics compiled by the CSO. Between 1965 and 1980 the perinatal mortality rate fell by more than half from 30 deaths per 1,000 live births and stillbirths to 14.8 per 1,000 live births and stillbirths. From 1981 until 1984 the rate remained stable but resumed its decline to 10.4 in 1987 before rising slightly to 11.3 in 1988. From 1989 the rate declined relatively steadily to a low of 7.5 in 1999, which was half the 1980 rate. For 2000, the perinatal mortality rate has increased marginally to 7.8.

**Figure 1.2**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rate, Ireland: 1980-2000**



Note: In 1995 a broader definition of stillbirths was employed by the CSO. The new definition includes stillbirths at or over 500g or at a gestational age of 24 weeks or more. Figures given here are based on the old definition of a stillbirth (at or over 28 weeks) to facilitate comparisons.

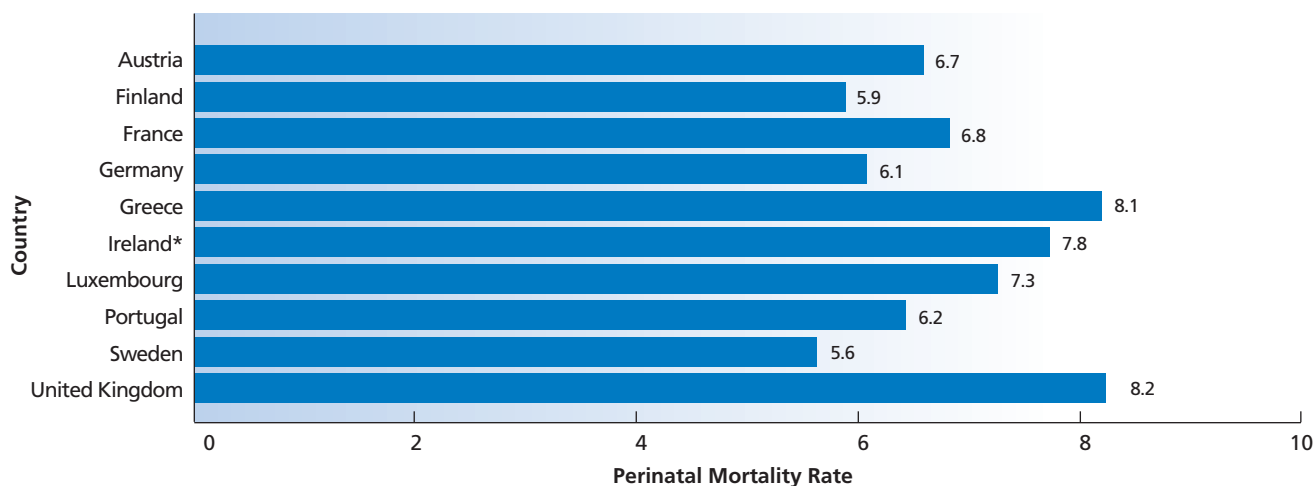
Source: Reports on *Vital Statistics, 2000 and 2001*, Central Statistics Office.

The factors impacting on level of perinatal mortality are complex and encompass a wide range of environmental and biological variables. Birthweight, parity, mother's age, social status and type of antenatal care as well as many other variables have a bearing on perinatal risk. Data in this report indicate levels of perinatal mortality for the principal variables associated with risk. Ireland's standing in relation to other countries in the European Union (EU) is shown in Figure 1.3. Of the ten countries for which data are available in 2000, Ireland's perinatal mortality rate is amongst the highest recorded at 7.8 per 1,000, with only Greece and the UK showing higher rates. Finland and Sweden

<sup>5</sup> National figures presented in this section are based on official registration data as compiled by the Central Statistics Office. These figures may differ somewhat from numbers and rates appearing in the tables of this report for reasons given in the previous section.

had the lowest perinatal mortality rates (5.9 per 1,000 and 5.6 per 1,000 respectively) of the ten countries. When comparing between countries it should be remembered that rates are affected by national policies on abortion, by differences in the comprehensiveness and accuracy of registration and notification systems and by differences in definitions employed (for example, for stillbirth).

**Figure 1.3**  
Perinatal Mortality Rate, 2000 for Selected EU Countries



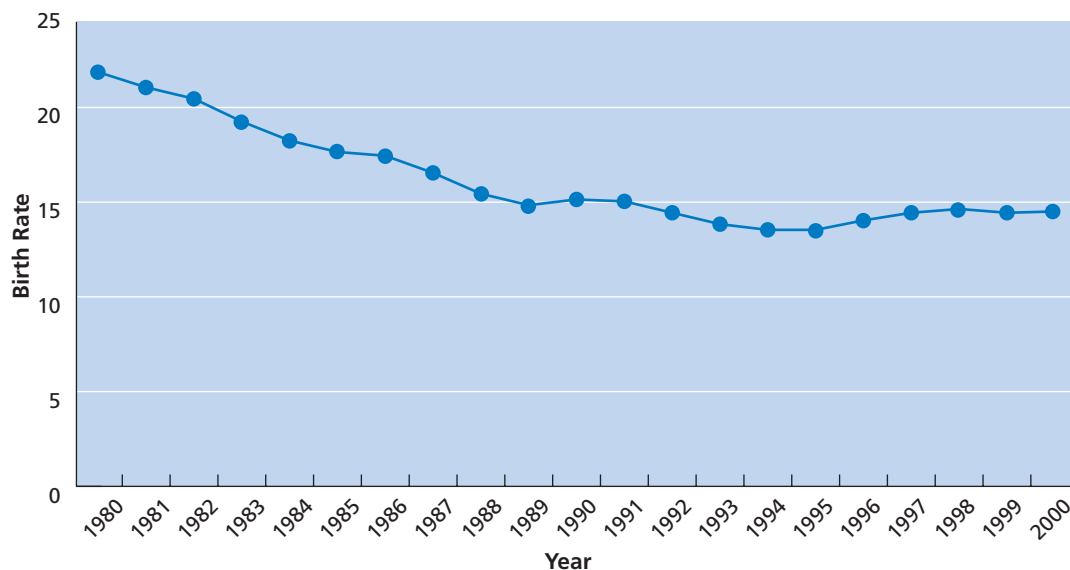
Source: *Population and Social Conditions, Demography, Perinatal Mortality Rate 2000*, Eurostat 2004.

\*National figure compiled by the Central Statistics Office, Report on *Vital Statistics, 2001*.

## Birth Rate

Figures for births per 1,000 population over the past two decades illustrate an overall reduction of 31 per cent in the crude birth rate. From 1980, the birth rate steadily declined from 21.8 to 14.8 per 1,000 population in 1989. It then rose slightly in 1990 to 15.1 and immediately began to decline again to reach an all time low of 13.5 in 1994 and 1995. Since 1995 the birth rate has gradually increased to 14.6 in 1998, and has remained stable up until 2000 at 14.5 per 1,000 population (Figure 1.4).

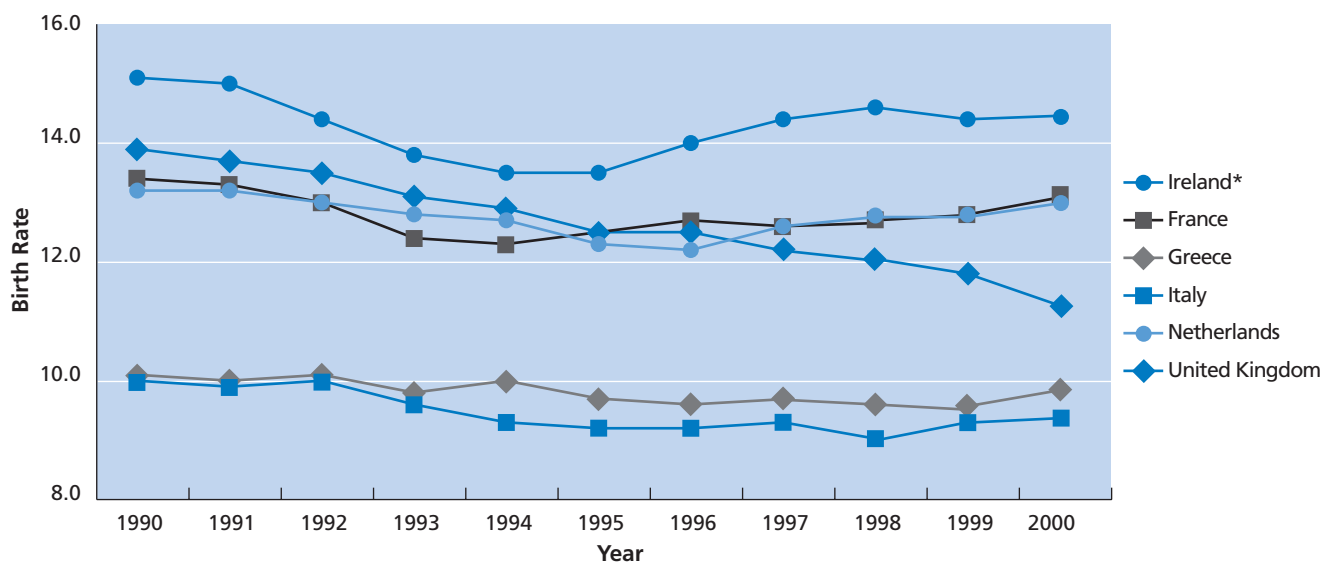
**Figure 1.4**  
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, Ireland: 1980-2000



Source: Reports on *Vital Statistics, 1980-2001*, Central Statistics Office.

Figure 1.5 shows trends in birth rates for selected EU countries in the last decade. For the countries reviewed, Ireland has consistently had the highest birth rate over the period. While Ireland's birth rate moved closer to that of other European countries around 1995 we continue to have the highest birth rate of any of the fifteen EU countries. In 2000 Germany continues to have the lowest birth rate (9.3), followed by Italy (birth rate 9.4) and Austria (birth rate 9.7) of the fifteen EU countries shown in Figure 1.6.

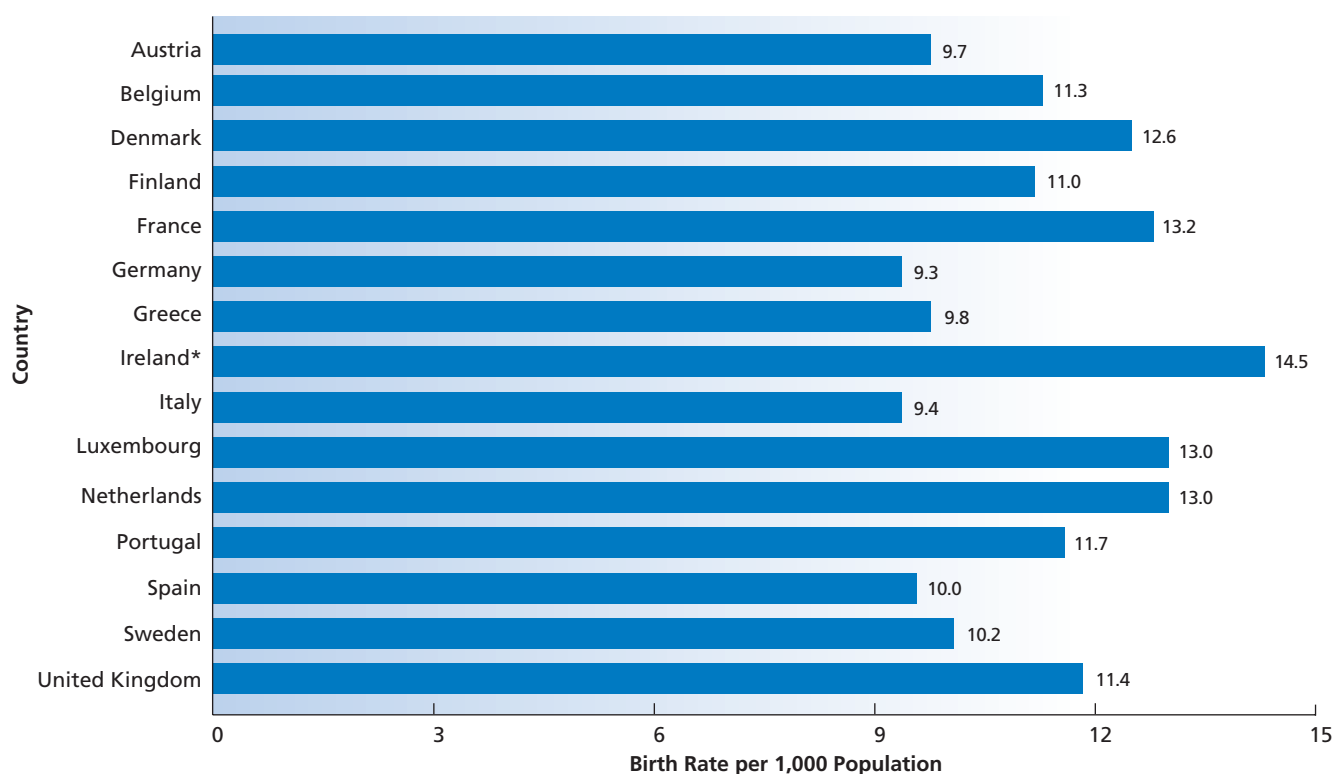
**Figure 1.5**  
Trends in Birth Rates for Selected EU Countries: 1990-2000



Source: *Population and Social Conditions, Demography, Crude Birth Rate, 1990-2000*, Eurostat 2004.  
\*National figures. Report on *Vital Statistics, 2001*, Central Statistics Office.

It should be noted that the crude birth rate could rise or fall depending on the numbers of women in the age cohorts from 15-49 years old. It therefore often masks underlying trends in fertility. Total fertility provides a better measure of these trends and is presented in the next section.

**Figure 1.6**  
**Birth Rate per 1,000 Population for Fifteen EU Countries: 2000**



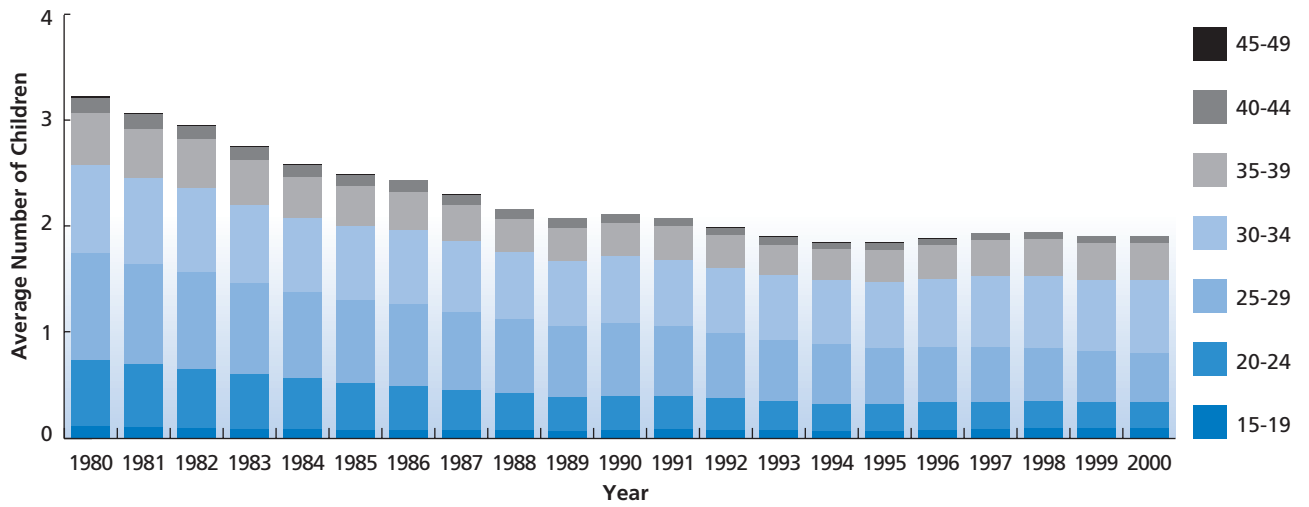
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## Fertility

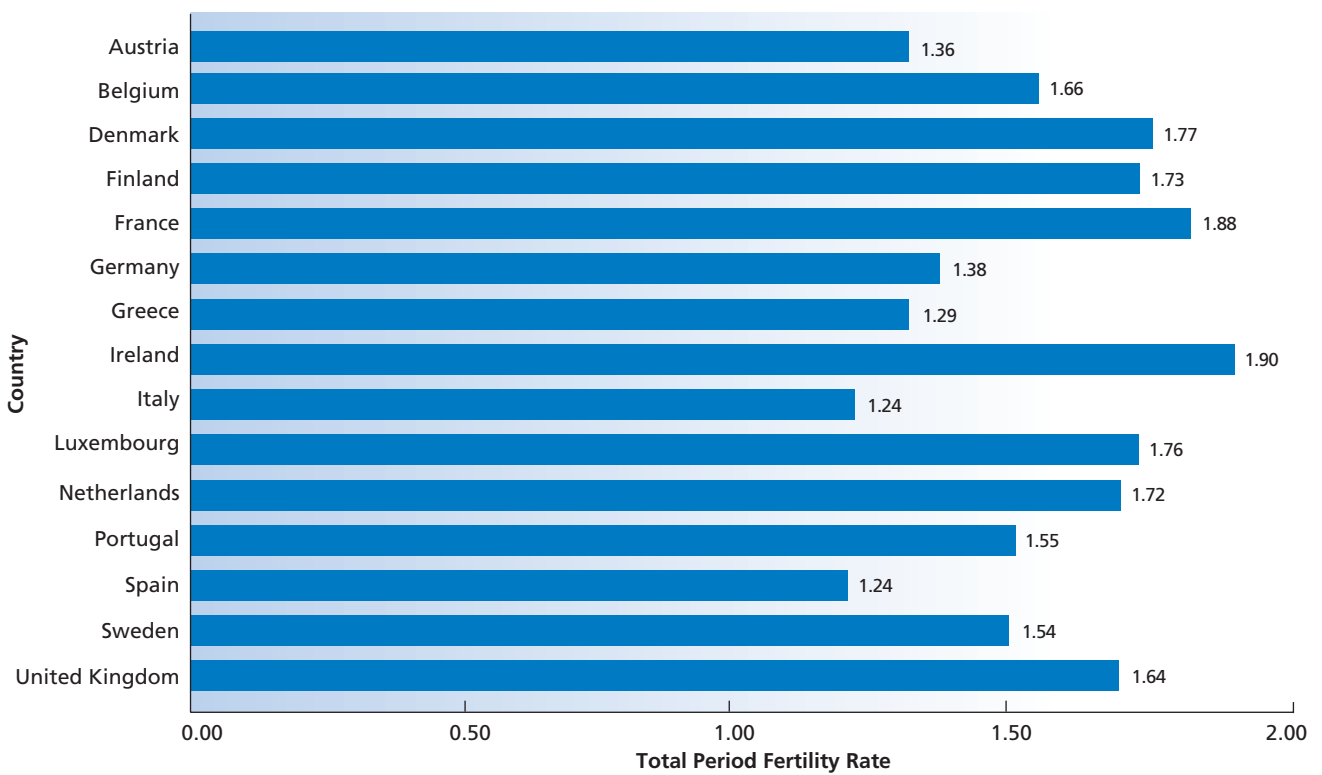
Figure 1.7 shows the trend in the Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR) in Ireland over the past twenty years. The TPFR for a given year indicates the number of children a woman could expect to have if the age specific fertility rates for that year applied throughout her fertile years. The Irish TPFR has declined from an average of 3.23 in 1980 to 1.91 in 2000, representing a 41 per cent decrease over 20 years. The TPFR had also been in decline for a number of decades prior to 1980. During the latter half of the 1990s, the TPFR remained relatively stable with the rise in crude birth rate being largely accounted for by the increasing numbers of women in the childbearing age groups. As in all EU countries (prior to enlargement), the TPFR for Ireland remains below the level required for the long-term replacement of the population (TPFR of 2.1) in the absence of any net inward migration. While Ireland has experienced a fairly rapid fall in TPFR over recent years, Ireland nonetheless continues to have the highest TPFR in the EU (Figure 1.8) followed by France (1.88 TPFR). Spain and Italy (1.24 TPFR) have the lowest total period fertility rate within the EU.

**Figure 1.7**  
**Total Period Fertility Rate Subdivided by Age Groups, Ireland: 1980-2000**



Source: Report on *Vital Statistics, 2001*, Central Statistics Office.

**Figure 1.8**  
**Total Period Fertility Rates, 2000, for EU Countries**



Source: *Population and Social Conditions, Demography*, Total Fertility Rate, 1990-2000, Eurostat 2004.  
 Note: For comparative purposes all rates (including that for Ireland) for Figure 1.8 are from Eurostat 2004.





Section 2  
Selected Trends



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### Introduction

A general review of the data reported to NPRS over the period 1990-1993, 1999 and 2000 is presented in this section. Tables 2.1 and 2.2 examine trends in vital and selected statistics for these years. Figures 2.1 to 2.7 present a selection of these variables. Each of these figures outline data for 1990-1993, 1999 and 2000.

## Section 2 Selected Trends

**Table 2.1**  
Trends in Vital Events, 1990-1993, 1999 and 2000

Singleton and Multiple Births, Numbers and Rates for  
Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Perinatal Deaths, 1990-1993, 1999 and 2000

Vital Events		Year											
		1990		1991		1992		1993		1999		2000	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Live Births:	Singleton	51,543	-	51,242	-	49,686	-	48,030	-	52,556	-	53,429	-
	Multiple	1,250	-	1,200	-	1,182	-	1,001	-	1,463	-	1,429	-
	Total	52,793	-	52,442	-	50,868	-	49,031	-	54,019	-	54,858	-
Stillbirths:	Singleton	305	5.9	284	5.5	285	5.7	272	5.6	274	5.2	288	5.4
	Multiple	11	8.7	18	14.8	16	31.4	11	10.9	14	9.5	20	13.8
	Total	316	6.0	302	5.7	301	5.9	283	5.7	288	5.3	308	5.6
Early Neonatal: Deaths	Singleton	191	3.7	195	3.8	173	3.5	131	2.7	130	2.5	153	2.9
	Multiple	22	17.6	24	20.0	19	16.1	16	16.0	27	18.5	23	16.1
	Total	213	4.0	219	4.2	192	3.8	147	3.0	157	2.9	176	3.2
Perinatal : Deaths	Singleton	496	9.6	479	9.3	458	9.2	403	8.3	404	7.6	441	8.2
	Multiple	33	26.2	42	34.5	35	29.2	27	26.7	41	27.8	43	29.7
	Total	529	10.0	521	9.9	493	9.6	430	8.7	445	8.2	484	8.8
Adjusted : Perinatal Deaths	Singleton	376	7.3	320	6.2	318	6.4	294	6.1	301	5.7	317	5.9
	Multiple	29	23.1	39	32.1	32	26.8	18	17.9	37	25.1	31	21.4
	Total	405	7.6	359	6.8	350	6.9	312	6.3	338	6.2	348	6.3

**Table 2.2**  
**Trends in Selected Statistics, 1990-1993,1999 and 2000**

Selected Statistics	1990	1991	1992	1993	1999	2000
<b>General Characteristics</b>						
Average Age of Mother in years	29.11	29.11	29.18	29.30	30.06	30.18
Average Maternal Parity	1.48	1.43	1.37	1.33	1.10	1.09
Single Mothers (%)	13.56	15.54	16.50	18.14	29.71	30.09
Average Number of Previous Stillbirths per 1,000 maternities	19.44	17.22	19.82	23.18	14.03	13.06
Average weight in grams - Singleton Births	3,509.88	3,548.02	3,525.01	3,520.02	3,505.35	3,517.36
- Multiple Births	2,584.04	2,653.17	2,549.84	2,535.38	2,467.24	2,509.85
- Total Births	3,488.10	3,527.54	3,502.37	3,499.98	3,477.19	3,491.13
Low birthweight <2500 grams (%)						
- Singleton Births	3.35	3.43	3.24	3.39	3.80	3.84
- Multiple Births	38.70	38.38	41.38	42.23	47.71	43.35
- Total Births	4.18	4.23	4.13	4.18	4.99	4.87
Average Gestational Age at delivery in weeks	39.60	39.59	40.23	40.08	39.48	39.46
Average interval since last birth in years	3.68	3.68	3.69	3.75	3.82	3.84
<b>Perinatal Care</b>						
Hospital & GP combined antenatal care (%)	60.80	58.97	61.97	63.94	72.30	72.39
Average gestational age at time of first visit to doctor in weeks	11.46	11.80	11.63	11.58	15.54	15.41
Mother's average length of stay in days	5.47	5.24	5.12	5.15	4.71	4.54
Immunity to Rubella (%) <sup>1</sup>	88.77	89.40	89.02	89.36	89.63	87.76
Method of Delivery (%) <sup>2</sup>						
<i>Singleton Births</i>						
- Spontaneous	74.33	73.64	73.72	72.95	65.35	64.56
- Caesarean	10.39	11.30	11.78	12.57	19.69	20.55
- Forceps <sup>3</sup>	9.78	9.58	8.30	7.79	4.27	3.78
<i>Multiple Births</i>						
- Spontaneous	43.06	39.36	40.78	37.99	32.33	33.73
- Caesarean	24.84	30.70	29.69	34.95	47.23	50.31
- Forceps <sup>3</sup>	7.18	8.07	6.40	6.48	3.08	2.52
<i>Total Births</i>						
- Spontaneous	74.07	72.85	72.96	72.24	64.46	63.76
- Caesarean	10.55	11.75	12.19	13.03	20.43	21.33
- Forceps <sup>3</sup>	9.75	9.54	8.25	7.77	4.24	3.74
Booked Hospital Admissions (%)	98.70	98.94	98.99	98.46	96.49	96.48
Mother's breastfeeding (%)	31.66	31.85	33.85	33.89	36.16	38.41
<b>Perinatal Outcomes</b>						
Wigglesworth Classes (Rate) <sup>4</sup>						
- Macerated Stillbirths	3.46	2.96	3.48	3.10	3.46	4.04
- Congenital Anomalies	2.22	2.88	2.74	2.37	1.94	2.46
- Immaturity	1.73	1.44	1.48	1.20	1.39	1.07
- Asphyxia	2.32	2.39	1.74	1.91	1.93	1.38
- Specific Conditions	0.47	0.38	0.47	0.43	0.49	0.51
- Total	10.20	10.05	9.91	9.00	9.11	9.45
Infant's average length of stay in days						
- Singleton Births	4.54	4.41	4.44	4.52	4.17	4.08
- Multiple Births	7.42	7.83	9.56	11.27	10.68	10.73
- Total Births	4.60	4.47	4.54	4.59	4.34	4.25
Post-mortems for Early Neonatal Deaths (%)	66.09	66.12	73.78	66.67	44.37	39.41

<sup>1</sup> Mother's immunity to rubella has fallen in 2000 to 87.7 per cent; the lowest rate recorded this decade. This rate is most likely influenced by an increase in 'unknown' values for the field 'mother's immunity to rubella' in 2000.

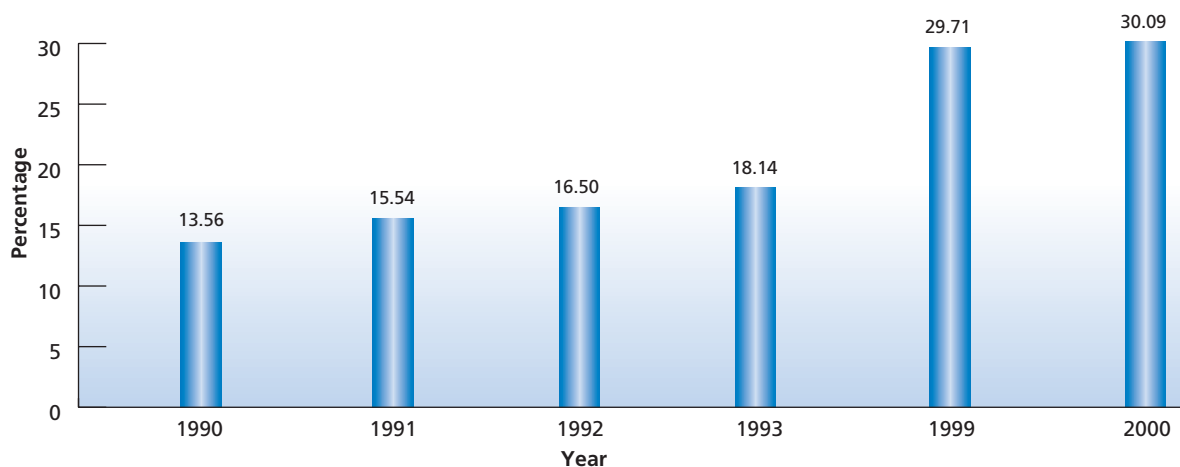
<sup>2</sup> These figures were not based on total maternities but on total births, to give a more accurate picture as each infant in a multiple can have a different method of delivery.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes breech deliveries.

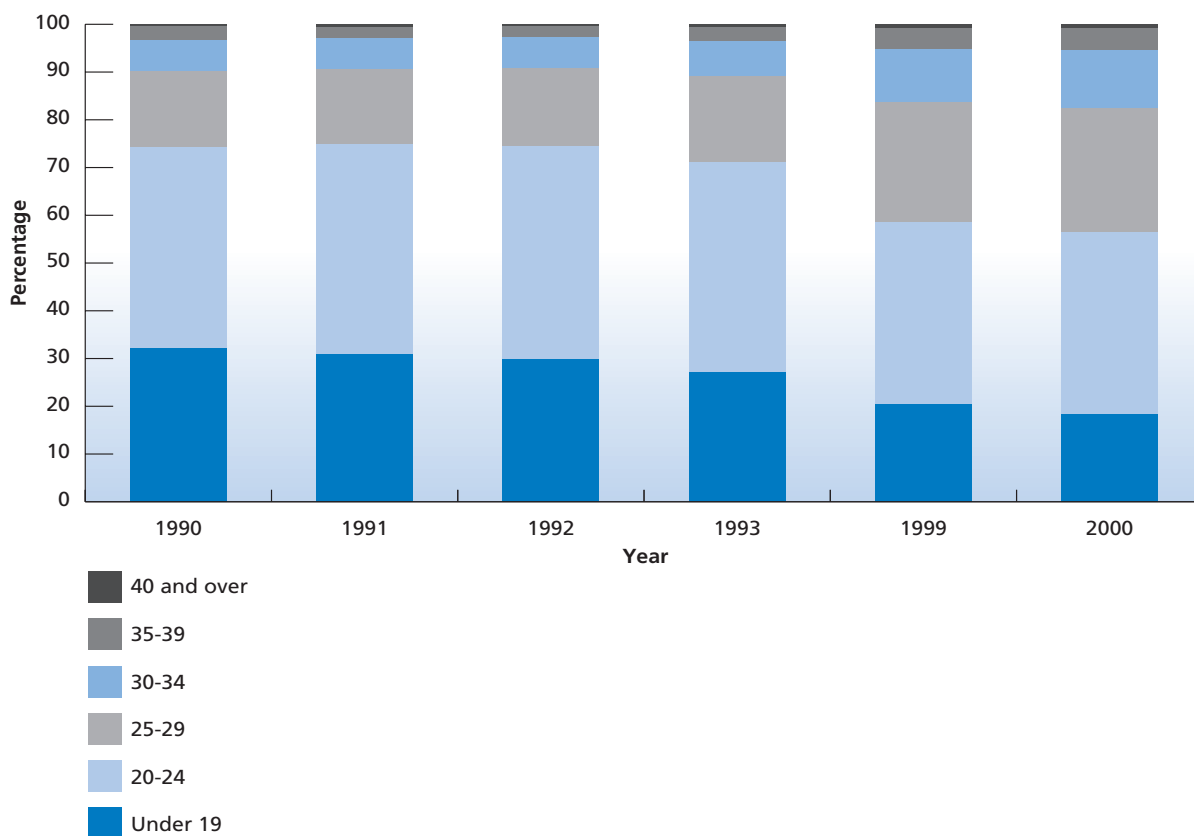
<sup>4</sup> See Appendix F for details of method.

Note: These selected statistics are set out according to the order in which they appear in subsequent sections of this report. Further details for each statistics, including mortality rates, are given in these sections. Statistics relating to maternal characteristics are based on total maternities. Missing values are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Figure 2.1**  
**Percentage of Births to Single Mothers, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000**

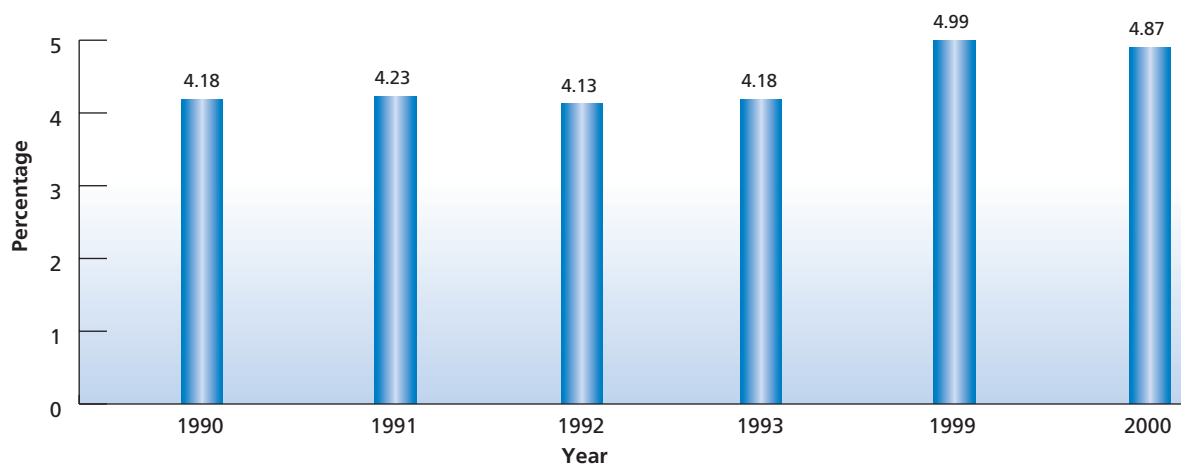


**Figure 2.2**  
**Percentage of Births to Single Mothers by Age of Mother, Singleton Births, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000**

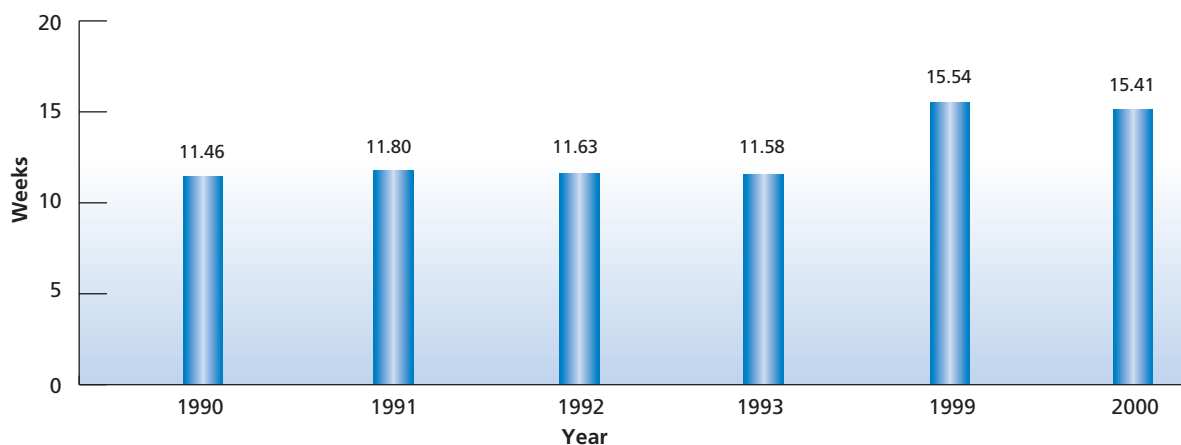


Source: Reports on *Perinatal Statistics, 1990-1993*, Department of Health. Appendix E, Table 3.  
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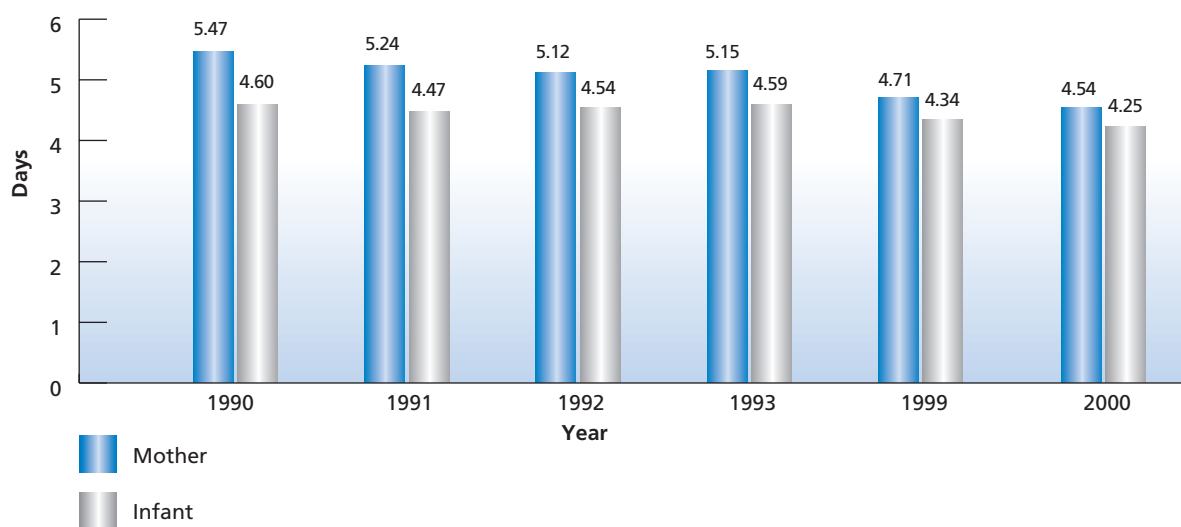
**Figure 2.3**  
**Percentage of Low Birthweight Babies, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000**



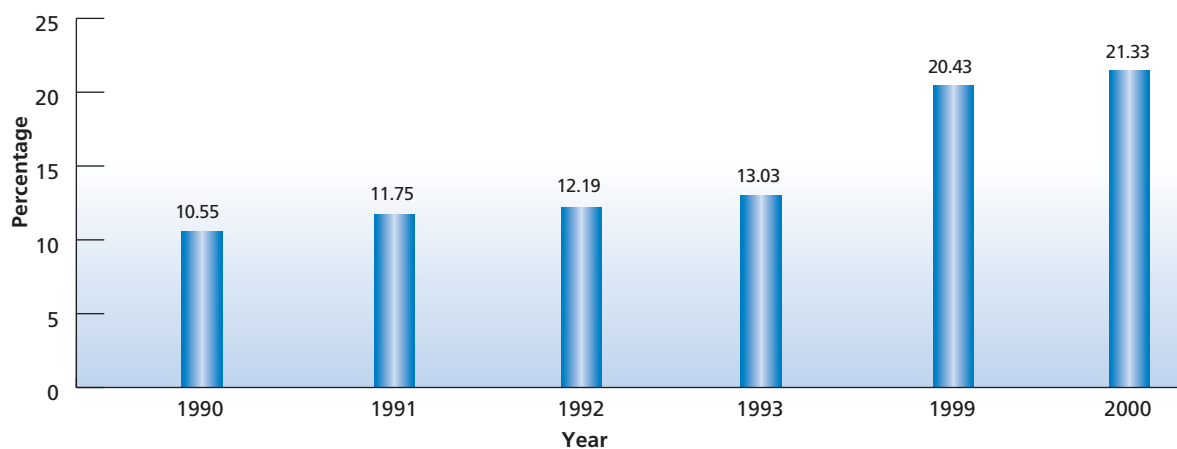
**Figure 2.4**  
**Average Gestational Age at Time of First Visit to Doctor in Weeks, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000**



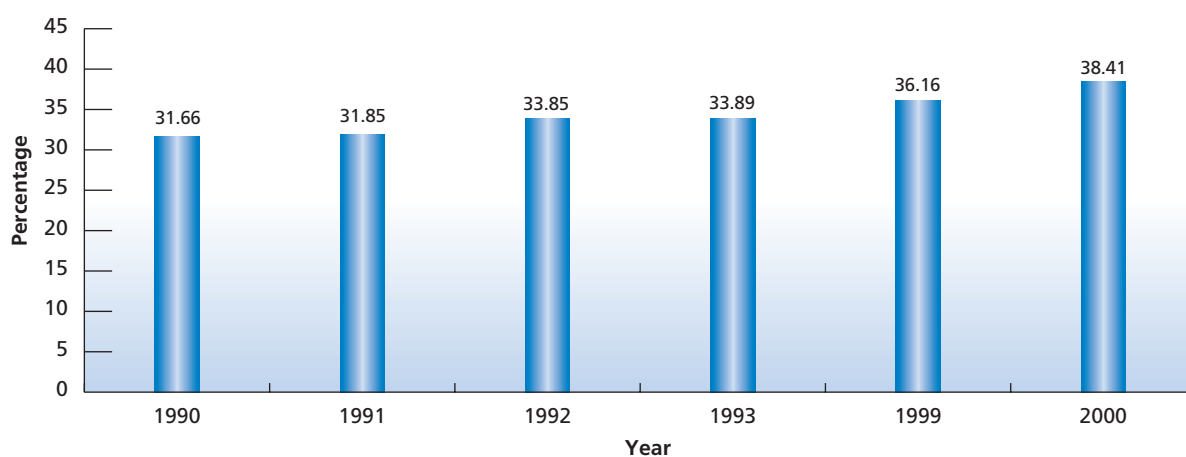
**Figure 2.5**  
**Average Length of Stay in Days for Mothers and Infants, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000**



**Figure 2.6**  
Caesarean Births as a Percentage of Total Births, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000



**Figure 2.7**  
Percentage of Mother's Breastfeeding, 1990 - 1993, 1999 and 2000







Section 3

# General Characteristics



This section presents a more detailed analysis of data reported to NPRS for 2000. Part 1 reports on singleton births and Part 2 on multiple births. The tables that follow outline data for live births, stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, together with their corresponding rates. The perinatal mortality rate and adjusted perinatal mortality rate are also outlined in each table. Tables and figures are presented in some detail for a variety of variables, for example, mother's age, marital status, father and mother's occupation, birthweight, health board of residence.

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General Characteristics

**Part 1 Singleton Births**



**Table 3.1**  
**Age of Mother**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates, 2000  
Singleton Births

Age of Mother	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR*
Under 15	12	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-19	3,095	5.8	22	7.1	16	5.2	12.2	10.0
20-24	7,885	14.8	38	4.8	18	2.3	7.1	4.9
25-29	13,312	24.9	61	4.6	36	2.7	7.3	4.9
30-34	17,541	32.8	80	4.5	46	2.6	7.2	5.3
35-39	9,770	18.3	67	6.8	31	3.2	10.0	7.2
40-44	1,726	3.2	18	10.3	4	2.3	12.6	8.1
45 and over	67	0.1	1	14.7	1	14.9	29.4	29.4
Not Stated	21	0.0	1	45.5	1	47.6	90.9	47.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

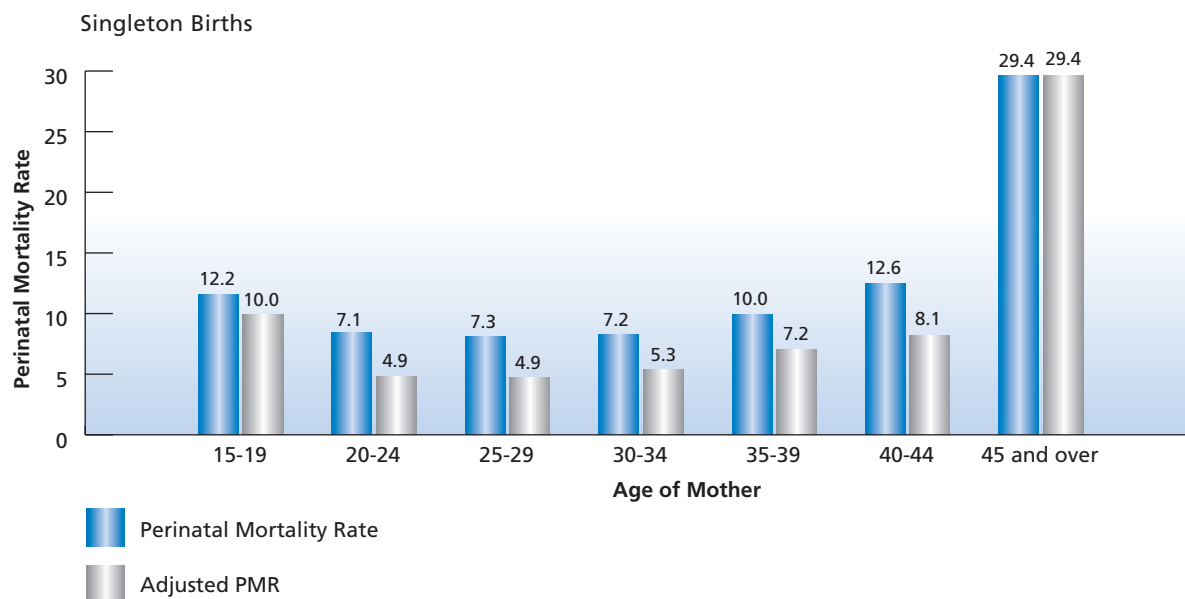
\* In this and subsequent tables, 'Adjusted PMR' gives a recalculated perinatal mortality rate which excludes all deaths due to congenital anomalies.

**Table 3.2**  
**Maternal Parity**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates, 2000  
Singleton Births

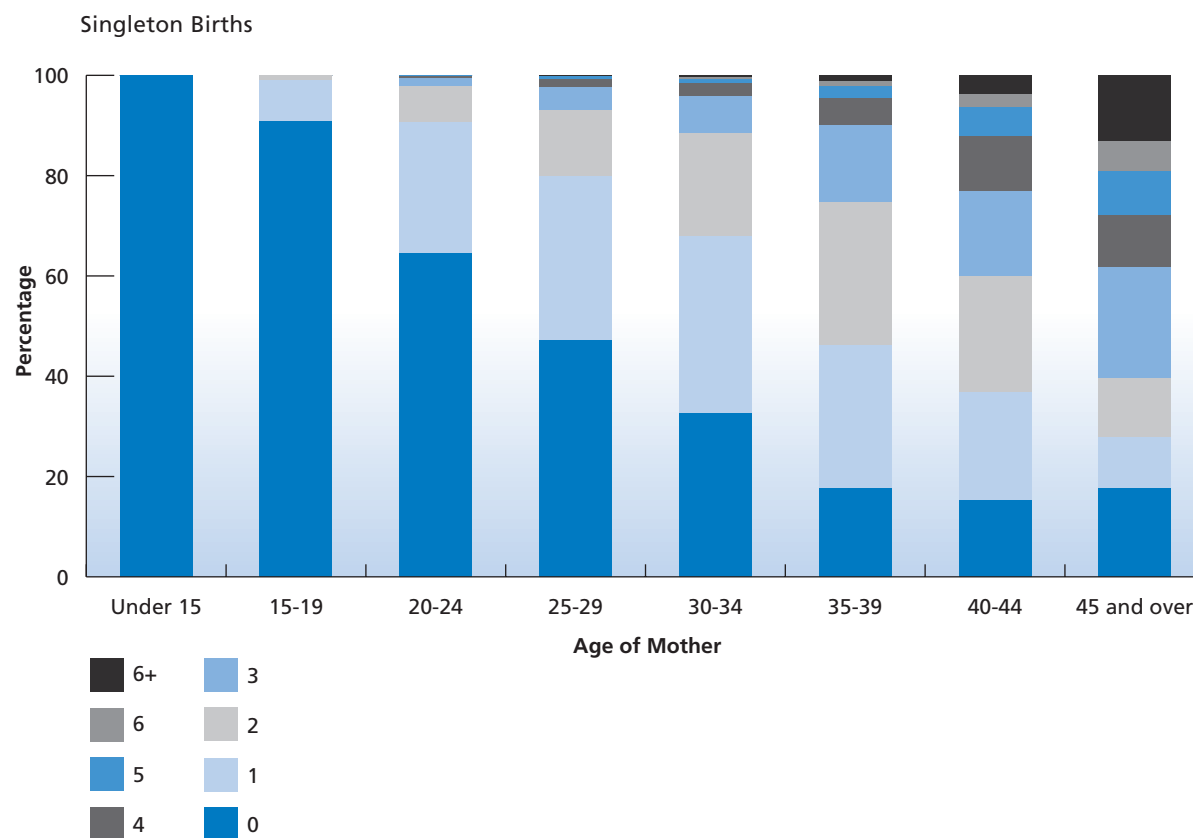
Maternal Parity	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0	21,886	41.0	131	5.9	72	3.3	9.2	6.9
1	16,027	30.0	60	3.7	37	2.3	6.0	4.2
2	9,177	17.2	37	4.0	22	2.4	6.4	4.1
3	3,870	7.2	33	8.5	14	3.6	12.0	8.5
4	1,426	2.7	10	7.0	5	3.5	10.4	7.7
5	547	1.0	8	14.4	3	5.5	19.8	10.9
6	245	0.5	3	12.1	0	0.0	12.1	12.1
More than 6	244	0.5	6	24.0	0	0.0	24.0	24.0
Not Stated	7	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Figure 3.1**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rates by Age of Mother, 2000**



Note: See Table 3.1 for data. The adjusted rate excludes all deaths due to congenital anomalies.

**Figure 3.2**  
**Percentage Distribution of Parity by Age of Mother, 2000**



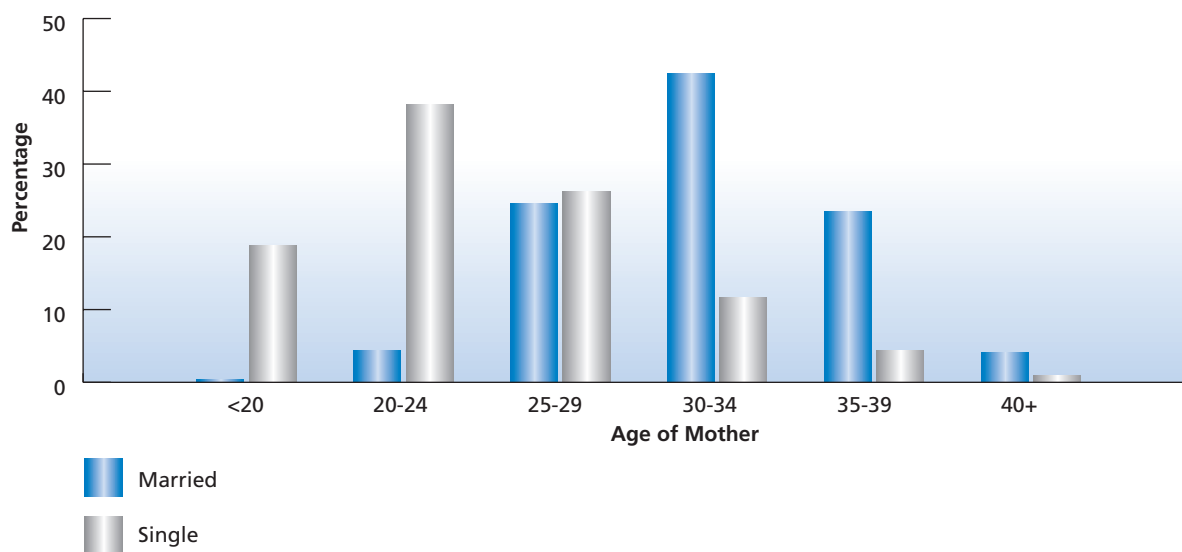
Note: See Appendix E, Table E1 for data. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of the percentages.

**Table 3.3**  
**Marital Status**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Deaths, 2000  
Singleton Births

Marital Status	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Married	36,268	67.9	172	4.7	107	3.0	7.7	5.1
Single	16,122	30.2	105	6.5	44	2.7	9.2	7.6
Widowed	70	0.1	2	27.8	0	0.0	27.8	27.8
Separated	816	1.5	8	9.7	2	2.5	12.1	7.3
Divorced	146	0.3	1	6.8	0	0.0	6.8	6.8
Not Stated	7	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Figure 3.3**  
**Mother's Age: Percentage Distribution of Singleton Births for Married and Single Status, 2000**



Note: See Appendix E, Table E3 for data. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of the percentages.

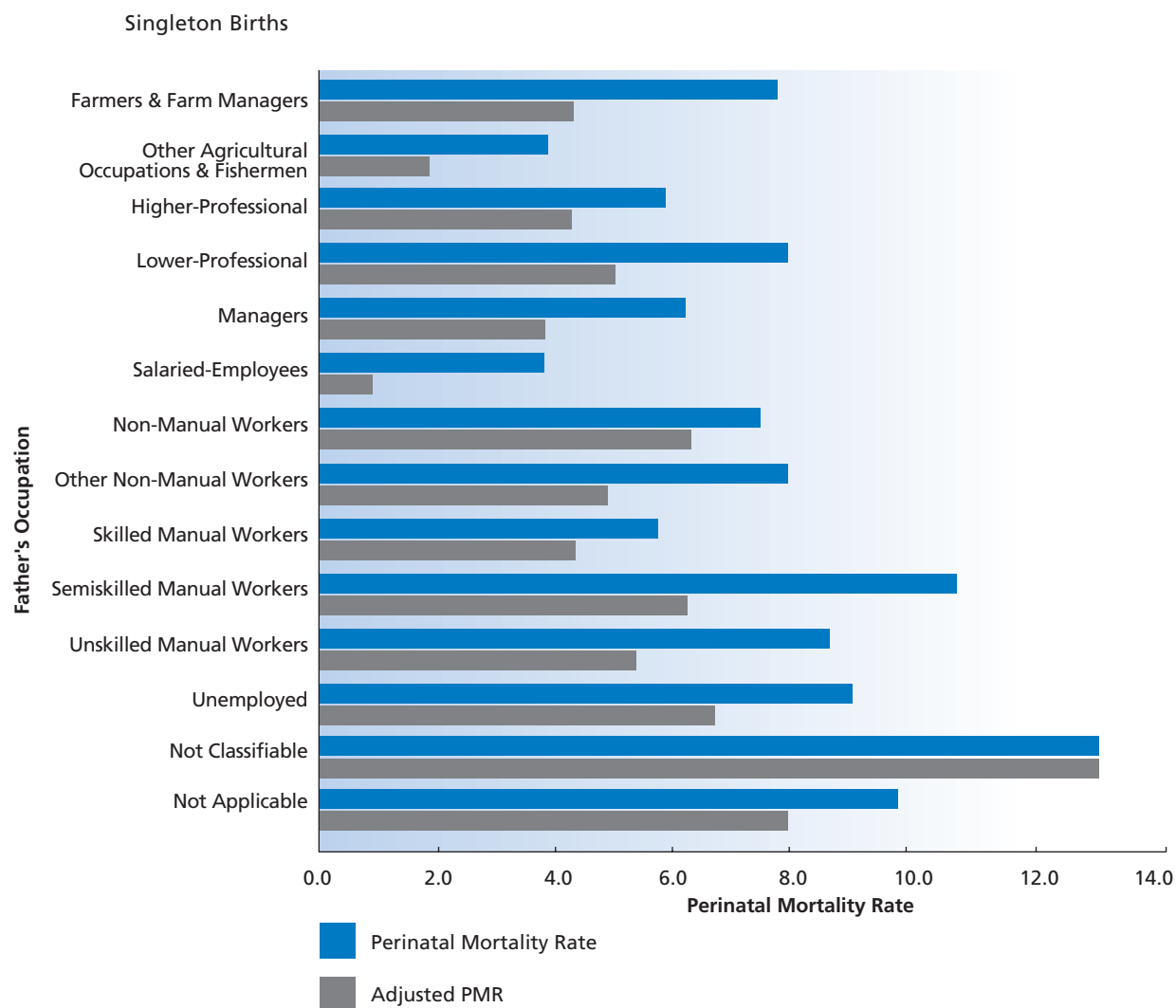
**Table 3.4**  
**Father's Occupation**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Deaths, 2000  
Singleton Births

Father's Occupation	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Farmers & Farm Managers	2,799	5.2	12	4.3	10	3.6	7.8	4.3
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	528	1.0	2	3.8	0	0.0	3.8	1.9
Higher-Professional	3,371	6.3	8	2.4	12	3.6	5.9	4.4
Lower-Professional	1,985	3.7	10	5.0	6	3.0	8.0	5.0
Managers	4,442	8.3	19	4.3	9	2.0	6.3	3.8
Salaried-Employees	1,301	2.4	2	1.5	3	2.3	3.8	0.8
Non-Manual Workers	4,458	8.3	26	5.8	7	1.6	7.4	6.3
Other Non-Manual Workers	4,253	8.0	22	5.1	12	2.8	8.0	4.9
Skilled Manual Workers	9,573	17.9	36	3.7	20	2.1	5.8	4.3
Semiskilled Manual Workers	2,675	5.0	19	7.1	10	3.7	10.8	6.3
Unskilled Manual Workers	572	1.1	2	3.5	3	5.2	8.7	5.2
Unemployed	1,310	2.5	7	5.3	5	3.8	9.1	6.8
Not Classifiable	380	0.7	4	10.4	1	2.6	13.0	13.0
Not Applicable	15,126	28.3	106	7.0	45	3.0	9.9	8.0
Not Stated	656	1.2	13	19.4	10	15.2	34.4	24.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note: In this table 'Not Classifiable' includes 49 Fathers whose occupation was recorded as 'Home Duties'. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

**Figure 3.4**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rates by Father's Occupation, 2000**



Note: See Table 3.4 for data. The adjusted rate excludes all deaths due to congenital anomalies.



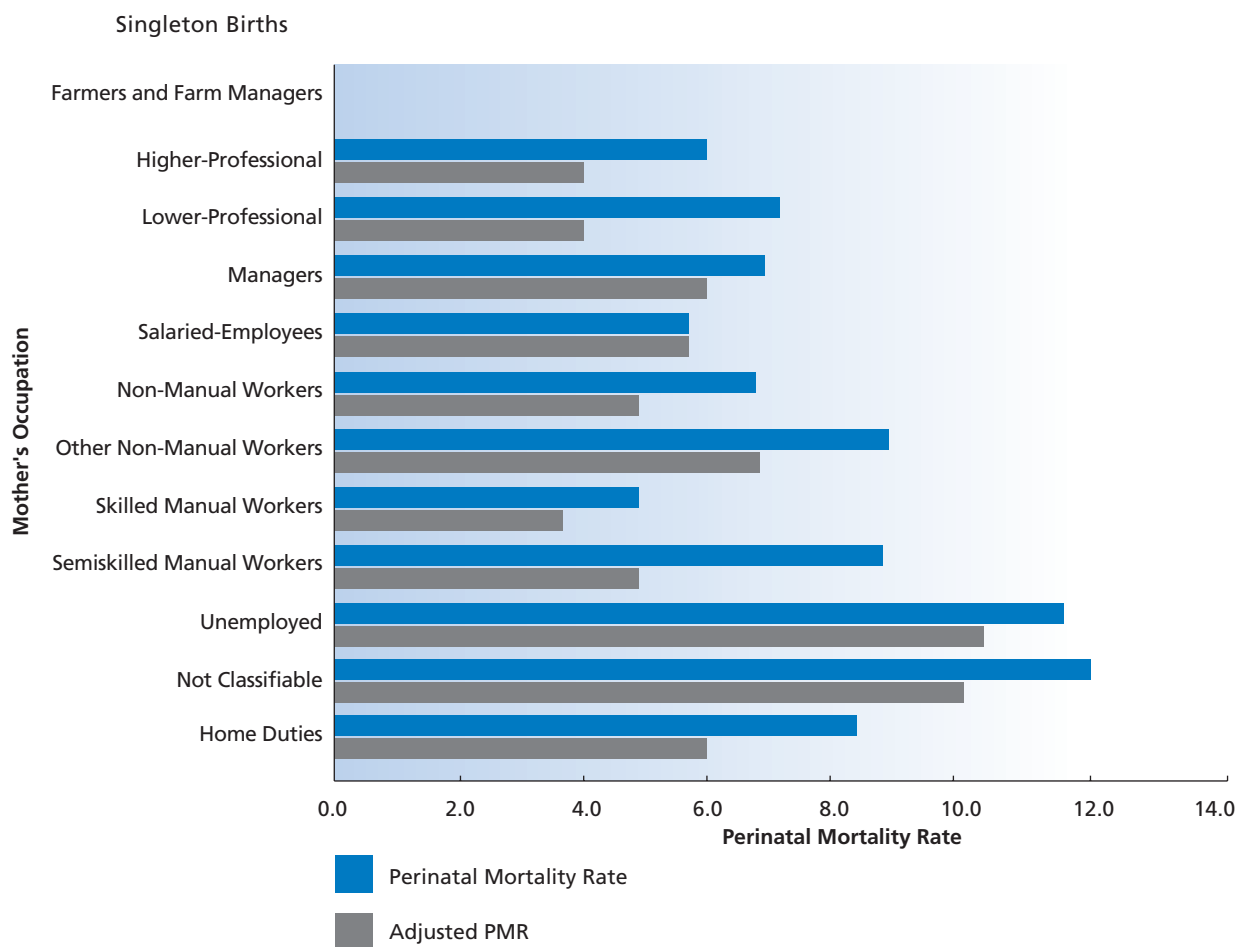
**Table 3.5**  
**Mother's Occupation**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates, 2000  
Singleton Births

Mother's Occupation	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Farmers & Farm Managers	106	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	50	0.1	0	0.0	1	20.0	20.0	20.0
Higher-Professional	2,003	3.7	8	4.0	4	2.0	6.0	4.0
Lower-Professional	6,225	11.7	29	4.6	16	2.6	7.2	4.0
Managers	2,318	4.3	11	4.7	5	2.2	6.9	6.0
Salaried-Employees	705	1.3	2	2.8	2	2.8	5.7	5.7
Non-Manual Workers	13,275	24.8	53	4.0	36	2.7	6.7	4.9
Other Non-Manual Workers	5,164	9.7	33	6.3	14	2.7	9.0	6.8
Skilled Manual Workers	818	1.5	2	2.4	2	2.4	4.9	3.7
Semiskilled Manual Workers	3,246	6.1	19	5.8	10	3.1	8.9	4.9
Unskilled Manual Workers	7	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unemployed	2,062	3.9	16	7.7	8	3.9	11.5	10.6
Not Classifiable	1,656	3.1	14	8.4	6	3.6	12.0	10.2
Home Duties	14,821	27.7	86	5.8	39	2.6	8.4	6.0
Not Stated	973	1.8	15	15.2	10	10.3	25.3	18.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note: 'Not Applicable' is not used in the classification of maternal occupation. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

**Figure 3.5**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rates by Mother's Occupation, 2000**



Note:

- See Table 3.5 for data. The adjusted rate excludes all deaths due to congenital anomalies.
- Categories where rates would be based on < 100 Livebirths are not included in this graph.

**Table 3.6****Number of Previous Stillbirths**

(for women having second and subsequent births)

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

## Singleton Births

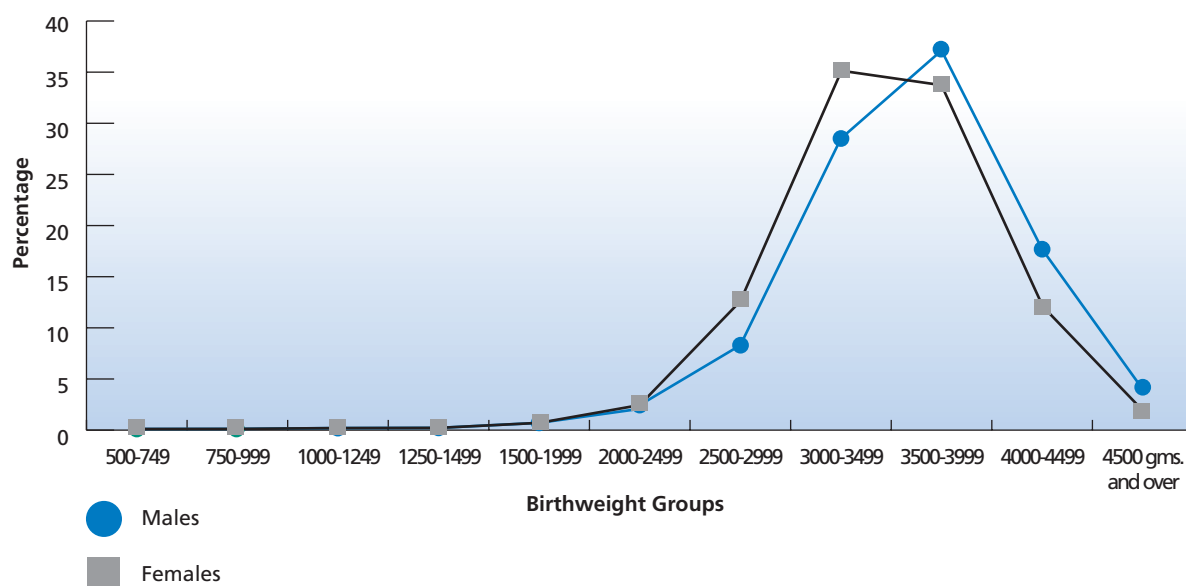
Previous Stillbirths	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0	30,931	98.1	148	4.8	79	2.6	7.3	5.0
1	544	1.7	9	16.3	2	3.7	19.9	19.9
2	49	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 and over	13	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	6	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,543</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>

Note: Primiparas (i.e. women with no previous live births or stillbirths) are not included in this table.

**Table 3.7****Birthweight – All Singleton Births**Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	57	0.1	39	406.3	35	614.0	770.8	755.6
750-999	76	0.1	29	276.2	15	197.4	419.0	364.6
1000-1249	101	0.2	19	158.3	6	59.4	208.3	136.4
1250-1499	116	0.2	16	121.2	12	103.4	212.1	126.1
1500-1999	382	0.7	29	70.6	19	49.7	116.8	62.0
2000-2499	1,318	2.5	39	28.7	20	15.2	43.5	26.3
2500-2999	5,646	10.6	28	4.9	13	2.3	7.2	4.2
3000-3499	16,947	31.7	38	2.2	10	0.6	2.8	2.4
3500-3999	19,077	35.7	38	2.0	14	0.7	2.7	2.2
4000-4499	7,963	14.9	7	0.9	5	0.6	1.5	1.1
4500 and over	1,737	3.3	6	3.4	2	1.2	4.6	4.6
Not Stated	9	0.0	0	0.0	2	222.2	222.2	222.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Figure 3.6**  
**Percentage Distribution of Live Births across Birthweight Groups, 2000**



Note:

- See Tables 3.8 and 3.9 for data.
- This table does not include 5 births for which the sex was recorded as 'indeterminate' or unknown'. Unknown data are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Table 3.8**  
**Birthweight – Males**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
 and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	29	0.1	19	395.8	21	724.1	833.3	818.2
750-999	45	0.2	15	250.0	11	244.4	433.3	370.4
1000-1249	57	0.2	10	149.3	4	70.2	209.0	116.7
1250-1499	61	0.2	9	128.6	6	98.4	214.3	127.0
1500-1999	193	0.7	17	81.0	10	51.8	128.6	75.8
2000-2499	639	2.3	24	36.2	13	20.3	55.8	35.4
2500-2999	2,430	8.9	9	3.7	8	3.3	7.0	3.3
3000-3499	7,865	28.6	23	2.9	7	0.9	3.8	3.0
3500-3999	10,133	36.9	22	2.2	10	1.0	3.2	2.8
4000-4499	4,854	17.7	6	1.2	4	0.8	2.1	1.6
4500 and over	1,147	4.2	3	2.6	2	1.7	4.3	4.3
Not Stated	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Note: This table does not include 5 births for which the sex was recorded as 'indeterminate' or 'unknown'.

**Table 3.9**  
**Birthweight – Females**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

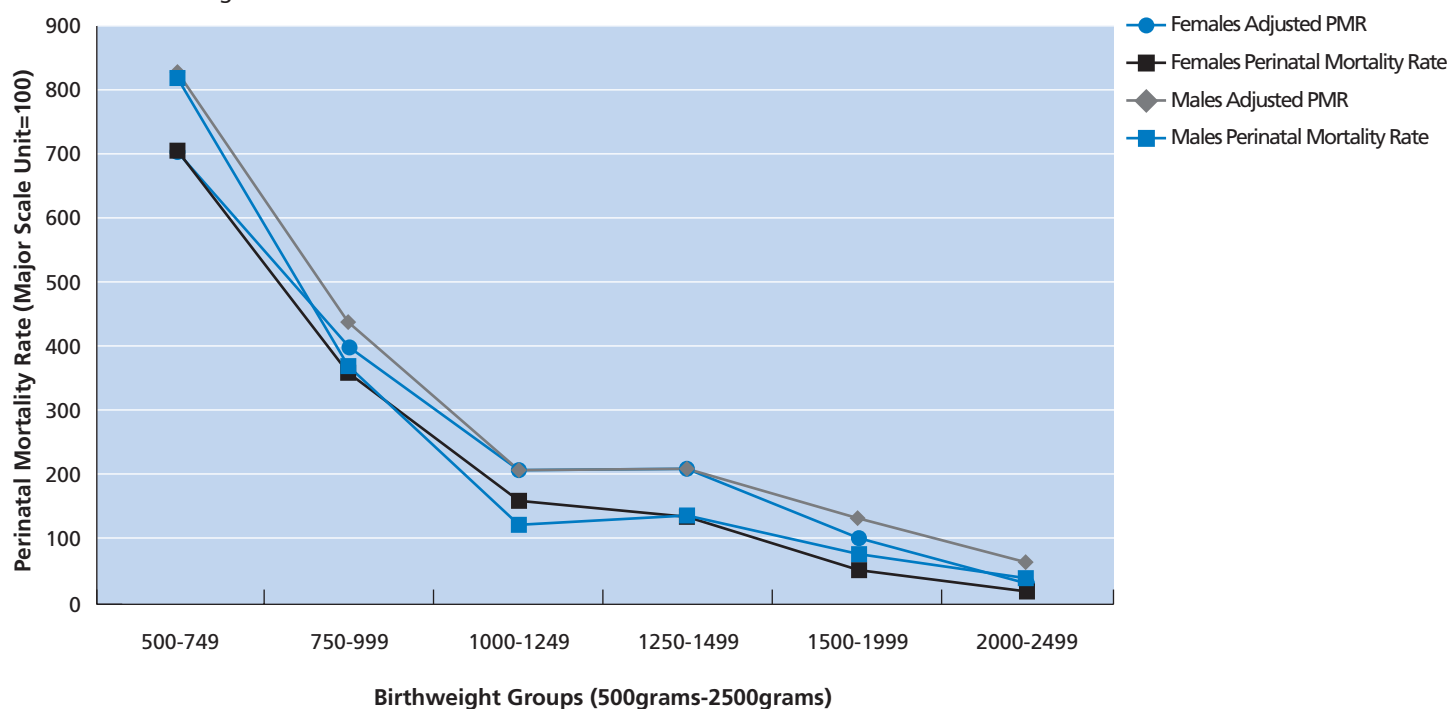
Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	28	0.1	20	416.7	14	500.0	708.3	695.7
750-999	31	0.1	14	311.1	4	129.0	400.0	357.1
1000-1249	44	0.2	9	169.8	2	45.5	207.5	160.0
1250-1499	54	0.2	7	114.8	6	111.1	213.1	127.3
1500-1999	189	0.7	12	59.7	9	47.6	104.5	47.6
2000-2499	678	2.6	15	21.6	7	10.3	31.7	17.6
2500-2999	3,216	12.4	19	5.9	5	1.6	7.4	5.0
3000-3499	9,082	35.0	15	1.6	3	0.3	2.0	1.8
3500-3999	8,942	34.4	16	1.8	4	0.4	2.2	1.6
4000-4499	3,108	12.0	1	0.3	1	0.3	0.6	0.3
4500 and over	590	2.3	3	5.1	0	0.0	5.1	5.1
Not Stated	7	0.0	0	0.0	2	285.7	285.7	285.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>

Note: This table does not include 5 births for which the sex was recorded as 'indeterminate' or 'unknown'.

**Figure 3.7 (A)**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rates for Males and Females by Birthweight (500g – 2500g), 2000**

Singleton Births

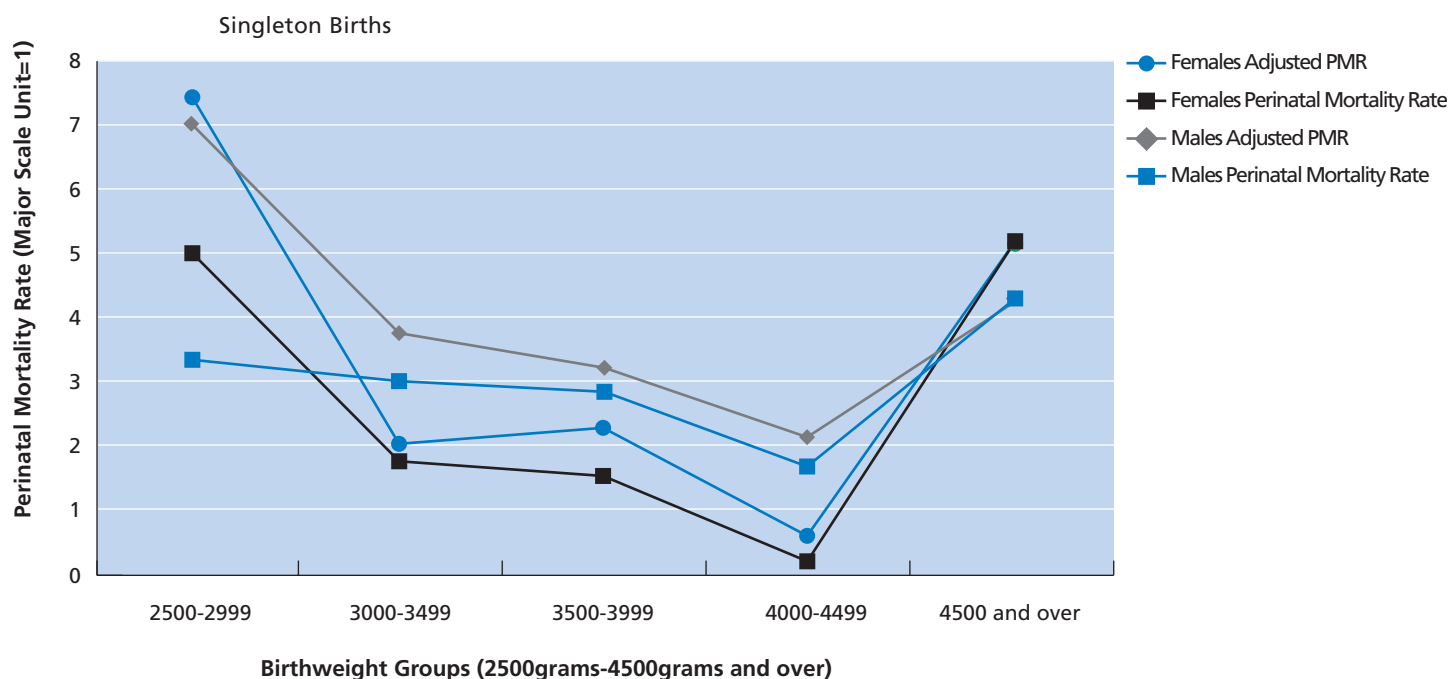


Note:

- See Tables 3.8 and 3.9 for data.

- Infants whose sex was recorded as 'Indeterminate' or 'Unknown' or whose birthweight is unknown are not included.

**Figure 3.7 (B)**  
**Perinatal Mortality Rates for Males and Females by Birthweight (2500g – 4500g and over), 2000**



Note:

- See Tables 3.8 and 3.9 for data.

- Infants whose sex was recorded as 'Indeterminate' or 'Unknown' or whose birthweight is unknown are not included.

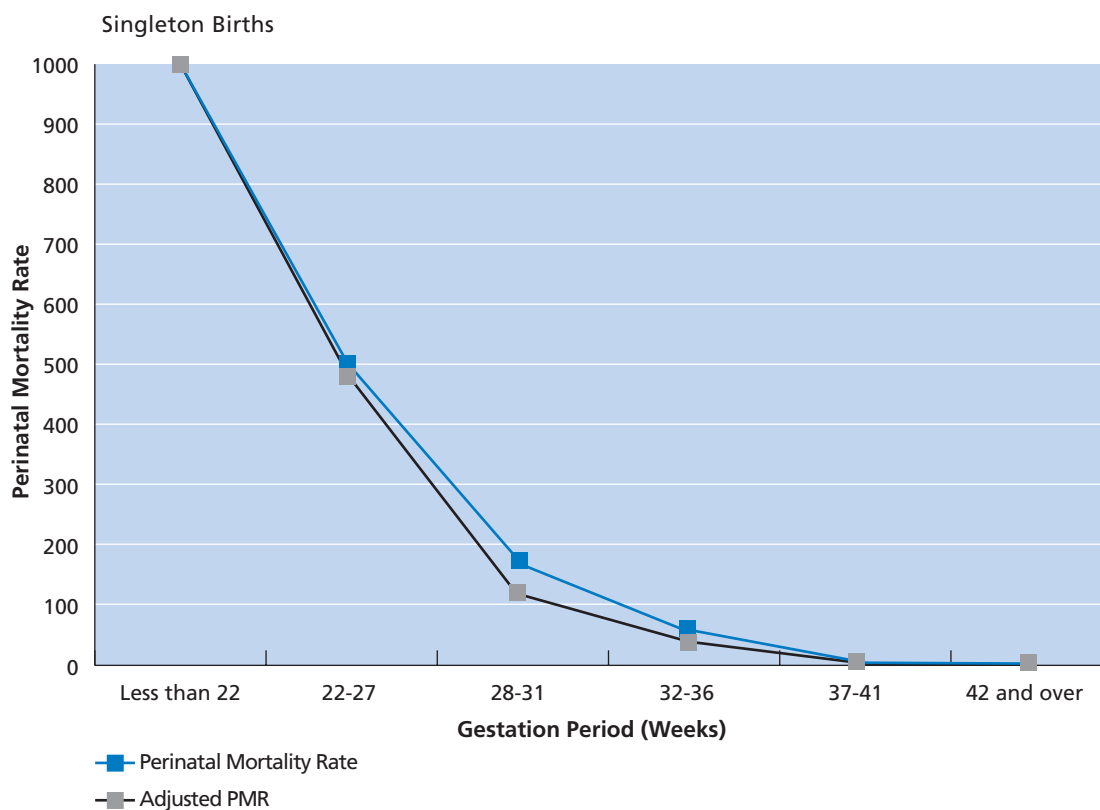
**Table 3.10**  
**Gestation Period at Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
 and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Gestation Period (weeks)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Less than 22	1	0.0	4	800.0	1	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
22-27	133	0.2	39	226.7	47	353.4	500.0	481.9
28-31	251	0.5	35	122.4	15	59.8	174.8	119.4
32-36	1,978	3.7	83	40.3	42	21.2	60.7	36.8
37-41	47,791	89.4	118	2.5	44	0.9	3.4	2.4
42 and over	3,234	6.1	8	2.5	4	1.2	3.7	2.8
Not Stated	41	0.1	1	23.8	0	0.0	23.8	23.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Figure 3.8**  
Perinatal Mortality Rates by Gestation Period, 2000



Note: See Table 3.10 for data.

**Table 3.11**  
Interval in Years since Last Birth

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Time since last birth	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
No Previous Births	21,886	41.0	131	5.9	72	3.3	9.2	6.9
1 year or less	472	0.9	3	6.3	3	6.4	12.6	12.6
>1 year to 2 years	7,286	13.6	21	2.9	17	2.3	5.2	2.9
>2 years to 3 years	8,054	15.1	48	5.9	18	2.2	8.1	6.1
>3 years to 4 years	5,288	9.9	19	3.6	14	2.6	6.2	3.2
>4 years to 5 years	3,138	5.9	12	3.8	5	1.6	5.4	3.2
>5 years to 6 years	2,030	3.8	6	2.9	3	1.5	4.4	3.4
More than 6 years	4,880	9.1	35	7.1	14	2.9	10.0	7.7
Not Stated	395	0.7	13	31.9	7	17.7	49.0	42.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Table 3.12**  
**Month of Birth**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Month of Birth	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
January	4,318	8.1	30	6.9	15	3.5	10.3	7.4
February	4,162	7.8	22	5.3	7	1.7	6.9	4.8
March	4,461	8.3	25	5.6	11	2.5	8.0	5.8
April	4,332	8.1	23	5.3	6	1.4	6.7	5.3
May	4,562	8.5	26	5.7	13	2.8	8.5	5.5
June	4,479	8.4	29	6.4	15	3.3	9.8	7.1
July	4,632	8.7	23	4.9	12	2.6	7.5	6.5
August	4,559	8.5	28	6.1	15	3.3	9.4	7.0
September	4,590	8.6	20	4.3	14	3.1	7.4	5.0
October	4,544	8.5	22	4.8	15	3.3	8.1	5.1
November	4,463	8.4	22	4.9	18	4.0	8.9	6.3
December	4,327	8.1	18	4.1	12	2.8	6.9	5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Table 3.13**  
**Mother's Health Board of Residence**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Mother's Health Board of Residence	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Eastern	20,573	38.5	122	5.9	63	3.1	8.9	6.8
Midland	3,066	5.7	24	7.8	12	3.9	11.7	8.4
Mid-Western	4,381	8.2	6	1.4	11	2.5	3.9	2.5
North-Eastern	4,676	8.8	28	6.0	10	2.1	8.1	6.2
North-Western	2,734	5.1	9	3.3	10	3.7	6.9	3.7
South-Eastern	5,863	11.0	25	4.2	14	2.4	6.6	5.1
Southern	7,475	14.0	44	5.9	19	2.5	8.4	5.2
Western	4,594	8.6	29	6.3	14	3.0	9.3	6.5
Other	42	0.1	1	23.3	0	0.0	23.3	23.3
Unknown	25	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note: See Appendix D for the classification system employed for county of residence.





Section 3  
General Characteristics

**Part 2 Multiple Births**



## Section 3 General Characteristics

### Part 2 Multiple Births

**Table 3.14**  
Maternities, Twins, Triplets, Quadruplets and Twinning Rate for 2000

Births*	Maternities	Sets of Twins	Sets of Triplets	Sets of Quadruplets	Twinning Rate
55166	54,436	698	16	1	12.8

\*Includes stillbirths.

**Table 3.15**  
Age of Mother

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Age of Mother	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
15-19	34	2.4	0	0.0	1	29.4	29.4	29.4
20-24	112	7.8	0	0.0	2	17.9	17.9	9.0
25-29	313	21.9	3	9.5	8	25.6	34.8	31.7
30-34	572	40.0	8	13.8	10	17.5	31.0	17.5
35-39	351	24.6	8	22.3	2	5.7	27.9	22.4
40-44	46	3.2	1	21.3	0	0.0	21.3	21.3
Not Stated	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

There were no multiple births to Mothers aged <15 years.

**Table 3.16**  
**Maternal Parity**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Maternal Parity	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0	519	36.3	7	13.3	14	27.0	39.9	28.8
1	469	32.8	7	14.7	6	12.8	27.3	21.1
2	250	17.5	2	7.9	1	4.0	11.9	8.0
3	97	6.8	1	10.2	2	20.6	30.6	20.6
4	47	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	28	2.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	66.7	66.7
6	6	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
More than 6	11	0.8	1	83.3	0	0.0	83.3	0.0
Not Stated	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.17**  
**Marital Status**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Marital Status	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Married	1,116	78.1	14	12.4	19	17.0	29.2	21.4
Single	295	20.6	6	19.9	4	13.6	33.2	23.5
Widowed	4	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Separated	12	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorced	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.18**  
**Father's Occupation**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Father's Occupation	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Farmers & Farm Managers	90	6.3	0	0.0	1	11.1	11.1	0.0
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	10	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Higher-Professional	116	8.1	0	0.0	1	8.6	8.6	0.0
Lower-Professional Managers	71	5.0	1	13.9	3	42.3	55.6	55.6
Salaried-Employees	156	10.9	1	6.4	1	6.4	12.7	12.7
Non-Manual Workers	48	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Non-Manual Workers	123	8.6	2	16.0	1	8.1	24.0	16.1
Skilled Manual Workers	97	6.8	0	0.0	2	20.6	20.6	0.0
Semiskilled Manual Workers	295	20.6	8	26.4	9	30.5	56.1	43.5
Unskilled Manual Workers	63	4.4	2	30.8	0	0.0	30.8	30.8
Unemployed	18	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Classifiable	32	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Applicable	3	0.2	1	250.0	1	333.3	500.0	500.0
Not Stated	283	19.8	4	13.9	3	10.6	24.4	17.5
	24	1.7	1	40.0	1	41.7	80.0	41.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: There are no Fathers whose occupation was recorded as 'Home Duties' for Multiple births. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

**Table 3.19**  
**Mother's Occupation**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Mother's Occupation	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Farmers & Farm Managers	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Higher-Professional	62	4.3	1	15.9	2	32.3	47.6	32.3
Lower-Professional Managers	223	15.6	6	26.2	4	17.9	43.7	39.5
Salaried-Employees	70	4.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-Manual Workers	14	1.0	0	0.0	1	71.4	71.4	0.0
Other Non-Manual Workers	338	23.7	6	17.4	6	17.8	34.9	29.2
Skilled Manual Workers	122	8.5	0	0.0	2	16.4	16.4	0.0
Semiskilled Manual Workers	21	1.5	1	45.5	1	47.6	90.9	90.9
Unemployed	80	5.6	1	12.3	1	12.5	24.7	0.0
Not Classifiable	34	2.4	0	0.0	1	29.4	29.4	29.4
Home Duties	23	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	414	29.0	4	9.6	4	9.7	19.1	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: 'Not Applicable' is not used in the classification of maternal occupation. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

**Table 3.20**  
**Number of Previous Stillbirths**  
 (for women having second and subsequent births)

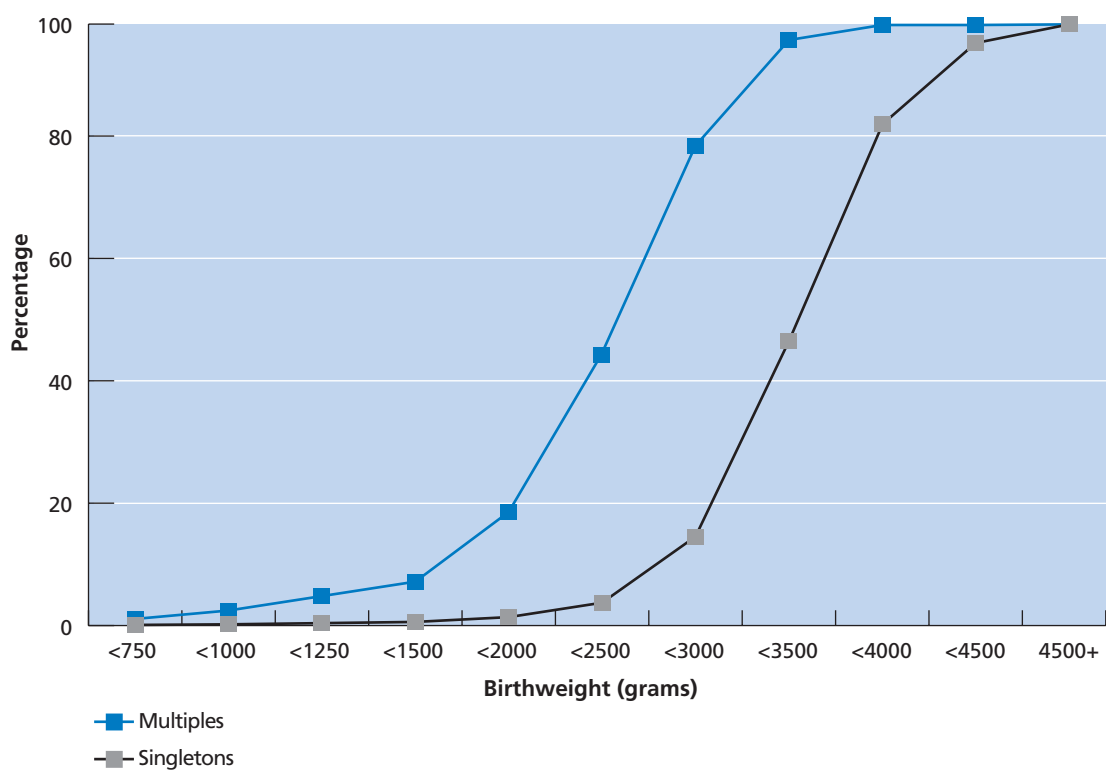
Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
 and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Previous Stillbirths	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Rate Mortality	Adjusted PMR
0	896	98.5	13	14.3	9	10.0	24.2	17.7
1	10	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	2	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	2	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>17.4</b>

Note: Primiparas (i.e. women with no previous live births or stillbirths) are not included in this table.

**Figure 3.9**  
**Birthweights: Cumulative Percentages of Singleton and Multiple Live Births, 2000**



Note: Data are compiled from tables 3.7 and 3.21.



**Table 3.21**  
**Birthweight – All Multiple Births**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	20	1.4	5	200.0	12	600.0	680.0	652.2
750-999	26	1.8	2	71.4	5	192.3	250.0	192.3
1000-1249	23	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1250-1499	39	2.7	2	48.8	1	25.6	73.2	73.2
1500-1999	150	10.5	4	26.0	1	6.7	32.5	13.2
2000-2499	361	25.3	2	5.5	3	8.3	13.8	8.3
2500-2999	501	35.1	2	4.0	0	0.0	4.0	4.0
3000-3499	263	18.4	2	7.5	0	0.0	7.5	3.8
3500-3999	43	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4000-4499	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	1	0.1	1	500.0	1	1000.0	1000.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.22**  
**Birthweight – Males**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	10	1.4	3	230.8	7	700.0	769.2	727.3
750-999	13	1.8	2	133.3	4	307.7	400.0	357.1
1000-1249	16	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1250-1499	22	3.0	1	43.5	1	45.5	87.0	87.0
1500-1999	77	10.5	1	12.8	1	13.0	25.6	0.0
2000-2499	176	24.0	2	11.2	2	11.4	22.5	11.4
2500-2999	248	33.8	2	8.0	0	0.0	8.0	8.0
3000-3499	145	19.8	2	13.6	0	0.0	13.6	6.8
3500-3999	24	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4000-4499	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	1	0.1	1	500.0	1	1000.0	1000.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>27.1</b>

**Table 3.23**  
**Birthweight – Females**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	10	1.4	2	166.7	5	500.0	583.3	583.3
750-999	13	1.9	0	0.0	1	76.9	76.9	0.0
1000-1249	7	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1250-1499	17	2.4	1	55.6	0	0.0	55.6	55.6
1500-1999	73	10.5	3	39.5	0	0.0	39.5	26.7
2000-2499	185	26.6	0	0.0	1	5.4	5.4	5.4
2500-2999	253	36.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3000-3499	118	17.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3500-3999	19	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4000-4499	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>

**Table 3.24**  
**Gestation Period at Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Gestation Period (weeks)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
22-27	41	2.9	5	108.7	16	390.2	456.5	404.8
28-31	85	5.9	5	55.6	3	35.3	88.9	57.5
32-36	470	32.9	5	10.5	1	2.1	12.6	8.5
37-41	831	58.2	5	6.0	3	3.6	9.6	6.0
Not Stated	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.25**  
**Interval in Years since Last Birth**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Time since last birth	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
No Previous Births	519	36.3	7	13.3	14	27.0	39.9	28.8
1 year or less	28	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
>1 year to 2 years	187	13.1	4	20.9	5	26.7	47.1	31.9
>2 years to 3 years	246	17.2	0	0.0	1	4.1	4.1	0.0
>3 years to 4 years	160	11.2	4	24.4	2	12.5	36.6	24.7
>4 years to 5 years	84	5.9	2	23.3	0	0.0	23.3	23.3
>5 years to 6 years	50	3.5	1	19.6	1	20.0	39.2	39.2
More than 6 years	147	10.3	2	13.4	0	0.0	13.4	13.4
Not Stated	8	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.26**  
**Month of Birth**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Month of Birth	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
January	140	9.8	3	21.0	0	0.0	21.0	21.0
February	111	7.8	1	8.9	3	27.0	35.7	27.0
March	124	8.7	2	15.9	5	40.3	55.6	40.3
April	134	9.4	2	14.7	4	29.9	44.1	29.9
May	113	7.9	1	8.8	5	44.2	52.6	27.0
June	107	7.5	1	9.3	0	0.0	9.3	9.3
July	120	8.4	1	8.3	1	8.3	16.5	0.0
August	105	7.3	2	18.7	1	9.5	28.0	28.0
September	110	7.7	2	17.9	1	9.1	26.8	26.8
October	125	8.7	1	7.9	0	0.0	7.9	7.9
November	123	8.6	2	16.0	3	24.4	40.0	24.4
December	117	8.2	2	16.8	0	0.0	16.8	16.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3.27**  
**Mother's Health Board of Residence**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Mother's Health Board of Residence	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Eastern	563	39.4	7	12.3	9	16.0	28.1	22.9
Midland	89	6.2	2	22.0	1	11.2	33.0	11.2
Mid-Western	147	10.3	0	0.0	7	47.6	47.6	34.5
North-Eastern	96	6.7	0	0.0	4	41.7	41.7	31.6
North-Western	62	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South-Eastern	151	10.6	2	13.1	0	0.0	13.1	13.1
Southern	204	14.3	5	23.9	2	9.8	33.5	19.4
Western	115	8.0	4	33.6	0	0.0	33.6	25.4
Unknown	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: See Appendix D for the classification system employed for county of residence





Section 4  
Perinatal Care

## Section 4 Perinatal Care

### Introduction

This section presents a detailed review on aspects of perinatal care for the mother and infant. Part 1 reports on singleton births and Part 2 on multiple births. The tables that follow outline data for live births, stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, together with their corresponding rates. The perinatal mortality rate and adjusted perinatal mortality rate are also outlined in each table. Tables and figures are presented in some detail for a variety of variables, for example, type of antenatal care, mother's length of stay, method of delivery, mother's immunity to rubella, type of feeding.

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**Part 1 Singleton Births**





## Section 4 Perinatal Care

### Part 1 Singleton Births

**Table 4.1**  
**Type of Antenatal Care**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Type of Antenatal Care	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Hospital/Obstetrician General Practitioner Only	14,066	26.3	79	5.6	55	3.9	9.5	6.8
Hospital and G.P. Combined	102	0.2	2	19.2	0	0.0	19.2	19.2
Midwife Only	38,791	72.6	192	4.9	86	2.2	7.1	5.0
None	80	0.1	1	12.3	1	12.5	24.7	24.7
Unknown	353	0.7	14	38.1	11	31.2	68.1	60.4
Unknown	37	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

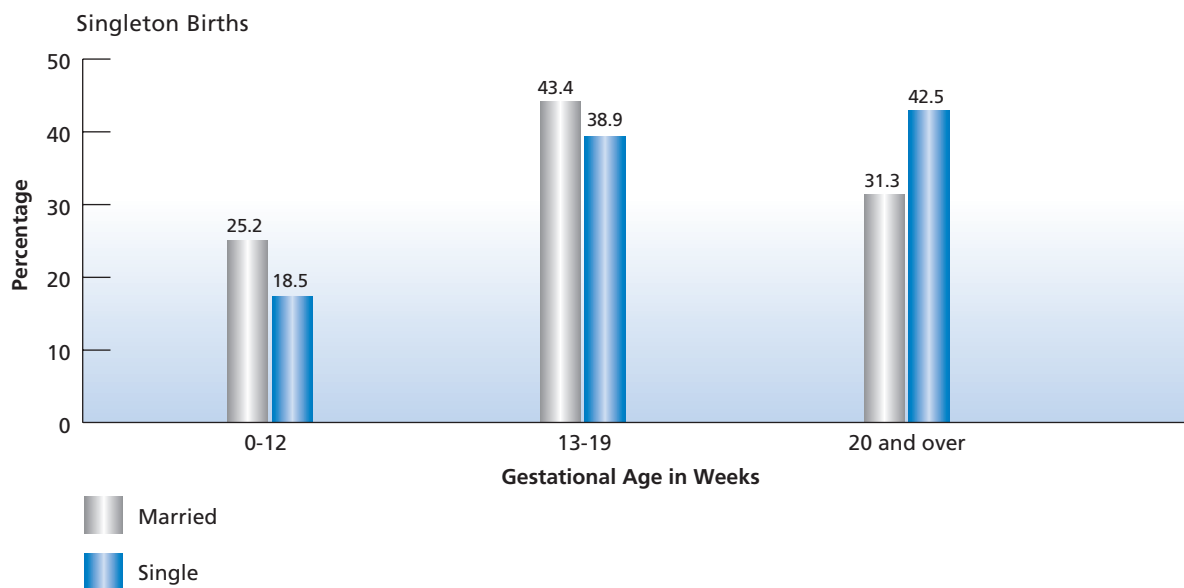
**Table 4.2**  
**Time of First visit to Doctor or Hospital during Pregnancy**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Time of First Visit (Weeks)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-12	11,811	22.1	65	5.5	26	2.2	7.7	5.7
13-19	21,498	40.2	94	4.4	52	2.4	6.8	4.6
20 and over	17,917	33.5	111	6.2	62	3.5	9.6	6.9
Not Stated	2,203	4.1	18	8.1	13	5.9	14.0	11.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Figure 4.1**  
**Percentage Distribution of Time of First Visit to Doctor or Hospital by Marital Status, 2000**



Note: See Appendix E, Table E11 for data. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Table 4.3**  
**Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital Prior to Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Antenatal Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-1 Days	47,197	88.7	231	4.9	119	2.5	7.4	5.3
2 Days	2,753	5.2	29	10.4	6	2.2	12.6	8.7
3-5 Days	1,805	3.4	19	10.4	8	4.4	14.8	12.1
6-8 Days	542	1.0	1	1.8	7	12.9	14.7	5.6
9-11 Days	263	0.5	2	7.5	3	11.4	18.9	15.2
12-14 Days	164	0.3	1	6.1	2	12.2	18.2	12.2
2 weeks or more	458	0.9	5	10.8	7	15.3	25.9	17.4
Not Stated	31	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note:

- 'Not Stated' includes 27 births where place of birth was recorded as domiciliary but birth was registered by a hospital. Mother was not admitted under a planned community midwife scheme, therefore, dates of mother's length of stay were not applicable.
- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.

**Table 4.4**  
**Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital After Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

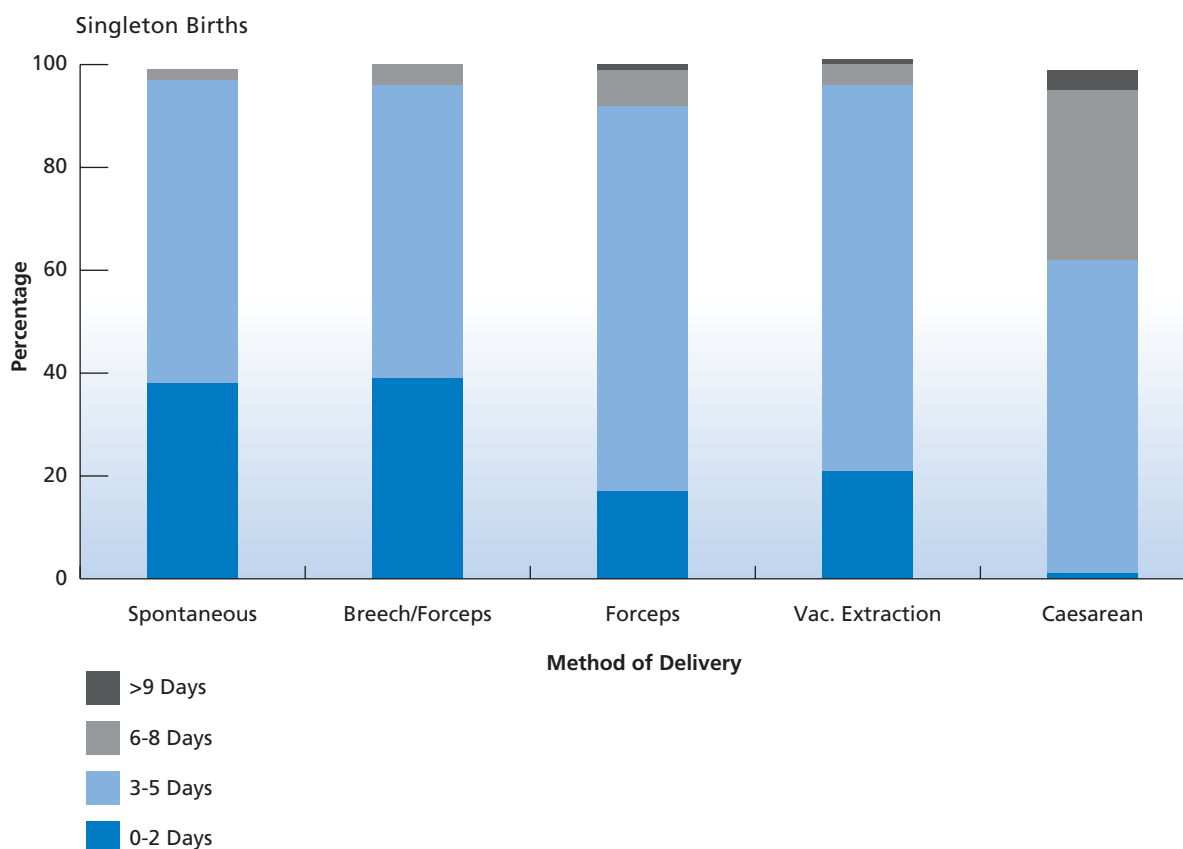
Singleton Births

Postnatal Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-1 Days	3,109	5.8	153	46.9	50	16.1	62.2	47.6
2 Days	11,664	21.9	74	6.3	24	2.1	8.3	6.1
3-5 Days	33,017	62.0	45	1.4	62	1.9	3.2	2.1
6-8 Days	4,721	8.9	14	3.0	10	2.1	5.1	3.6
9-11 Days	489	0.9	2	4.1	4	8.2	12.2	10.2
12-14 Days	98	0.2	0	0.0	1	10.2	10.2	0.0
2 weeks or more	84	0.2	0	0.0	1	11.9	11.9	11.9
Not Stated	31	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note:

- 'Not Stated' includes 27 births where place of birth was recorded as domiciliary but birth was registered by a hospital. Mother was not admitted under a planned community midwife scheme therefore dates of mother's length of stay were not applicable.
- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.

**Figure 4.2**  
**Mother's Postnatal Length of Stay: Cumulative Percentages by Method of Delivery, 2000**



Note: Data are compiled from Appendix E, Table E9. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Table 4.5**  
**Method of Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Method of Delivery	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Spontaneous	34,490	64.6	200	5.8	67	1.9	7.7	5.8
Breech/Forceps	192	0.4	37	161.6	14	72.9	222.7	175.9
Forceps	2,018	3.8	8	3.9	1	0.5	4.4	4.0
Vac. Extraction	5,602	10.5	9	1.6	6	1.1	2.7	2.0
Caesarean	10,978	20.5	31	2.8	64	5.8	8.6	4.9
Other specified & Combined	141	0.3	3	20.8	1	7.1	27.8	27.8
Not Stated	8	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Table 4.6**  
**Advance Hospital Bookings**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Advance Hospital Bookings	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Booked	51,424	96.6	254	4.9	133	2.6	7.5	5.3
Not Booked	1,783	3.4	34	18.7	19	10.7	29.2	24.3
Not Stated	6	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note:

- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.
- 'Not Stated' includes 4 births under a planned community midwife scheme therefore hospital booking does not apply. For the purposes of this report these births are treated as hospital births due to the small numbers.

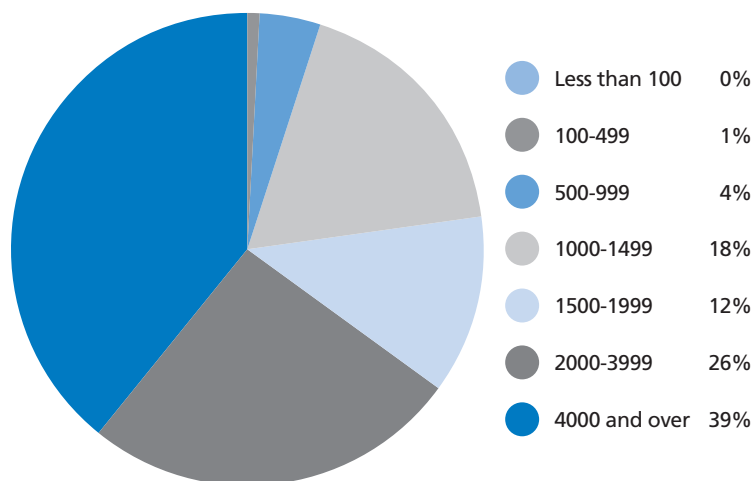
**Table 4.7**  
**Size of Maternity Unit (number of live births and stillbirths annually)**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
 and Mortality Rates, 2000

Size of Maternity Unit	Number of Hospitals	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Less than 100	13	22	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100-499	1	296	0.5	4	13.3	0	0.0	13.3	10.0
500-999	3	2,339	4.3	9	3.8	7	3.0	6.8	4.3
1000-1499	8	9,954	18.2	57	5.7	25	2.5	8.2	5.6
1500-1999	4	6,546	12.0	34	5.2	20	3.1	8.2	5.8
2000-3999	5	13,978	25.6	64	4.6	35	2.5	7.1	5.1
4000 and over	3	21,507	39.4	140	6.5	88	4.1	10.5	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>54,642</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>

Note: This table includes multiple births but excludes domiciliary births of which there were 216.

**Figure 4.3**  
**Percentage of Live Births by Size of Maternity Unit, 2000**



Note: See Table 4.7 for data. The size of unit refers to the number of live births and stillbirths occurring annually.

**Table 4.8**  
**Inter-Hospital Transfer of Infants**

Live Births, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Singleton Births

Infant Transfers	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate
Transferred	333	0.6	8	24.0
Not Transferred	52,853	99.3	144	2.7
Not Stated	27	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2.9</b>

Note:

- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.
- 'Not Stated' includes 24 births where place of birth was recorded as domiciliary but birth was registered by a hospital. Mother was not admitted under a planned community midwife scheme therefore transfer information was not applicable.

**Table 4.9**  
**Rubella: Immune Status of Mother**  
**Numbers and Percentages, 2000**

Singleton Births

Rubella	Frequency	Per Cent (%)
Immune	47,179	87.8
Not Immune	1,651	3.1
Unknown	4,885	9.1
Not Stated	2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,717</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.10**  
**Age of Mother by Infant's Type of Feeding**  
**Numbers and Percentages, 2000**

Singleton Births

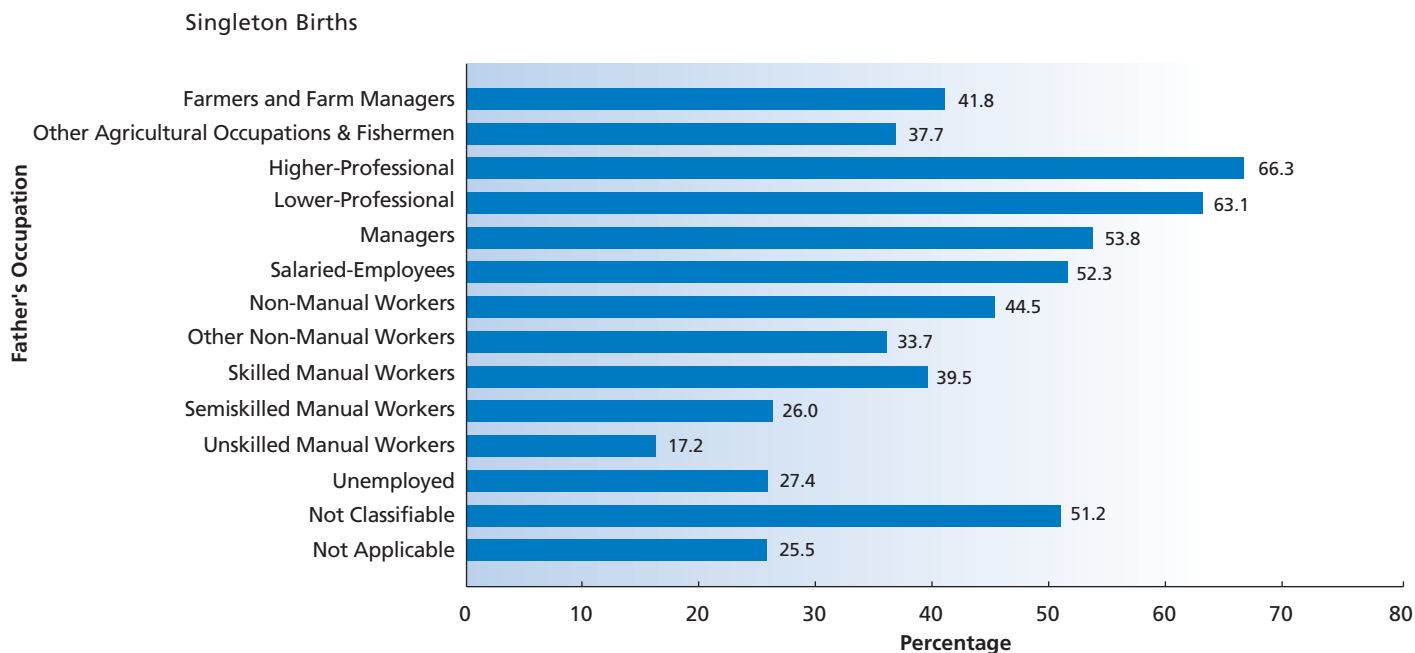
Age of Mother	Type of Feeding				
Frequency Row Per Cent Col. Per Cent	Artificial	Breast	Combined	Not Stated	Total
Under 15	10	2	0	0	12
	83.33	16.67	0.00	0.00	
	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
15-19	2,559	501	23	12	3,095
	82.68	16.19	0.74	0.39	
	8.02	2.44	2.72	8.63	5.79
20-24	5,691	2,074	97	23	7,885
	72.18	26.30	1.23	0.29	
	17.83	10.11	11.48	16.55	14.76
25-29	8,323	4,725	233	31	13,312
	62.52	35.49	1.75	0.23	
	26.07	23.02	27.57	22.30	24.92
30-34	9,423	7,769	305	44	17,541
	53.72	44.29	1.74	0.25	
	29.52	37.85	36.09	31.65	32.83
35-39	4,959	4,631	155	25	9,770
	50.76	47.40	1.59	0.26	
	15.54	22.56	18.34	17.99	18.29
40-44	901	790	32	3	1,726
	52.20	45.77	1.85	0.17	
	2.82	3.85	3.79	2.16	3.23
45 and over	41	25	0	1	67
	61.19	37.31	0.00	1.49	
	0.13	0.12	0.00	0.72	0.13
Not Stated	14	7	0	0	21
	66.67	33.33	0.00	0.00	
	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,921</b>	<b>20,524</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>53,429</b>
	<b>59.74</b>	<b>38.41</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note:

- See Appendix E for an explanation of the table format.
- 'Not Stated' contains 88 Early Neonatal Deaths for which Type of Feeding was not stated.

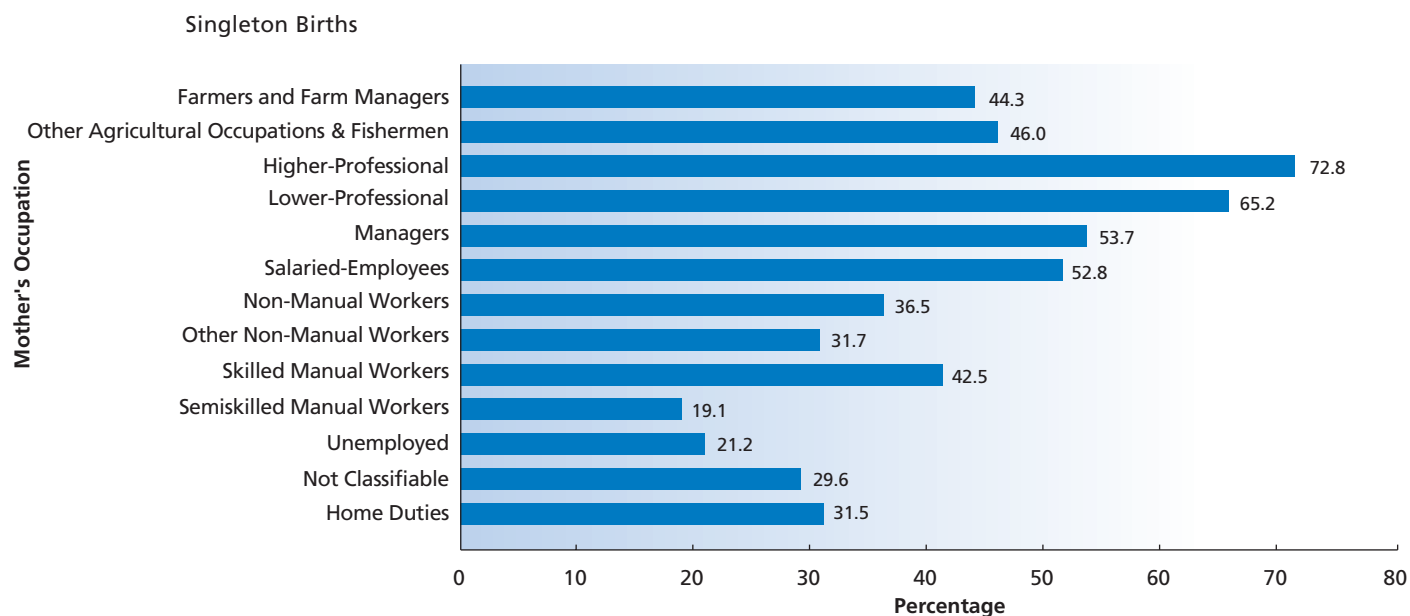


**Figure 4.4**  
**Percentage of Mothers Breastfeeding by Father's Occupation, 2000**



Note: Data are compiled from Appendix E, Table E15. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.

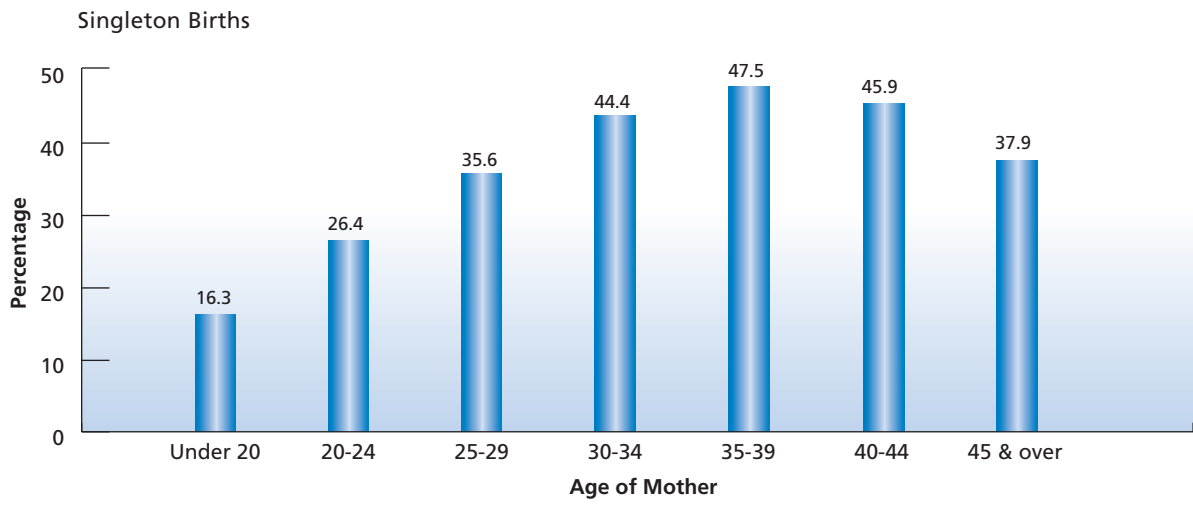
**Figure 4.5**  
**Percentage of Mothers Breastfeeding by Mother's Occupation, 2000**



Note:

- Data are compiled from Appendix E, Table E16. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.
- Categories where percentages would be based on <50 births are not included in this graph.

**Figure 4.6**  
**Percentage of Mothers Breastfeeding by Age of Mother, 2000**



Note: See Table 4.10 for data. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.



## Section 4 Perinatal Care

### Part 2 Multiple Births



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**Table 4.11**  
**Type of Antenatal Care**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Type of Antenatal Care	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Hospital/Obstetrician General Practitioner Only	570	39.9	9	15.5	13	22.8	38.0	33.0
Hospital and G.P. Combined	10	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
None	835	58.4	9	10.7	8	9.6	20.1	9.6
	14	1.0	2	125.0	2	142.9	250.0	250.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 4.12**  
**Time of First Visit to Doctor or Hospital during Pregnancy**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Time of First Visit (Weeks)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-12	307	21.5	1	3.2	4	13.0	16.2	13.0
13-19	566	39.6	6	10.5	7	12.4	22.7	12.4
20 and over	449	31.4	11	23.9	8	17.8	41.3	30.8
Not Stated	107	7.5	2	18.3	4	37.4	55.0	55.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 4.13**  
**Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital Prior to Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Antenatal Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-1 Days	1,101	77.0	17	15.2	12	10.9	25.9	16.3
2 Days	72	5.0	3	40.0	0	0.0	40.0	40.0
3-5 Days	92	6.4	0	0.0	7	76.1	76.1	76.1
6-8 Days	64	4.5	0	0.0	1	15.6	15.6	15.6
9-11 Days	31	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12-14 Days	26	1.8	0	0.0	2	76.9	76.9	76.9
2 weeks or more	43	3.0	0	0.0	1	23.3	23.3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: There were no domiciliary multiple births.

**Table 4.14**  
**Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital After Delivery**

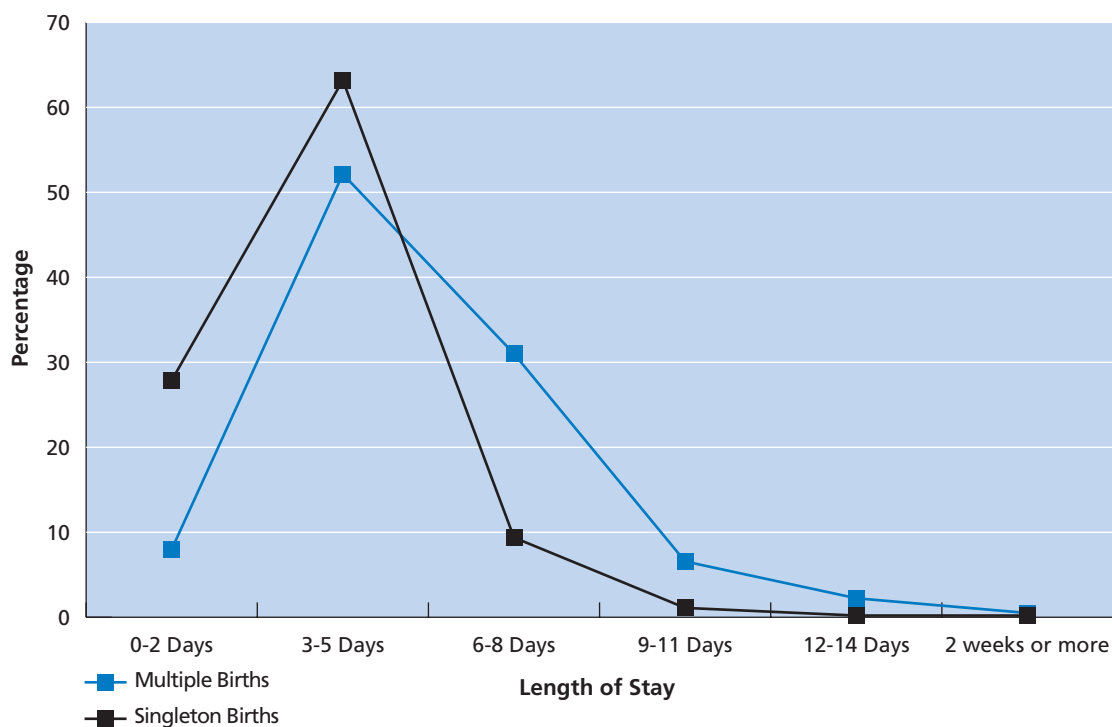
Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Postnatal Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
0-1 Days	30	2.1	4	117.6	6	200.0	294.1	294.1
2 Days	80	5.6	3	36.1	2	25.0	60.2	25.0
3-5 Days	738	51.6	8	10.7	11	14.9	25.5	16.2
6-8 Days	444	31.1	3	6.7	4	9.0	15.7	13.5
9-11 Days	92	6.4	2	21.3	0	0.0	21.3	10.8
12-14 Days	34	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2 weeks or more	9	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: There were no domiciliary multiple births.

**Figure 4.7**  
**Percentage Distribution of Births by Mother's Postnatal Length of Stay in Days, 2000**



Note: Includes stillbirths. See Tables 4.4 and 4.14 for data. 'Not Stated' data are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Table 4.15**  
**Method of Delivery**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Method of Delivery	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Spontaneous	482	33.7	7	14.3	9	18.7	32.7	24.7
Breech/Forceps	91	6.4	1	10.9	3	33.0	43.5	43.5
Forceps	36	2.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vac. Extraction	97	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Caesarean	719	50.3	11	15.1	11	15.3	30.1	19.4
Other specified & Combined	4	0.3	1	200.0	0	0.0	200.0	200.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>



**Table 4.16**  
**Advance Hospital Bookings**

Live Births, Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Advance Hospital Bookings	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
Booked	1,382	96.7	18	12.9	22	15.9	28.6	20.2
Not Booked	47	3.3	2	40.8	1	21.3	61.2	61.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Note: There were no domiciliary multiple births.

**Table 4.17**  
**Inter Hospital Transfer of Infants**

Live Births, Early Neonatal Deaths  
and Mortality Rates, 2000

Multiple Births

Infant Transfers	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate
Transferred	39	2.7	3	76.9
Not Transferred	1,390	97.3	20	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>

Note: There were no domiciliary multiple births.

**Table 4.18**  
**Rubella: Immune Status of Mother**  
**Numbers and Percentages, 2000**

Multiple Births

Rubella	Frequency	Per Cent (%)
Immune	1,197	82.6
Not Immune	62	4.3
Unknown	190	13.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.19**  
**Age of Mother by Infant's Type of Feeding**  
**Numbers and Percentages, 2000**

Multiple Births

Age of Mother Frequency Row Per Cent Col. Per Cent	Type of Feeding				
	Artificial	Breast	Combined	Not Stated	Total
15-19	25 73.53 2.70	7 20.59 1.64	1 2.94 1.72	1 2.94 5.88	34 2.38
20-24	85 75.89 9.17	21 18.75 4.92	5 4.46 8.62	1 0.89 5.88	112 7.84
25-29	218 69.65 23.52	74 23.64 17.33	16 5.11 27.59	5 1.60 29.41	313 21.90
30-34	362 63.29 39.05	172 30.07 40.28	30 5.24 51.72	8 1.40 47.06	572 40.03
35-39	209 59.54 22.55	134 38.18 31.38	6 1.71 10.34	2 0.57 11.76	351 24.56
40-44	27 58.70 2.91	19 41.30 4.45	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	46 3.22
Not Stated	1 100.00 0.11	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	1 0.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>927</b> <b>64.87</b>	<b>427</b> <b>29.88</b>	<b>58</b> <b>4.06</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1.19</b>	<b>1,429</b> <b>100.00</b>

Note:

- See Appendix E for an explanation of the table format.
- 'Not Stated' contains 17 Early Neonatal Deaths where Type of Feeding was not recorded.





Section 5  
Perinatal Outcomes

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### Introduction

This section presents a detailed review on aspects of perinatal outcomes for the infant. Part 1 reports on singleton births and Part 2 on multiple births. Cause of death are examined in greater detail according to the guidelines set out by the World Health Organisation in the ninth revision of the International Classification of Diseases. The tables that follow outline data for live births, antepartum and intrapartum stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, together with their corresponding rates. Mortality numbers and rates are presented by birthweight and cause of death. Age at death for early neonatal deaths and post-mortem analysis are also outlined.

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**Part 1 Singleton Births**



# Section 5 Perinatal Outcomes

## Part 1 Singleton Births

**Table 5.1**  
**Live Births, Antepartum and Intrapartum Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths**  
**and Mortality Rates by Birthweight, 2000**

Singleton Births

Birthweight	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Ante- partum Stillbirths	Intra- partum Stillbirths	Not Stated	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	57	0.1	29	6	4	406.3	35	614.0	770.8	755.6
750-999	76	0.1	22	3	4	276.2	15	197.4	419.0	364.6
1000-1249	101	0.2	16	1	2	158.3	6	59.4	208.3	136.4
1250-1499	116	0.2	10	0	6	121.2	12	103.4	212.1	126.1
1500-1999	382	0.7	19	3	7	70.6	19	49.7	116.8	62.0
2000-2499	1,318	2.5	25	3	11	28.7	20	15.2	43.5	26.3
2500-2999	5,646	10.6	20	0	8	4.9	13	2.3	7.2	4.2
3000-3499	16,947	31.7	31	2	5	2.2	10	0.6	2.8	2.4
3500-3999	19,077	35.7	26	6	6	2.0	14	0.7	2.7	2.2
4000-4499	7,963	14.9	1	4	2	0.9	5	0.6	1.5	1.1
4500 gms. and over	1,737	3.3	5	1	0	3.4	2	1.2	4.6	4.6
Not Stated	9	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	2	222.2	222.2	222.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>



**Table 5.2**  
**Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths**  
**and Mortality Rates by Cause of Death, 2000**

Singleton Births

ICD Codes	Cause of Death	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Total Deaths	Perinatal Mortality Rate
<b>Congenital Anomalies</b>							
740	Anencephalus	8	0.15	10	0.19	18	0.34
741	Spina Bifida	1	0.02	3	0.06	4	0.07
742	Other Central Nervous System Anomalies	2	0.04	2	0.04	4	0.07
743	Other Congenital Anomalies	6	0.11	10	0.19	16	0.30
745	Bulbus Cordis and Septal Closure	4	0.07	2	0.04	6	0.11
746	Other Congenital Anomalies of the Heart	2	0.04	8	0.15	10	0.19
748	Congenital Anomalies of Respiratory System	3	0.06	13	0.24	16	0.30
753	Congenital Anomalies of Urinary System	2	0.04	11	0.21	13	0.24
754.0-756.9	Musculoskeletal System	1	0.02	7	0.13	8	0.15
758	Chromosomal Anomalies including Down's Syndrome	16	0.30	13	0.24	29	0.54
<b>Maternal Conditions and Complications in Pregnancy</b>							
760	Maternal Hypertensive Disorders	8	0.15	1	0.02	9	0.17
760.1-761.9	Other Maternal Complications	8	0.15	5	0.09	13	0.24
762.0	Placenta Praevia	1	0.02	0	0.00	1	0.02
762.1	Other Placental Separation and Haemorrhage	26	0.48	7	0.13	33	0.61
762.2	Other Morphological and Functional Abnormalities of Placenta	24	0.45	0	0.00	24	0.45
762.4	Porlapsed Cord	1	0.02	0	0.00	1	0.02
762.5	Other Compression of Umbilical Cord	19	0.35	0	0.00	19	0.35
762.6-762.9	Other Complications of Placenta, Cord & Membranes	15	0.28	2	0.04	17	0.32
763.2-763.9	Other Complications of Labour/Delivery	2	0.04	2	0.04	4	0.07
<b>Slow Fetal Growth, Malnutrition &amp; Immaturity</b>							
764	Slow Fetal Growth & Malnutrition	5	0.09	0	0.00	5	0.09
765	Short Gestation and Low Birthweight	10	0.19	19	0.36	29	0.54
<b>Birth Trauma</b>							
767	Birth Trauma	0	0.00	1	0.02	1	0.02
768	Intrauterine Hypoxia/Anoxia	46	0.86	7	0.13	53	0.99
769	Respiratory Distress Syndrome	0	0.00	3	0.06	3	0.06
770	Respiratory Conditions of Foetus/Newborn	5	0.09	7	0.13	12	0.22
<b>Other Foetal and Neonatal Conditions</b>							
771	Perinatal Infections	0	0.00	2	0.04	2	0.04
772	Neonatal/Fetal Haemorrhage	2	0.04	2	0.04	4	0.07
773	Haemolytic Diseases	1	0.02	0	0.00	1	0.02
775	Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders	0	0.00	3	0.06	3	0.06
778	Integument and Temperature Regulation	2	0.04	4	0.07	6	0.11
<b>Maceration, Ill-Defined Conditions and All other Causes</b>							
779.9	Maceration	24	0.45	0	0.00	24	0.45
780-796,799	Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions	35	0.65	4	0.07	39	0.73
0-139.9	Infectious Diseases	1	0.02	1	0.02	2	0.04
460-519.9	Respiratory Diseases	1	0.02	0	0.00	1	0.02
	All Other Causes	7	0.13	4	0.07	11	0.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2.86</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>8.21</b>

**Table 5.3**  
**Perinatal Mortality, Numbers and Rates, by Birthweight and Cause of Death, 2000**

Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Ancephalus		Spina Bifida		Other Central Nervous System Abnormalities		Congenital Anomalies of the Heart		Chromosomal Anomalies		Other Congenital Anomalies	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
500-749	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	20.8	4	41.7
750-999	2	19.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.5	3	28.6	3	28.6
1000-1249	2	16.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	25.0	4	33.3
1250-1499	4	30.3	0	0.0	1	7.6	0	0.0	2	15.2	6	45.5
1500-1999	4	9.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	7.3	8	19.5	9	21.9
2000-2499	1	0.7	1	0.7	1	0.7	1	0.7	5	3.7	15	11.1
2500-2999	4	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	3	0.5	8	1.4
3000-3499	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	4	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1
3500-3999	0	0.0	2	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.2	2	0.1	2	0.1
4000-4499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1
4500 gms. and over	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Table 5.3 Continued**  
**Perinatal Mortality, Numbers and Rates, by Birthweight and Cause of Death, 2000**

Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Maternal Complications		Placenta, Cord Membranes		Other Complications of Labour		Slow Foetal Growth		Birth Trauma		Hypoxia/Anoxia	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
500-749	3	31.3	16	166.7	0	0.0	23	239.6	1	10.4	10	104.2
750-999	5	47.6	11	104.8	0	0.0	3	28.6	0	0.0	8	76.2
1000-1249	0	0.0	8	66.7	0	0.0	1	8.3	0	0.0	2	16.7
1250-1499	2	15.2	5	37.9	0	0.0	3	22.7	0	0.0	2	15.2
1500-1999	3	7.3	3	7.3	0	0.0	1	2.4	0	0.0	8	19.5
2000-2499	4	2.9	10	7.4	1	0.7	2	1.5	0	0.0	6	4.4
2500-2999	0	0.0	8	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	5	0.9
3000-3499	0	0.0	17	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	0.8
3500-3999	2	0.1	14	0.7	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	0.4
4000-4499	2	0.3	3	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.4
4500 gms. and over	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.1
Not Stated	1	111.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Table 5.3 Continued

## Perinatal Mortality, Numbers and Rates, by Birthweight and Cause of Death, 2000

## Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Perinatal Infections		Fetal/Neonatal Haemorrhage		Haemolytic Disease		Metabolic, Endocrine Disturbances		Integument, Temperature Regulations		Maceration	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
500-749	1	10.4	1	10.4	0	0.0	1	10.4	1	10.4	3	31.3
750-999	0	0.0	1	9.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	19.0
1000-1249	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	25.0
1250-1499	1	7.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1500-1999	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	2.4	3	7.3
2000-2499	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	5.9
2500-2999	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	3	0.5
3000-3499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
3500-3999	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.1
4000-4499	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
4500 and over	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Table 5.3 Continued

## Perinatal Mortality, Numbers and Rates, by Birthweight and Cause of Death, 2000

## Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Symptoms, Signs and Ill-Defined Conditions		All Other Causes		Not Stated		All Causes of Perinatal Mortality	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
500-749	5	52.1	3	31.3	0	0.0	74	770.8
750-999	2	19.0	3	28.6	0	0.0	44	419.0
1000-1249	1	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	208.3
1250-1499	2	15.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	212.1
1500-1999	1	2.4	3	7.3	0	0.0	48	116.8
2000-2499	3	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	59	43.5
2500-2999	5	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	41	7.20
3000-3499	7	0.4	1	0.1	0	0.0	48	2.8
3500-3999	11	0.6	1	0.1	0	0.0	52	2.7
4000-4499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	1.5
4500 and over	1	0.6	3	1.7	0	0.0	8	4.6
Not Stated	1	111.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	222.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>8.2</b>

Note: See Appendix C for a list of the International Classification of Disease codes corresponding to each cause of death.

**Table 5.4**  
**Age at Death**  
**Early Neonatal Deaths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Time		Frequency	Per Cent
Completed Hours	<1	40	26.1
	1	20	13.1
	2	8	5.2
	3	4	2.6
	4	3	2.0
	5	3	2.0
	6	6	3.9
	7	3	2.0
	8	1	0.7
	9	1	0.7
	10	5	3.3
	11	2	1.3
	12	2	1.3
	15	1	0.7
	16	1	0.7
	17	1	0.7
	21	2	1.3
<b>Total under 1 day</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>67.3</b>
Days	1	18	11.8
	2	13	8.5
	3	10	6.5
	4	3	2.0
	5	3	2.0
	6	2	1.3
	7	1	0.7
<b>Total Under 1 Week</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>32.7</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5.5**  
**Percentage Distribution of Live Births**  
**By Infant's Length of Stay in Hospital, 2000**

Singleton Births

Infant's Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births
0-2	14,505	27.3
3-5	32,094	60.5
6-10	5,159	9.7
11-28	854	1.6
29 or more	405	0.8
Not Stated	44	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: This table does not include domiciliary births and early neonatal deaths.

**Table 5.6**  
**Percentage of Stillbirths and Early Neonatal Deaths**  
**Undergoing Post-Mortem Examinations, 2000**

Singleton Births

Autopsy Frequency Row Per Cent Col. Per Cent	Type of Death		
	Early Neonatal Deaths	Stillbirths	Total
Post-Mortem	64	154	218
	29.36	70.64	
	41.83	53.47	49.43
No Post-Mortem	84	129	213
	39.44	60.56	
	54.90	44.79	48.30
Not Stated	5	5	10
	50.00	50.00	
	3.27	1.74	2.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>441</b>
	<b>34.69</b>	<b>65.31</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: See Appendix E for an explanation of the table format.

Section 5  
Perinatal Outcomes

**Part 2 Multiple Births**



# Section 5 Perinatal Outcomes

## Part 2 Multiple Births

**Table 5.7**  
**Live Births, Antepartum and Intrapartum Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths**  
**and Mortality Rates by Birthweight, 2000**

Multiple Births

Birthweight (grams)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births	Ante-partum Stillbirths	Intra-partum Stillbirths	Not Stated	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal Deaths	Early Neonatal Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Adjusted PMR
500-749	20	1.4	3	2	0	200.0	12	600.0	680.0	652.2
750-999	26	1.8	2	0	0	71.4	5	192.3	250.0	192.3
1000-1249	23	1.6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1250-1499	39	2.7	2	0	0	48.8	1	25.6	73.2	73.2
1500-1999	150	10.5	4	0	0	26.0	1	6.7	32.5	13.2
2000-2499	361	25.3	2	0	0	5.5	3	8.3	13.8	8.3
2500-2999	501	35.1	1	0	1	4.0	0	0.0	4.0	4.0
3000-3499	263	18.4	1	0	1	7.5	0	0.0	7.5	3.8
3500-3999	43	3.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4000-4499	2	0.1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	1	0.1	0	1	0	500.0	1	1000.0	1000.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>21.6</b>



**Table 5.8**  
**Stillbirths, Early Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Cause of Death, 2000**

Multiple Births

Cause of Death	Stillbirths	Stillbirth Rate	Early Neonatal	Early Neonatal Deaths	Total Deaths Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
Anencephalus	0	0.00	1	0.70	1	0.69
Spina Bifida	1	0.69	0	0.00	1	0.69
Other Central Nervous System Anomalies	1	0.69	0	0.00	1	0.69
Other Congenital Anomalies	2	1.38	2	1.40	4	2.76
Other Congenital Anomalies of the Heart	0	0.00	1	0.70	1	0.69
Congenital Anomalies of Respiratory System	0	0.00	1	0.70	1	0.69
Congenital Anomalies of Urinary System	0	0.00	2	1.40	2	1.38
Musculoskeletal System	0	0.00	1	0.70	1	0.69
Other Maternal Complications	1	0.69	0	0.00	1	0.69
Other Placental Separation and Haemorrhage	1	0.69	3	2.10	4	2.76
Other Complications of Placenta, Cord, Membranes	3	2.07	1	0.70	4	2.76
Other Compressions of Umbilical Cord	1	0.69	0	0.00	1	0.69
Short Gestation and Low Birthweight	2	1.38	9	6.30	11	7.59
Intrauterine Hypoxia/Anoxia	3	2.07	0	0.00	3	2.07
Respiratory Conditions of Foetus/Newborn	0	0.00	1	0.70	1	0.69
Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions	3	2.07	0	0.00	3	2.07
All Other Causes	2	1.38	1	0.70	3	2.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13.80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29.68</b>

Note: See Appendix C for a list of the International Classification of Diseases codes corresponding to each cause of death.

**Table 5.9**  
**Number of Perinatal Deaths by Birthweight and Cause of Death, 2000**

Multiple Births

Birthweight (grams)	500-749	750-999	1000-1249	1250-1499	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	Not Stated	Total
Anencephalus	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Spina Bifida	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other Central Nervous System Anomalies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other Congenital Anomalies	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	8
Other Congenital Anomalies of the Heart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Maternal Complications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other Complications of Placenta, Cord, Membranes	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9
Slow Fetal Growth	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Hypoxia/Anoxia Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
All other Causes	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>

Note: See Appendix C for a list of the International Classification of Diseases codes corresponding to each cause of death.

**Table 5.10**  
**Age at Death**  
**Early Neonatal Deaths, 2000**

Multiple Births

Time		Frequency	Per Cent
Completed Hours	<1	5	21.7
	1	1	4.3
	2	1	4.3
	7	1	4.3
	8	1	4.3
	10	1	4.3
	22	1	4.3
<b>Total under 1 day</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>47.8</b>
Days	1	3	13.0
	2	2	8.7
	3	3	13.0
	4	1	4.3
	6	1	4.3
	7	2	8.7
<b>Total under 1 week</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>52.2</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5.11**  
**Percentage Distribution of Live Births by Infant's Length of Stay in Hospital, 2000**

Multiple Births

Length of Stay (Days)	Live Births	Per Cent (%) Live Births
0-2	67	4.8
3-5	536	38.1
6-10	457	32.5
11-28	251	17.9
29 or more	92	6.5
Not Stated	3	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: There were no domiciliary multiple births. Early Neonatal Deaths are not included in this table.

**Table 5.12**  
**Percentage of Stillbirths and Early Neonatal Deaths Undergoing Post-Mortem Examinations, 2000**

Multiple Births

Post-mortem	Type of Death		
Frequency Row Per Cent Col. Per Cent	Early Neonatal Deaths	Stillbirths	Total
Post-Mortem	3	9	12
	25.00	75.00	
	13.04	45.00	27.91
No Post-Mortem	19	11	30
	63.33	36.67	
	82.61	55.00	69.77
Not Stated	1	0	1
	100.00	0.00	
	4.35	0.00	2.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>53.49</b>	<b>46.51</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: See Appendix E for an explanation of the table format.





# Appendices



# Appendix A

## Copy of Part 3 of the Birth Notification Form

The following format was used for births recorded in 2000

<b>NOTIFICATION OF BIRTH -</b>	
<b>To: The National Perinatal Reporting System, Economic and Social Research Institute, 4 Burlington Road, Dublin 4</b>	
TYPE OF BIRTH (Live = 1, Still = 2) 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	PLACE OF BIRTH (Hospital = 1, BBA = 2, Domiciliary = 3) 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME AND _____	
ADDRESS OF _____	
HOSPITAL NO. 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NO. 7 <input type="checkbox"/>
HOSPITAL _____	
<b>INFANT</b>	<b>MOTHER'S HEALTH</b>
DATE OF BIRTH 15 <input type="checkbox"/>	ANTE-NATAL CARE THIS PREGNANCY (Hospital / Obstetrician = 1, G.P. Only = 2, Combined = 3, None = 4) 100 <input type="checkbox"/>
IF MULTIPLE BIRTH ORDER OF BIRTH No. <input type="checkbox"/> 23 of <input type="checkbox"/> 24	DATE OF FIRST VISIT TO DOCTOR DURING PREGNANCY 101 <input type="checkbox"/>
TIME OF BIRTH _____	DATE OF FIRST VISIT TO HOSPITAL DURING PREGNANCY 109 <input type="checkbox"/>
SEX (Male = 1, Female = 2, Indeterminate = 3) 25 <input type="checkbox"/>	WAS MOTHER IMMUNE TO RUBELLA (Yes = 1, No = 2, Not Known = 3) 117 <input type="checkbox"/>
BIRTHWEIGHT 26 <input type="checkbox"/> GRAMMES	METHOD OF DELIVERY (Spontaneous = 1, Breech ± Forceps = 2, Forceps = 3, Vac. Extraction = 4, Caesarean Sec. = 5, Other = 6) 118 <input type="checkbox"/>
PERIOD OF GESTATION 30 <input type="checkbox"/> WEEKS	MAIN MATERNAL DISEASE OR CONDITION AFFECTING FETUS OR INFANT _____
<b>FATHER</b>	_____ 119 <input type="checkbox"/>
COUNTY _____ 32 <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER MATERNAL DISEASE OR CONDITION AFFECTING FETUS OR INFANT _____
OCCUPATION _____ 35 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 123 <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF BIRTH 37 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>INFANT'S HEALTH</b>
<b>MOTHER</b>	TYPE OF FEEDING (Artificial = 1, Breast = 2, Combined = 3) 127 <input type="checkbox"/>
COUNTY _____ 45 <input type="checkbox"/>	WAS BCG ADMINISTERED (Yes = 1, No = 2) 128 <input type="checkbox"/>
OCCUPATION _____ 48 <input type="checkbox"/>	MAIN DISEASE OR CONGENITAL MALFORMATION AFFECTING INFANT _____
DATE OF BIRTH 50 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 129 <input type="checkbox"/>
MARITAL STATUS (Married = 1, Single = 2, Widowed = 3, Separated = 4, Divorced = 5) 58 <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER DISEASES OR CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS AFFECTING INFANT _____
DATE OF PRESENT MARRIAGE 59 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 133 <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF LAST BIRTH (live or still) 67 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HOSPITAL</b>
NO. OF PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS 75 <input type="checkbox"/>	WAS ADMISSION BOOKED (Yes = 1, No = 2) 137 <input type="checkbox"/>
CHILDREN STILL LIVING 77 <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE OF MOTHER'S ADMISSION 138 <input type="checkbox"/>
STILL BIRTHS 79 <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE OF MOTHER'S DISCHARGE 146 <input type="checkbox"/>
SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS 81 <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE OF INFANT'S DISCHARGE 154 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PERINATAL DEATH</b>	WAS INFANT TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL REASONS (Yes = 1, No = 2) 162 <input type="checkbox"/>
TYPE OF DEATH (Early Neonatal = 1, Stillbirth = 2) 83 <input type="checkbox"/>	IF 'YES', NAME OF HOSPITAL _____
WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED (Yes = 1, No = 2) 84 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ 163 <input type="checkbox"/>
AGE OF DEATH 85 <input type="checkbox"/> DAYS 86 <input type="checkbox"/> HOURS	<b>GENERAL PRACTITIONER ATTENDED BY MOTHER</b>
PLACE OF DEATH _____ 88 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
IF STILLBIRTH, DID DEATH OCCUR BEFORE LABOUR (1) DURING LABOUR (2) NOT KNOWN (3) 91 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>	_____
MAIN DISEASE OR CONDITION IN FETUS OR INFANT _____ 92 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
OTHER DISEASES OR CONDITIONS IN FETUS OR INFANT _____ 96 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____



The following format outlines the new format form effective January 1st 2004.

Notification of Birth - To: National Perinatal Reporting System, The Economic & Social Research Institute, 4 Burlington Rd. Dublin 4			
TYPE OF BIRTH (Live = 1, Still = 2)	PLACE OF BIRTH (Hospital = 1, BBA = 2, Domiciliary = 3)	NAME AND _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ADDRESS OF _____	
HOSPITAL NO. 3 _____	CASE NO. 6 _____	HOSPITAL _____	
<b>INFANT'S DETAILS</b>		<b>MOTHER'S HEALTH</b>	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY) 14 _____	TIME OF BIRTH _____	ANTENATAL CARE THIS PREGNANCY (Hospital / Obstetrician = 1, G.P. Only = 2, Combined = 3, None = 4, Midwife Only=5)	117 <input type="checkbox"/>
IF MULTIPLE BIRTH	ORDER OF BIRTH No. _____ 22 of _____ 23	DATE OF FIRST VISIT TO DOCTOR DURING PREGNANCY (DDMMYYYY)	118 _____
SEX (Male = 1, Female = 2, Indeterminate = 3)	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE OF FIRST VISIT TO HOSPITAL DURING PREGNANCY (DDMMYYYY)	126 _____
BIRTHWEIGHT 25 _____	GRAMMES	WAS MOTHER IMMUNE TO RUBELLA (Yes = 1, No = 2, Not Known = 3)	134 <input type="checkbox"/>
PERIOD OF GESTATION 29 _____	WEEKS	METHOD OF DELIVERY (Spontaneous = 1, Breech ± Forceps = 2, Forceps = 3, Vac. Extraction = 4, Caesarean Sec. = 5, Other = 6)	135 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FATHER'S DETAILS</b>		MAIN MATERNAL DISEASE OR CONDITION AFFECTING FOETUS OR INFANT	
COUNTY _____	31 _____	_____ 136 _____	
COUNTRY _____	34 _____	OTHER MATERNAL DISEASES OR CONDITIONS AFFECTING FOETUS OR INFANT	
NATIONALITY _____	38 _____	_____ 141 _____	
OCCUPATION _____	42 _____	<b>INFANT'S HEALTH</b>	
DATE OF BIRTH (DDMMYYYY) 44 _____		TYPE OF FEEDING (Artificial = 1, Breast = 2, Combined = 3)	146 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MOTHER'S DETAILS</b>		WAS BCG ADMINISTERED (Yes = 1, No = 2)	147 <input type="checkbox"/>
COUNTY _____	52 _____	MAIN DISEASE OR CONGENITAL MALFORMATION AFFECTING INFANT	
COUNTRY _____	55 _____	_____ 148 _____	
NATIONALITY _____	59 _____	OTHER DISEASES OR CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS AFFECTING INFANT	
OCCUPATION _____	63 _____	_____ 153 _____	
DATE OF BIRTH (DDMMYYYY) 65 _____		<b>HOSPITAL</b>	
MARITAL STATUS (Married = 1, Never Married = 2, Widowed = 3, Married but Separated = 4, Divorced, = 5)	73 <input type="checkbox"/>	WAS ADMISSION BOOKED (Yes = 1, No = 2)	158 <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF PRESENT MARRIAGE (DDMMYYYY) 74 _____		DATE OF MOTHER'S ADMISSION (DDMMYYYY)	159 _____
DATE OF LAST BIRTH (live or still) (DDMMYYYY) 82 _____		DATE OF MOTHER'S DISCHARGE (DDMMYYYY)	167 _____
NO. OF PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS 90 _____		DATE OF INFANT'S DISCHARGE (DDMMYYYY)	175 _____
CHILDREN STILL LIVING 92 _____		WAS INFANT TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL REASONS (Yes = 1, No = 2)	183 <input type="checkbox"/>
STILLBIRTHS 94 _____		IF 'YES', NAME OF HOSPITAL _____	_____ 184 _____
SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS 96 _____		<b>GENERAL PRACTITIONER ATTENDED BY MOTHER</b>	
<b>PERINATAL DEATH</b>		_____	
TYPE OF DEATH (Early Neonatal = 1, Stillbirth = 2)	98 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED (Yes = 1, No = 2)	99 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
AGE AT DEATH 100 _____	DAYS	101 _____	HOURS
PLACE OF DEATH _____	103 _____	_____	
IF STILLBIRTH, DID DEATH OCCUR BEFORE LABOUR (1) DURING LABOUR (2) NOT KNOWN (3)	106 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>		_____	
MAIN DISEASE OR CONDITION IN FOETUS OR INFANT _____		_____ 107 _____	
OTHER DISEASES OR CONDITIONS IN FOETUS OR INFANT _____		_____ 112 _____	
Signature _____		Date _____	

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# Appendix B

## Classification of Occupation

Occupations have been coded and classified into a set of socio-economic groups according to a system devised by the Central Statistics Office. The final CSO Category of 'Unknown' has been differentiated into 5 distinct groups for the purposes of the Perinatal Reporting System. These are 'Unemployed', 'Not Classifiable', 'Not Applicable', 'Home Duties' and 'Not Stated'. Occupation is coded as unemployed when occupation is given as unemployed and where no previous occupation is stated. If a previous occupation is stated then occupation is coded to the relevant category. 'Not Classifiable' has been used to categorise indecipherable, unclear, or unlisted occupations where efforts to clarify the information have failed. 'Home Duties' is entered where occupation has been entered as 'full-time mother/father/parent', 'stay at home mother/father/parent', 'housewife', 'home duties' etc. 'Not Stated' applies to those cases where either the mother or the father's occupation has been left blank.

Under Father's occupation, the following applies;

'Not Applicable' is entered when the marital status of the mother has been given as single, widowed, separated or divorced and where father's occupation has been left blank. 'Not Stated' applies to those cases where the marital status of the mother is recorded as either married or not stated and where father's occupation has been left blank. In either case, if an occupation is given for the father then the appropriate occupational code has been used.

The full list of socio-economic groups used in this report is given below:

- Farmers and Farm Managers
- Other agricultural occupations and Fishermen
- Higher professional
- Lower professional
- Employers and Managers
- Salaried Employees
- Intermediate non-manual workers
- Other non-manual workers
- Skilled manual workers
- Semi- skilled manual workers
- Unskilled manual workers
- Unemployed
- Not Classifiable
- Not applicable (father's occupation only)
- Home Duties
- Not Stated



# Appendix C

## Cause of Death Classification

The main cause of death has been determined according to the guidelines set out by the World Health Organisation in the ninth revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD).<sup>6</sup> Briefly, the principal coding criteria are as follows:

1. The main cause of death as far as possible should indicate the pathological condition of the infant or foetus, which in the opinion of the certifier made the greatest contribution towards the death.
2. If heart or cardiac failure, asphyxia or anoxia (any condition in 768) or prematurity (any condition in 765) is entered as the main cause and other conditions of the infant or foetus are entered as secondary causes, then the first-mentioned of these other conditions is entered as the main cause of death.
3. If two or more conditions are entered as the main cause of death then the first mentioned condition is coded as if it had been mentioned alone and the second-mentioned cause is coded as the secondary condition.
4. If there is no entry for a main cause, then any secondary condition of the infant is coded as the main cause.
5. If a maternal condition is entered in the section reserved for the infant's conditions or if an infant's condition is entered in the section provided for maternal conditions then the conditions are coded as if they had been entered in the respective correct section.
6. If the foetus died before the onset of labour, then obstetrical complications that could not have affected the outcome are ignored as causes of death.

For the purpose of the cause of death tables included in this report, one further criterion has been applied. This is to the effect that where heart failure, asphyxia or anoxia (any condition in 768) or prematurity (any condition in 765) is coded as the main cause of death or where no infant's condition is given then, where a specific maternal condition is given, the main cause of death is classified under the maternal condition.

<sup>6</sup> World Health Organisation. 1978. *Manual of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death*, 9th Revision. Vol. 1. Geneva: WHO.

In Table 5.2, which contains a detailed classification of cause of death, the corresponding ICD numbers are listed in the left hand column of that table. For the less detailed tables (i.e. Tables 5.3, 5.8, and 5.9), the ICD codes relating to each cause of death category are given below:

ICD Codes	Cause of Death
740	Ancephalus and similar anomalies
741	Spina Bifida
742	Other congenital anomalies of the nervous system
745-747	Congenital anomalies of the heart
758	Chromosomal anomalies (including Down's Syndrome)
743-744, 748-757, 759	Other congenital anomalies
760-761	Maternal conditions and complications
762	Complications of the placenta, cord and membranes
763	Other complications of labour and delivery
764-765	Slow foetal growth, foetal malnutrition, and immaturity
766	Disorders relating to long gestation and high birthweight
767	Birth trauma
768-770	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia and other respiratory conditions of foetus or newborn
771	Infections specific to the perinatal period
772	Foetal and neonatal haemorrhage
773	Haemolytic disease of foetus or newborn, due to iso-immunisation
775	Endocrine and metabolic disturbances specific to the foetus and newborn
778	Conditions involving the integument and temperature regulation of foetus and newborn
779.9	Maceration
780-799	Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions

All other codes have been classified to the category 'all other causes'. Where no cause has been given, perinatal deaths are categorised as 'cause not stated'.

# Appendix D

## Classification of County of Residence

The following codes are applied to mother and father's county of residence. Where a Dublin postal code, such as Dublin 13, is entered then a code of 10 is applied for Dublin city. Where there is no postal code and Dublin is recorded then a code of 11 is applied for Dublin County. Where county of residence is recorded as Tipperary and North or South Riding is not specified, then the assignment of the code is based on the Health Board in which the birth occurred. For births occurring in the South-Eastern or Southern Health Boards where Tipperary is recorded as county of residence then a code of 62, Tipperary South Riding is applied. For births occurring in other Health Boards where Tipperary is recorded as county of residence then a code of 32, Tipperary North Riding is applied. Where a mother or father's county of residence is unknown the code 99 is applied. The code 90 is applied where the address given is outside the Republic of Ireland.

10	Dublin city
11	Dublin county
12	Kildare
13	Wicklow
20	Laois
21	Offaly
22	Longford
23	Westmeath
30	Clare
31	Limerick
32	Tipperary North Riding
40	Meath
41	Cavan
42	Monaghan
43	Louth
50	Donegal
51	Sligo
52	Leitrim
60	Carlow
61	Kilkenny
62	Tipperary South Riding
63	Waterford
64	Wexford
70	Cork
71	Kerry
80	Galway
81	Mayo
82	Roscommon
90	Other – all other places outside Republic of Ireland
99	Not Stated



# Appendix E

## Cross-Tabulations of Selected Variables: 2000

This appendix contains a range of cross-tabulations relating to live and still singleton births. A full list of these tables is given in the Table of Contents. The format of each cross-tabulation is identical. The values of the two variables are given along the top and left. The top number in each cell indicates the number of observations relating to that combination of variable values. The second number indicates the percentage contribution of that cell to the total for the whole row. The last number indicates the percentage contribution of that cell to the total for the whole column. The figures at the end of each row or column give the overall total for that row or column, and the associated percentages express each of these figures as a percentage of the grand total.



**Table E1**  
**Age of Mother by Maternal Parity, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Age of Mother	Maternal Parity									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6	Not Stated	Total
Under 15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
15-19	2,828	259	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,117
	90.73	8.31	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	
	12.84	1.61	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.29	5.80
20-24	5,108	2,072	569	128	37	5	3	0	1	7,923
	64.47	26.15	7.18	1.62	0.47	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.01	
	23.20	12.88	6.18	3.28	2.58	0.90	1.21	0.00	14.29	14.75
25-29	6,318	4,348	1,768	639	206	60	22	11	1	13,373
	47.24	32.51	13.22	4.78	1.54	0.45	0.16	0.08	0.01	
	28.70	27.03	19.19	16.37	14.35	10.81	8.87	4.40	14.29	24.90
30-34	5,728	6,221	3,620	1,322	447	161	67	55	0	17,621
	32.51	35.30	20.54	7.50	2.54	0.91	0.38	0.31	0.00	
	26.02	38.67	39.29	33.87	31.13	29.01	27.02	22.00	0.00	32.80
35-39	1,739	2,800	2,809	1,503	546	220	109	108	3	9,837
	17.68	28.46	28.56	15.28	5.55	2.24	1.11	1.10	0.03	
	7.90	17.41	30.49	38.51	38.02	39.64	43.95	43.20	42.86	18.31
40-44	267	374	404	296	191	102	43	67	0	1,744
	15.31	21.44	23.17	16.97	10.95	5.85	2.47	3.84	0.00	
	1.21	2.32	4.38	7.58	13.30	18.38	17.34	26.80	0.00	3.25
45 and over	12	7	8	15	7	6	4	9	0	68
	17.65	10.29	11.76	22.06	10.29	8.82	5.88	13.24	0.00	
	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.38	0.49	1.08	1.61	3.60	0.00	0.13
Not Stated	5	6	7	0	2	1	0	0	1	22
	22.73	27.27	31.82	0.00	9.09	4.55	0.00	0.00	4.55	
	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.00	0.14	0.18	0.00	0.00	14.29	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,017</b>	<b>16,087</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53,717</b>
	<b>40.99</b>	<b>29.95</b>	<b>17.15</b>	<b>7.27</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table E2**  
**Method of Delivery by Maternal Parity, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Method of Delivery	Maternal Parity									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6	Not Stated	Total
Spontaneous	11,100	11,396	7,112	3,088	1,153	449	202	187	3	34,690
	32.00	32.85	20.50	8.90	3.32	1.29	0.58	0.54	0.01	
	50.42	70.84	77.19	79.12	80.29	80.90	81.45	74.80	42.86	64.58
Breech/Forceps	109	56	39	10	7	3	2	3	0	229
	47.60	24.45	17.03	4.37	3.06	1.31	0.87	1.31	0.00	
	0.50	0.35	0.42	0.26	0.49	0.54	0.81	1.20	0.00	0.43
Forceps	1,656	260	79	22	5	4	0	0	0	2,026
	81.74	12.83	3.90	1.09	0.25	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	7.52	1.62	0.86	0.56	0.35	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.77
Vacuum Extraction	3,929	1,089	386	136	49	10	5	6	1	5,611
	70.02	19.41	6.88	2.42	0.87	0.18	0.09	0.11	0.02	
	17.85	6.77	4.19	3.48	3.41	1.80	2.02	2.40	14.29	10.45
Caesarean	5,161	3,240	1,571	639	220	89	35	53	1	11,009
	46.88	29.43	14.27	5.80	2.00	0.81	0.32	0.48	0.01	
	23.44	20.14	17.05	16.37	15.32	16.04	14.11	21.20	14.29	20.49
Other specified & Combined	61	43	27	7	1	0	4	1	0	144
	42.36	29.86	18.75	4.86	0.69	0.00	2.78	0.69	0.00	
	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.18	0.07	0.00	1.61	0.40	0.00	0.27
Not Stated	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	8
	12.50	37.50	0.00	12.50	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	
	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.57	0.01
Total	22,017	16,087	9,214	3,903	1,436	555	248	250	7	53,717
	40.99	29.95	17.15	7.27	2.67	1.03	0.46	0.47	0.01	100.00

**Table E3**  
**Marital Status by Age of Mother, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Marital Status	Age of Mother									
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated	Total
Married	0	171	1,674	9,031	15,283	8,702	1,504	60	15	36,440
	0.00	0.47	4.59	24.78	41.94	23.88	4.13	0.16	0.04	
	0.00	5.49	21.13	67.53	86.73	88.46	86.24	88.24	68.18	67.84
Single	12	2,945	6,212	4,195	1,978	749	127	3	6	16,227
	0.07	18.15	38.28	25.85	12.19	4.62	0.78	0.02	0.04	
	100.00	94.48	78.40	31.37	11.23	7.61	7.28	4.41	27.27	30.21
Widowed	0	0	2	6	23	28	13	0	0	72
	0.00	0.00	2.78	8.33	31.94	38.89	18.06	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.13	0.28	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.13
Separated	0	1	32	122	298	288	77	5	1	824
	0.00	0.12	3.88	14.81	36.17	34.95	9.34	0.61	0.12	
	0.00	0.03	0.40	0.91	1.69	2.93	4.42	7.35	4.55	1.53
Divorced	0	0	3	14	38	69	23	0	0	147
	0.00	0.00	2.04	9.52	25.85	46.94	15.65	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.10	0.22	0.70	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.27
Not Stated	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	7
	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.43	14.29	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>13,373</b>	<b>17,621</b>	<b>9,837</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53,717</b>
	<b>0.02</b>	<b>5.80</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>24.90</b>	<b>32.80</b>	<b>18.31</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table E4**  
**Marital Status by Age of Father, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Marital Status	Age of Father									
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated	Total
Married	1	39	495	4,552	11,467	8,459	2,824	786	7,817	36,440
	0.00	0.11	1.36	12.49	31.47	23.21	7.75	2.16	21.45	
	50.00	22.81	49.45	89.13	96.96	97.23	96.51	93.68	33.78	67.84
Single	1	132	497	529	319	199	75	43	14,432	16,227
	0.01	0.81	3.06	3.26	1.97	1.23	0.46	0.26	88.94	
	50.00	77.19	49.65	10.36	2.70	2.29	2.56	5.13	62.36	30.21
Widowed	0	0	2	0	3	1	3	2	61	72
	0.00	0.00	2.78	0.00	4.17	1.39	4.17	2.78	84.72	
	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.10	0.24	0.26	0.13
Separated	0	0	7	20	29	37	17	4	710	824
	0.00	0.00	0.85	2.43	3.52	4.49	2.06	0.49	86.17	
	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.39	0.25	0.43	0.58	0.48	3.07	1.53
Divorced	0	0	0	6	9	4	7	4	117	147
	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.08	6.12	2.72	4.76	2.72	79.59	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.08	0.05	0.24	0.48	0.51	0.27
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01
Total	2	171	1,001	5,107	11,827	8,700	2,926	839	23,144	53,717
	0.00	0.32	1.86	9.51	22.02	16.20	5.45	1.56	43.09	100.00

**Table E5**  
**Gestation Period at Delivery by Maternal Parity, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Gestation Period (weeks)	Maternal Parity									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6	Not Stated	Total
Frequency	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Row Per Cent	40.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Col. Per Cent	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
22-27	86	47	23	9	4	3	0	0	0	172
Row Per Cent	50.00	27.33	13.37	5.23	2.33	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Col. Per Cent	0.39	0.29	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32
28-31	159	65	32	15	7	6	1	1	0	286
Row Per Cent	55.59	22.73	11.19	5.24	2.45	2.10	0.35	0.35	0.00	
Col. Per Cent	0.72	0.40	0.35	0.38	0.49	1.08	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.53
32-36	970	517	285	153	81	29	9	16	1	2,061
Row Per Cent	47.06	25.08	13.83	7.42	3.93	1.41	0.44	0.78	0.05	
Col. Per Cent	4.41	3.21	3.09	3.92	5.64	5.23	3.63	6.40	14.29	3.84
37-41	19,063	14,653	8,454	3,527	1,272	498	223	215	4	47,909
Row Per Cent	39.79	30.59	17.65	7.36	2.66	1.04	0.47	0.45	0.01	
Col. Per Cent	86.58	91.09	91.75	90.37	88.58	89.73	89.92	86.00	57.14	89.19
42 and over	1,716	800	415	190	71	18	15	17	0	3,242
Row Per Cent	52.93	24.68	12.80	5.86	2.19	0.56	0.46	0.52	0.00	
Col. Per Cent	7.79	4.97	4.50	4.87	4.94	3.24	6.05	6.80	0.00	6.04
Not Stated	21	4	4	8	1	1	0	1	2	42
Row Per Cent	50.00	9.52	9.52	19.05	2.38	2.38	0.00	2.38	4.76	
Col. Per Cent	0.10	0.02	0.04	0.20	0.07	0.18	0.00	0.40	28.57	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,017</b>	<b>16,087</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53,717</b>
Row Per Cent	40.99	29.95	17.15	7.27	2.67	1.03	0.46	0.47	0.01	100.00

**Table E6**  
**Age of Mother by Gestation Period at Delivery, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Age of Mother	Gestation Period (weeks)							Total
	Less than 22	22-27	28-31	32-36	37-41	42 and over	Not Stated	
<b>Frequency</b>								
<b>Row Per Cent</b>								
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>								
Under 15	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	12
	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.33	91.67	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
15-19	1	21	36	193	2,634	226	6	3,117
	0.03	0.67	1.15	6.19	84.50	7.25	0.19	
	20.00	12.21	12.59	9.36	5.50	6.97	14.29	5.80
20-24	0	30	56	332	6,909	589	7	7,923
	0.00	0.38	0.71	4.19	87.20	7.43	0.09	
	0.00	17.44	19.58	16.11	14.42	18.17	16.67	14.75
25-29	2	37	65	493	11,823	946	7	13,373
	0.01	0.28	0.49	3.69	88.41	7.07	0.05	
	40.00	21.51	22.73	23.92	24.68	29.18	16.67	24.90
30-34	1	52	73	605	15,902	975	13	17,621
	0.01	0.30	0.41	3.43	90.24	5.53	0.07	
	20.00	30.23	25.52	29.35	33.19	30.07	30.95	32.80
35-39	0	25	44	335	8,988	439	6	9,837
	0.00	0.25	0.45	3.41	91.37	4.46	0.06	
	0.00	14.53	15.38	16.25	18.76	13.54	14.29	18.31
40-44	1	6	11	93	1,568	63	2	1,744
	0.06	0.34	0.63	5.33	89.91	3.61	0.11	
	20.00	3.49	3.85	4.51	3.27	1.94	4.76	3.25
45 and over	0	1	0	8	55	4	0	68
	0.00	1.47	0.00	11.76	80.88	5.88	0.00	
	0.00	0.58	0.00	0.39	0.11	0.12	0.00	0.13
Not Stated	0	0	1	1	19	0	1	22
	0.00	0.00	4.55	4.55	86.36	0.00	4.55	
	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.05	0.04	0.00	2.38	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>47,909</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53,717</b>
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>89.19</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table E7**  
**Method of Delivery by Age of Mother, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Method of Delivery	Age of Mother									
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated	Total
Spontaneous	7	2,181	5,531	8,625	11,036	6,254	1,003	36	17	34,690
	0.02	6.29	15.94	24.86	31.81	18.03	2.89	0.10	0.05	
	58.33	69.97	69.81	64.50	62.63	63.58	57.51	52.94	77.27	64.58
Breech/Forceps	0	15	34	54	79	38	9	0	0	229
	0.00	6.55	14.85	23.58	34.50	16.59	3.93	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.48	0.43	0.40	0.45	0.39	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.43
Forceps	0	129	306	578	677	290	44	2	0	2,026
	0.00	6.37	15.10	28.53	33.42	14.31	2.17	0.10	0.00	
	0.00	4.14	3.86	4.32	3.84	2.95	2.52	2.94	0.00	3.77
Vacuum Extraction	2	365	854	1,540	1,841	853	149	4	3	5,611
	0.04	6.51	15.22	27.45	32.81	15.20	2.66	0.07	0.05	
	16.67	11.71	10.78	11.52	10.45	8.67	8.54	5.88	13.64	10.45
Caesarean	3	419	1,180	2,545	3,934	2,367	533	26	2	11,009
	0.03	3.81	10.72	23.12	35.73	21.50	4.84	0.24	0.02	
	25.00	13.44	14.89	19.03	22.33	24.06	30.56	38.24	9.09	20.49
Other specified & Combined	0	7	17	28	53	33	6	0	0	144
	0.00	4.86	11.81	19.44	36.81	22.92	4.17	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.27
Not Stated	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	8
	0.00	12.50	12.50	37.50	12.50	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Total	12	3,117	7,923	13,373	17,621	9,837	1,744	68	22	53,717
	0.02	5.80	14.75	24.90	32.80	18.31	3.25	0.13	0.04	100.00

**Table E8**  
**Birthweight by Gestation Period at Delivery, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Birthweight (grams)	Gestation Period (weeks)							Total
	Less than 22	22-27	28-31	32-36	37-41	42 and over	Not Stated	
500-749	5	73	14	3	1	0	0	96
	5.21	76.04	14.58	3.13	1.04	0.00	0.00	
	100.00	42.44	4.90	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18
750-999	0	63	34	8	0	0	0	105
	0.00	60.00	32.38	7.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	36.63	11.89	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
1000-1249	0	24	64	30	2	0	0	120
	0.00	20.00	53.33	25.00	1.67	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	13.95	22.38	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22
1250-1499	0	8	64	57	3	0	0	132
	0.00	6.06	48.48	43.18	2.27	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	4.65	22.38	2.77	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.25
1500-1999	0	3	79	277	52	0	0	411
	0.00	0.73	19.22	67.40	12.65	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	1.74	27.62	13.44	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.77
2000-2499	0	0	15	575	754	12	1	1,357
	0.00	0.00	1.11	42.37	55.56	0.88	0.07	
	0.00	0.00	5.24	27.90	1.57	0.37	2.38	2.53
2500-2999	0	0	6	676	4,877	108	7	5,674
	0.00	0.00	0.11	11.91	85.95	1.90	0.12	
	0.00	0.00	2.10	32.80	10.18	3.33	16.67	10.56
3000-3499	0	0	2	318	15,925	726	14	16,985
	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.87	93.76	4.27	0.08	
	0.00	0.00	0.70	15.43	33.24	22.39	33.33	31.62
3500-3999	0	0	6	91	17,660	1,343	15	19,115
	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.48	92.39	7.03	0.08	
	0.00	0.00	2.10	4.42	36.86	41.43	35.71	35.58
4000-4499	0	0	1	21	7,127	819	2	7,970
	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.26	89.42	10.28	0.03	
	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.02	14.88	25.26	4.76	14.84
4500 gms. and over	0	0	0	3	1,503	234	3	1,743
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	86.23	13.43	0.17	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	3.14	7.22	7.14	3.24
Not Stated	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	9
	0.00	11.11	11.11	22.22	55.56	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.58	0.35	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>47,909</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>53,717</b>
	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>89.19</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>



**Table E9**  
**Method of Delivery by Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital after Delivery, 2000**

Singleton Births

Method of Delivery	Postnatal Length of Stay								
	0-1 Days	2 Days	3-5 Days	6-8 Days	9-11 Days	12-14 Days	2 weeks or more	Not Stated	Total
Spontaneous	2,973	10,281	20,398	688	61	19	30	30	34,480
	8.62	29.82	59.16	2.00	0.18	0.06	0.09	0.09	
	91.14	87.59	61.70	14.53	12.42	19.39	35.71	96.77	64.45
Breech/Forceps	38	51	130	9	1	0	0	0	229
	16.59	22.27	56.77	3.93	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	1.16	0.43	0.39	0.19	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43
Forceps	50	291	1,527	133	16	4	5	0	2,026
	2.47	14.36	75.37	6.56	0.79	0.20	0.25	0.00	
	1.53	2.48	4.62	2.81	3.26	4.08	5.95	0.00	3.79
Vac. Extraction	155	999	4,206	211	31	3	6	0	5,611
	2.76	17.80	74.96	3.76	0.55	0.05	0.11	0.00	
	4.75	8.51	12.72	4.46	6.31	3.06	7.14	0.00	10.49
Caesarean	39	101	6,741	3,637	377	71	43	0	11,009
	0.35	0.92	61.23	33.04	3.42	0.64	0.39	0.00	
	1.20	0.86	20.39	76.81	76.78	72.45	51.19	0.00	20.58
Other specified & Combined	7	15	59	57	5	1	0	0	144
	4.86	10.42	40.97	39.58	3.47	0.69	0.00	0.00	
	0.21	0.13	0.18	1.20	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.27
Not Stated	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.23	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>33,062</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53,501</b>
	<b>6.10</b>	<b>21.94</b>	<b>61.80</b>	<b>8.85</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note:

- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.
- 'Not Stated' under postnatal length of stay includes 27 births where place of birth was recorded as domiciliary but birth was registered by a hospital. Mother was not admitted under a planned community midwife scheme therefore dates of mother's length of stay were not applicable.

**Table E10**  
**Maternal Parity by Mother's Length of Stay in Hospital after Delivery, 2000**

Singleton Births

Maternal Parity	Postnatal Length of Stay								
	0-1 Days	2 Days	3-5 Days	6-8 Days	9-11 Days	12-14 Days	2 weeks or more	Not Stated	Total
0	497	2,638	15,869	2,598	275	59	43	8	21,987
	2.26	12.00	72.17	11.82	1.25	0.27	0.20	0.04	
	15.24	22.47	48.00	54.87	56.01	60.20	51.19	25.81	41.10
1	1,192	4,478	9,018	1,149	118	21	19	14	16,009
	7.45	27.97	56.33	7.18	0.74	0.13	0.12	0.09	
	36.54	38.15	27.28	24.27	24.03	21.43	22.62	45.16	29.92
2	805	2,728	4,936	594	57	9	13	6	9,148
	8.80	29.82	53.96	6.49	0.62	0.10	0.14	0.07	
	24.68	23.24	14.93	12.54	11.61	9.18	15.48	19.35	17.10
3	434	1,168	1,991	248	22	4	6	1	3,874
	11.20	30.15	51.39	6.40	0.57	0.10	0.15	0.03	
	13.30	9.95	6.02	5.24	4.48	4.08	7.14	3.23	7.24
4	178	414	737	84	9	3	2	2	1,429
	12.46	28.97	51.57	5.88	0.63	0.21	0.14	0.14	
	5.46	3.53	2.23	1.77	1.83	3.06	2.38	6.45	2.67
5	77	155	285	29	4	1	1	0	552
	13.95	28.08	51.63	5.25	0.72	0.18	0.18	0.00	
	2.36	1.32	0.86	0.61	0.81	1.02	1.19	0.00	1.03
6	36	85	111	12	3	0	0	0	247
	14.57	34.41	44.94	4.86	1.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	1.10	0.72	0.34	0.25	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46
More than 6	43	71	111	21	3	1	0	0	250
	17.20	28.40	44.40	8.40	1.20	0.40	0.00	0.00	
	1.32	0.60	0.34	0.44	0.61	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.47
Not Stated	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
	0.00	20.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Total	3,262	11,738	33,062	4,735	491	98	84	31	53,501
	6.10	21.94	61.80	8.85	0.92	0.18	0.16	0.06	100.00

Note:

- Domiciliary births, of which there were 216, are excluded from this table. See Appendix G for detailed analysis.
- 'Not Stated' under Postnatal Length of Stay includes 27 births where place of birth was recorded as domiciliary but birth was registered by a hospital. Mother was not admitted under a planned community midwife scheme therefore dates of mother's length of stay were not applicable.

**Table E11**  
**Marital Status by Gestation Period at Time of First Visit to Doctor or Hospital during Pregnancy, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Marital Status	Gestational Age at First Visit (weeks)				
	0-12	13-19	20 and over	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
Married	8,730 23.96 73.51	15,019 41.22 69.56	10,833 29.73 60.09	1,858 5.10 83.66	36,440 67.84
Single	2,947 18.16 24.81	6,189 38.14 28.66	6,763 41.68 37.51	328 2.02 14.77	16,227 30.21
Widowed	13 18.06 0.11	26 36.11 0.12	30 41.67 0.17	3 4.17 0.14	72 0.13
Separated	151 18.33 1.27	308 37.38 1.43	344 41.75 1.91	21 2.55 0.95	824 1.53
Divorced	35 23.81 0.29	50 34.01 0.23	55 37.41 0.31	7 4.76 0.32	147 0.27
Not Stated	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	3 42.86 0.02	4 57.14 0.18	7 0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,876</b> <b>22.11</b>	<b>21,592</b> <b>40.20</b>	<b>18,028</b> <b>33.56</b>	<b>2,221</b> <b>4.13</b>	<b>53,717</b> <b>100.00</b>

**Table E12**  
**Interval in Years since Last Birth by Gestation Period at Time of First Visit to Doctor or Hospital**  
**during Pregnancy, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Interval	Gestational Age at First Visit (weeks)				
	0-12	13-19	20 and over	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
No Previous Births	5,411	8,759	6,977	870	22,017
	24.58	39.78	31.69	3.95	
	45.56	40.57	38.70	39.17	40.99
1 year or less	71	157	219	28	475
	14.95	33.05	46.11	5.89	
	0.60	0.73	1.21	1.26	0.88
>1 year to 2 years	1,266	2,851	2,823	367	7,307
	17.33	39.02	38.63	5.02	
	10.66	13.20	15.66	16.52	13.60
>2 years to 3 years	1,685	3,427	2,639	351	8,102
	20.80	42.30	32.57	4.33	
	14.19	15.87	14.64	15.80	15.08
>3 years to 4 years	1,176	2,198	1,732	201	5,307
	22.16	41.42	32.64	3.79	
	9.90	10.18	9.61	9.05	9.88
>4 years to 5 years	712	1,264	1,066	108	3,150
	22.60	40.13	33.84	3.43	
	6.00	5.85	5.91	4.86	5.86
>5 years to 6 years	460	835	678	63	2,036
	22.59	41.01	33.30	3.09	
	3.87	3.87	3.76	2.84	3.79
More than 6 years	1,051	1,986	1,728	150	4,915
	21.38	40.41	35.16	3.05	
	8.85	9.20	9.59	6.75	9.15
Not Stated	44	115	166	83	408
	10.78	28.19	40.69	20.34	
	0.37	0.53	0.92	3.74	0.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,876</b>	<b>21,592</b>	<b>18,028</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>53,717</b>
	<b>22.11</b>	<b>40.20</b>	<b>33.56</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table E13**  
**Father's Occupation by Infant's Birthweight, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Father's Occupation	Birthweight (grams)												Total
	500-749	750-999	1000-1249	1250-1499	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	3500-3999	4000-4499	4500 and over	Not Stated	
Farmers & Farm Managers	4 0.14 4.17	4 0.14 3.81	3 0.11 2.50	3 0.11 2.27	9 0.32 2.19	43 1.53 3.17	210 7.47 3.70	777 27.64 4.57	1,093 38.88 5.72	526 18.71 6.60	139 4.94 7.97	0 0.00 0.00	2,811 5.23
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	1 0.19 1.04	0 0.00 0.00	1 0.19 0.83	0 0.00 0.00	4 0.75 0.97	7 1.32 0.52	65 12.26 1.15	171 32.26 1.01	193 36.42 1.01	70 13.21 0.88	18 3.40 1.03	0 0.00 0.00	530 0.99
Higher-Professional	8 0.24 8.33	2 0.06 1.90	11 0.33 9.17	5 0.15 3.79	15 0.44 3.65	58 1.72 4.27	262 7.75 4.62	1,000 29.59 5.89	1,327 39.27 6.94	544 16.10 6.83	147 4.35 8.43	0 0.00 0.00	3,379 6.29
Lower-Professional	7 0.35 7.29	4 0.20 3.81	2 0.10 1.67	2 0.10 1.52	12 0.60 2.92	36 1.80 2.65	159 7.97 2.80	580 29.07 3.41	766 38.40 4.01	349 17.49 4.38	78 3.91 4.48	0 0.00 0.00	1,995 3.71
Managers	4 0.09 4.17	7 0.16 6.67	9 0.20 7.50	9 0.20 6.82	23 0.52 5.60	71 1.59 5.23	374 8.38 6.59	1,299 29.12 7.65	1,707 38.26 8.93	768 17.22 9.64	190 4.26 10.90	0 0.00 0.00	4,461 8.30
Salaried-Employees	1 0.08 1.04	1 0.08 0.95	3 0.23 2.50	3 0.23 2.27	9 0.69 2.19	25 1.92 1.84	111 8.52 1.96	392 30.08 2.31	503 38.60 2.63	210 16.12 2.63	45 3.45 2.58	0 0.00 0.00	1,303 2.43
Non-Manual Workers	4 0.09 4.17	4 0.09 3.81	10 0.22 8.33	11 0.25 8.33	23 0.51 5.60	99 2.21 7.30	407 9.08 7.17	1,290 28.77 7.59	1,708 38.09 8.94	763 17.02 9.57	165 3.68 9.47	0 0.00 0.00	4,484 8.35
Other Non-Manual Workers	6 0.14 6.25	7 0.16 6.67	9 0.21 7.50	8 0.19 6.06	26 0.61 6.33	103 2.41 7.59	436 10.20 7.68	1,356 31.72 7.98	1,525 35.67 7.98	659 15.42 8.27	140 3.27 8.03	0 0.00 0.00	4,275 7.96
Skilled Manual Workers	14 0.15 14.58	16 0.17 15.24	20 0.21 16.67	21 0.22 15.91	68 0.71 16.55	221 2.30 16.29	862 8.97 15.19	2,926 30.45 17.23	3,526 36.69 18.45	1,579 16.43 19.81	355 3.69 20.37	1 0.01 11.11	9,609 17.89
Semiskilled Manual Workers	5 0.19 5.21	6 0.22 5.71	9 0.33 7.50	5 0.19 3.79	14 0.52 3.41	61 2.26 4.50	267 9.91 4.71	885 32.85 5.21	953 35.37 4.99	395 14.66 4.96	94 3.49 5.39	0 0.00 0.00	2,694 5.02
Unskilled Manual Workers	3 0.52 3.13	0 0.00 0.00	1 0.17 0.83	2 0.35 1.52	8 1.39 1.95	19 3.31 1.40	77 13.41 1.36	183 31.88 1.08	175 30.49 0.92	83 14.46 1.04	23 4.01 1.32	0 0.00 0.00	574 1.07
Unemployed	1 0.08 1.04	1 0.08 0.95	1 0.08 0.83	7 0.53 5.30	14 1.06 3.41	45 3.42 3.32	190 14.43 3.35	486 36.90 2.86	386 29.31 2.02	154 11.69 1.93	30 2.28 1.72	2 0.15 22.22	1,317 2.45
Not Classifiable <sup>1</sup>	1 0.26 1.04	3 0.78 2.86	1 0.26 0.83	3 0.78 2.27	7 1.82 1.70	17 4.43 1.25	39 10.16 0.69	135 35.16 0.79	123 32.03 0.64	41 10.68 0.51	14 3.65 0.80	0 0.00 0.00	384 0.71
Not Applicable	36 0.24 37.50	44 0.29 41.90	36 0.24 30.00	46 0.30 34.85	172 1.13 41.85	527 3.46 38.84	2,145 14.08 37.80	5,293 34.75 31.16	4,898 32.16 25.62	1,745 11.46 21.89	287 1.88 16.47	3 0.02 33.33	15,232 28.36
Not Stated	1 0.15 1.04	6 0.90 5.71	4 0.60 3.33	7 1.05 5.30	7 1.05 1.70	25 3.74 1.84	70 10.46 1.23	212 31.69 1.25	232 34.68 1.21	84 12.56 1.05	18 2.69 1.03	3 0.45 33.33	669 1.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b> 0.18	<b>105</b> 0.20	<b>120</b> 0.22	<b>132</b> 0.25	<b>411</b> 0.77	<b>1,357</b> 2.53	<b>5,674</b> 10.56	<b>16,985</b> 31.62	<b>19,115</b> 35.58	<b>7,970</b> 14.84	<b>1,743</b> 3.24	<b>9</b> 0.02	<b>53,717</b> 100.00

<sup>1</sup> In this table 'Not Classifiable' includes 49 Fathers whose occupation was recorded as 'Home Duties'.

**Table E14**  
**Mother's Occupation by Infant's Birthweight, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Mother's Occupation	Birthweight (grams)												Total
	500-749	750-999	1000-1249	1250-1499	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	3500-3999	4000-4499	4500 and over	Not Stated	
Farmers & Farm Managers	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	2 1.89 0.15	8 7.55 0.14	35 33.02 0.21	43 40.57 0.22	10 9.43 0.13	8 7.55 0.46	0 0.00 0.00	106 0.20
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	1 2.00 1.04	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	4 8.00 0.29	4 8.00 0.07	14 28.00 0.08	19 38.00 0.10	7 14.00 0.09	1 2.00 0.06	0 0.00 0.00	50 0.09
Higher-Professional	4 0.20 4.17	1 0.05 0.95	5 0.25 4.17	5 0.25 3.79	12 0.60 2.92	26 1.29 1.92	168 8.35 2.96	596 29.64 3.51	807 40.13 4.22	311 15.46 3.90	76 3.78 4.36	0 0.00 0.00	2,011 3.74
Lower-Professional	11 0.18 11.46	7 0.11 6.67	9 0.14 7.50	16 0.26 12.12	36 0.58 8.76	121 1.93 8.92	483 7.72 8.51	1,760 28.14 10.36	2,446 39.11 12.80	1,141 18.24 14.32	224 3.58 12.85	0 0.00 0.00	6,254 11.64
Managers	6 0.26 6.25	4 0.17 3.81	7 0.30 5.83	4 0.17 3.03	17 0.73 4.14	46 1.98 3.39	202 8.67 3.56	750 32.20 4.42	842 36.15 4.40	376 16.14 4.72	75 3.22 4.30	0 0.00 0.00	2,329 4.34
Salaried-Employees	1 0.14 1.04	3 0.42 2.86	1 0.14 0.83	1 0.14 0.76	7 0.99 1.70	11 1.56 0.81	67 9.48 1.18	212 29.99 1.25	279 39.46 1.46	101 14.29 1.27	24 3.39 1.38	0 0.00 0.00	707 1.32
Non-Manual Workers	17 0.13 17.71	28 0.21 26.67	28 0.21 23.33	24 0.18 18.18	81 0.61 19.71	275 2.06 20.27	1,241 9.31 21.87	4,223 31.69 24.86	4,901 36.77 25.64	2,055 15.42 25.78	455 3.41 26.10	0 0.00 0.00	13,328 24.81
Other Non-Manual Workers	12 0.23 12.50	7 0.13 6.67	13 0.25 10.83	11 0.21 8.33	38 0.73 9.25	152 2.92 11.20	617 11.87 10.87	1,698 32.67 10.00	1,803 34.69 9.43	685 13.18 8.59	161 3.10 9.24	0 0.00 0.00	5,197 9.67
Skilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	1 0.12 0.95	1 0.12 0.83	3 0.37 2.27	9 1.10 2.19	18 2.20 1.33	73 8.90 1.29	263 32.07 1.55	291 35.49 1.52	139 16.95 1.74	22 2.68 1.26	0 0.00 0.00	820 1.53
Semiskilled Manual Workers	5 0.15 5.21	10 0.31 9.52	4 0.12 3.33	7 0.21 5.30	31 0.95 7.54	101 3.09 7.44	398 12.19 7.01	1,080 33.08 6.36	1,137 34.82 5.95	407 12.47 5.11	85 2.60 4.88	0 0.00 0.00	3,265 6.08
Unskilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	1 14.29 0.76	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	3 42.86 0.02	3 42.86 0.02	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	7 0.01
Unemployed	8 0.38 8.33	4 0.19 3.81	8 0.38 6.67	10 0.48 7.58	30 1.44 7.30	95 4.57 7.00	344 16.55 6.06	740 35.61 4.36	598 28.78 3.13	203 9.77 2.55	33 1.59 1.89	5 0.24 55.56	2,078 3.87
Not Classifiable	7 0.42 7.29	5 0.30 4.76	7 0.42 5.83	5 0.30 3.79	21 1.26 5.11	60 3.59 4.42	228 13.65 4.02	567 33.95 3.34	560 33.53 2.93	182 10.90 2.28	28 1.68 1.61	0 0.00 0.00	1,670 3.11
Home Duties	21 0.14 21.88	31 0.21 29.52	34 0.23 28.33	39 0.26 29.55	119 0.80 28.95	421 2.82 31.02	1,688 11.32 29.75	4,708 31.58 27.72	5,077 34.06 26.56	2,236 15.00 28.06	531 3.56 30.46	2 0.01 22.22	14,907 27.75
Not Stated	3 0.30 3.13	4 0.40 3.81	3 0.30 2.50	6 0.61 4.55	10 1.01 2.43	25 2.53 1.84	153 15.49 2.70	336 34.01 1.98	309 31.28 1.62	117 11.84 1.47	20 2.02 1.15	2 0.20 22.22	988 1.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b> <b>0.18</b>	<b>105</b> <b>0.20</b>	<b>120</b> <b>0.22</b>	<b>132</b> <b>0.25</b>	<b>411</b> <b>0.77</b>	<b>1,357</b> <b>2.53</b>	<b>5,674</b> <b>10.56</b>	<b>16,985</b> <b>31.62</b>	<b>19,115</b> <b>35.58</b>	<b>7,970</b> <b>14.84</b>	<b>1,743</b> <b>3.24</b>	<b>9</b> <b>0.02</b>	<b>53,717</b> <b>100.00</b>

Note: 'Not Applicable' is not used in the classification of maternal occupation. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

Table E15

## Father's Occupation by Interval in Years Since Last Birth, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000

## Singleton Births

Father's Occupation	Interval in years since last birth										
	Frequency	No Previous Births	1 year or less	>1 year to 2 years	> 2 years to 3 years	> 3 years to 4 years	> 4 years to 5 years	> 5 years to 6 years	More than 6 years	Not Stated	Total
Row Per Cent	Col. Per Cent										
Farmers & Farm Managers	769	35	585	578	328	192	103	195	26	2,811	
	27.36	1.25	20.81	20.56	11.67	6.83	3.66	6.94	0.92		
	3.49	7.37	8.01	7.13	6.18	6.10	5.06	3.97	6.37	5.23	
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	158	6	84	93	62	38	27	59	3	530	
	29.81	1.13	15.85	17.55	11.70	7.17	5.09	11.13	0.57		
	0.72	1.26	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.21	1.33	1.20	0.74	0.99	
Higher-Professional	1,275	24	611	641	370	159	100	188	11	3,379	
	37.73	0.71	18.08	18.97	10.95	4.71	2.96	5.56	0.33		
	5.79	5.05	8.36	7.91	6.97	5.05	4.91	3.83	2.70	6.29	
Lower-Professional	742	8	310	372	217	117	65	145	19	1,995	
	37.19	0.40	15.54	18.65	10.88	5.86	3.26	7.27	0.95		
	3.37	1.68	4.24	4.59	4.09	3.71	3.19	2.95	4.66	3.71	
Managers	1,547	25	708	887	505	257	171	344	17	4,461	
	34.68	0.56	15.87	19.88	11.32	5.76	3.83	7.71	0.38		
	7.03	5.26	9.69	10.95	9.52	8.16	8.40	7.00	4.17	8.30	
Salaried-Employees	463	10	194	224	155	95	48	108	6	1,303	
	35.53	0.77	14.89	17.19	11.90	7.29	3.68	8.29	0.46		
	2.10	2.11	2.65	2.76	2.92	3.02	2.36	2.20	1.47	2.43	
Non-Manual Workers	1,508	39	629	813	573	314	187	386	35	4,484	
	33.63	0.87	14.03	18.13	12.78	7.00	4.17	8.61	0.78		
	6.85	8.21	8.61	10.03	10.80	9.97	9.18	7.85	8.58	8.35	
Other Non-Manual Workers	1,379	24	618	682	496	309	215	520	32	4,275	
	32.26	0.56	14.46	15.95	11.60	7.23	5.03	12.16	0.75		
	6.26	5.05	8.46	8.42	9.35	9.81	10.56	10.58	7.84	7.96	
Skilled Manual Workers	3,271	81	1,397	1,696	1,093	664	401	941	65	9,609	
	34.04	0.84	14.54	17.65	11.37	6.91	4.17	9.79	0.68		
	14.86	17.05	19.12	20.93	20.60	21.08	19.70	19.15	15.93	17.89	
Semiskilled Manual Workers	889	22	354	464	320	187	155	290	13	2,694	
	33.00	0.82	13.14	17.22	11.88	6.94	5.75	10.76	0.48		
	4.04	4.63	4.84	5.73	6.03	5.94	7.61	5.90	3.19	5.02	
Unskilled Manual Workers	140	8	88	91	71	54	34	84	4	574	
	24.39	1.39	15.33	15.85	12.37	9.41	5.92	14.63	0.70		
	0.64	1.68	1.20	1.12	1.34	1.71	1.67	1.71	0.98	1.07	
Unemployed	347	40	257	244	136	80	52	143	18	1,317	
	26.35	3.04	19.51	18.53	10.33	6.07	3.95	10.86	1.37		
	1.58	8.42	3.52	3.01	2.56	2.54	2.55	2.91	4.41	2.45	
Not Classifiable <sup>1</sup>	168	6	68	46	26	20	10	32	8	384	
	43.75	1.56	17.71	11.98	6.77	5.21	2.60	8.33	2.08		
	0.76	1.26	0.93	0.57	0.49	0.63	0.49	0.65	1.96	0.71	
Not Applicable	9,142	137	1,310	1,151	892	631	433	1,417	119	15,232	
	60.02	0.90	8.60	7.56	5.86	4.14	2.84	9.30	0.78		
	41.52	28.84	17.93	14.21	16.81	20.03	21.27	28.83	29.17	28.36	
Not Stated	219	10	94	120	63	33	35	63	32	669	
	32.74	1.49	14.05	17.94	9.42	4.93	5.23	9.42	4.78		
	0.99	2.11	1.29	1.48	1.19	1.05	1.72	1.28	7.84	1.25	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,017</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>7,307</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>53,717</b>	
	<b>40.99</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>13.60</b>	<b>15.08</b>	<b>9.88</b>	<b>5.86</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

<sup>1</sup> In this table 'Not Classifiable' includes 49 Fathers whose occupation was recorded as 'Home Duties'.

**Table E16**  
**Mother's Occupation by Interval in Years Since Last Birth, Live Births and Stillbirths, 2000**

Singleton Births

Mother's Occupation	Interval in years since last birth										
	Frequency	No Previous Births	1 year or less	>1 year to 2 years	> 2 years to 3 years	> 3 years to 4 years	> 4 years to 5 years	> 5 years to 6 years	More than 6 years	Not Stated	Total
Row Per Cent	Col. Per Cent										
Farmers & Farm Managers	43	2	22	12	9	6	5	7	0	106	
	40.57	1.89	20.75	11.32	8.49	5.66	4.72	6.60	0.00		
	0.20	0.42	0.30	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.25	0.14	0.00	0.20	
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	28	0	4	9	0	0	2	7	0	50	
	56.00	0.00	8.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	14.00	0.00		
	0.13	0.00	0.05	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.14	0.00	0.09	
Higher-Professional	956	9	334	331	164	80	46	85	6	2,011	
	47.54	0.45	16.61	16.46	8.16	3.98	2.29	4.23	0.30		
	4.34	1.89	4.57	4.09	3.09	2.54	2.26	1.73	1.47	3.74	
Lower-Professional	2,501	37	1,065	1,156	623	303	173	368	28	6,254	
	39.99	0.59	17.03	18.48	9.96	4.84	2.77	5.88	0.45		
	11.36	7.79	14.58	14.27	11.74	9.62	8.50	7.49	6.86	11.64	
Managers	1,228	10	271	315	176	95	54	171	9	2,329	
	52.73	0.43	11.64	13.53	7.56	4.08	2.32	7.34	0.39		
	5.58	2.11	3.71	3.89	3.32	3.02	2.65	3.48	2.21	4.34	
Salaried-Employees	406	5	77	86	60	23	14	34	2	707	
	57.43	0.71	10.89	12.16	8.49	3.25	1.98	4.81	0.28		
	1.84	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.13	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.49	1.32	
Non-Manual Workers	6,776	75	1,358	1,711	1,193	716	424	1,023	52	13,328	
	50.84	0.56	10.19	12.84	8.95	5.37	3.18	7.68	0.39		
	30.78	15.79	18.58	21.12	22.48	22.73	20.83	20.81	12.75	24.81	
Other Non-Manual Workers	2,613	25	502	628	429	256	183	539	22	5,197	
	50.28	0.48	9.66	12.08	8.25	4.93	3.52	10.37	0.42		
	11.87	5.26	6.87	7.75	8.08	8.13	8.99	10.97	5.39	9.67	
Skilled Manual Workers	427	6	81	103	66	41	23	71	2	820	
	52.07	0.73	9.88	12.56	8.05	5.00	2.80	8.66	0.24		
	1.94	1.26	1.11	1.27	1.24	1.30	1.13	1.44	0.49	1.53	
Semiskilled Manual Workers	1,751	35	297	336	260	179	98	297	12	3,265	
	53.63	1.07	9.10	10.29	7.96	5.48	3.00	9.10	0.37		
	7.95	7.37	4.06	4.15	4.90	5.68	4.81	6.04	2.94	6.08	
Unskilled Manual Workers	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	
	57.14	0.00	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.57	0.00	0.00		
	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.01	
Unemployed	1,030	24	258	220	171	112	71	156	36	2,078	
	49.57	1.15	12.42	10.59	8.23	5.39	3.42	7.51	1.73		
	4.68	5.05	3.53	2.72	3.22	3.56	3.49	3.17	8.82	3.87	
Not Classifiable	1,404	7	55	62	34	38	19	46	5	1,670	
	84.07	0.42	3.29	3.71	2.04	2.28	1.14	2.75	0.30		
	6.38	1.47	0.75	0.77	0.64	1.21	0.93	0.94	1.23	3.11	
Home Duties	2,357	229	2,878	3,031	2,045	1,263	887	2,025	192	14,907	
	15.81	1.54	19.31	20.33	13.72	8.47	5.95	13.58	1.29		
	10.71	48.21	39.39	37.41	38.53	40.10	43.57	41.20	47.06	27.75	
Not Stated	493	11	104	102	77	38	35	86	42	988	
	49.90	1.11	10.53	10.32	7.79	3.85	3.54	8.70	4.25		
	2.24	2.32	1.42	1.26	1.45	1.21	1.72	1.75	10.29	1.84	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,017</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>7,307</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>53,717</b>	
	<b>40.99</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>13.60</b>	<b>15.08</b>	<b>9.88</b>	<b>5.86</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

Note: 'Not Applicable' is not used in the classification of maternal occupation. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.



**Table E17**  
**Father's Occupation by Infant's Type of Feeding, Live Births Only, 2000**

Singleton Births

Father's Occupation	Type of Feeding				
	Artificial	Breast	Combined	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
Farmers & Farm Managers	1,583	1,167	42	7	2,799
	56.56	41.69	1.50	0.25	
	4.96	5.69	4.97	5.04	5.24
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	320	199	9	0	528
	60.61	37.69	1.70	0.00	
	1.00	0.97	1.07	0.00	0.99
Higher-Professional	1,067	2,230	64	10	3,371
	31.65	66.15	1.90	0.30	
	3.34	10.87	7.57	7.19	6.31
Lower-Professional	684	1,250	46	5	1,985
	34.46	62.97	2.32	0.25	
	2.14	6.09	5.44	3.60	3.72
Managers	1,978	2,387	70	7	4,442
	44.53	53.74	1.58	0.16	
	6.20	11.63	8.28	5.04	8.31
Salaried-Employees	574	679	46	2	1,301
	44.12	52.19	3.54	0.15	
	1.80	3.31	5.44	1.44	2.44
Non-Manual Workers	2,373	1,982	97	6	4,458
	53.23	44.46	2.18	0.13	
	7.43	9.66	11.48	4.32	8.34
Other Non-Manual Workers	2,747	1,430	62	14	4,253
	64.59	33.62	1.46	0.33	
	8.61	6.97	7.34	10.07	7.96
Skilled Manual Workers	5,649	3,777	130	17	9,573
	59.01	39.45	1.36	0.18	
	17.70	18.40	15.38	12.23	17.92
Semiskilled Manual Workers	1,934	693	40	8	2,675
	72.30	25.91	1.50	0.30	
	6.06	3.38	4.73	5.76	5.01
Unskilled Manual Workers	465	98	7	2	572
	81.29	17.13	1.22	0.35	
	1.46	0.48	0.83	1.44	1.07
Unemployed	907	357	41	5	1,310
	69.24	27.25	3.13	0.38	
	2.84	1.74	4.85	3.60	2.45
Not Classifiable	169	193	15	3	380
	44.47	50.79	3.95	0.79	
	0.53	0.94	1.78	2.16	0.71
Not Applicable	11,091	3,839	154	42	15,126
	73.32	25.38	1.02	0.28	
	34.75	18.70	18.22	30.22	28.31
Not Stated	380	243	22	11	656
	57.93	37.04	3.35	1.68	
	1.19	1.18	2.60	7.91	1.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,921</b>	<b>20,524</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>53,429</b>
	<b>59.74</b>	<b>38.41</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note:

- In this table 'Not Classifiable' includes 46 fathers whose occupation was recorded as 'Home Duties'.
- 'Not Stated' contains 88 Early Neonatal Deaths for which Type of Feeding was not stated.

**Table E18**  
**Mother's Occupation by Infant's Type of Feeding, Live Births Only, 2000**

Singleton Births

Mother's Occupation	Type of Feeding				
	Artificial	Breast	Combined	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
Farmers & Farm Managers	59 55.66 0.18	47 44.34 0.23	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	106  0.20
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	27 54.00 0.08	23 46.00 0.11	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	50  0.09
Higher-Professional	504 25.16 1.58	1,456 72.69 7.09	40 2.00 4.73	3 0.15 2.16	2,003  3.75
Lower-Professional	2,058 33.06 6.45	4,049 65.04 19.73	104 1.67 12.31	14 0.22 10.07	6,225  11.65
Managers	1,037 44.74 3.25	1,244 53.67 6.06	34 1.47 4.02	3 0.13 2.16	2,318  4.34
Salaried-Employees	320 45.39 1.00	372 52.77 1.81	12 1.70 1.42	1 0.14 0.72	705  1.32
Non-Manual Workers	8,231 62.00 25.79	4,830 36.38 23.53	187 1.41 22.13	27 0.20 19.42	13,275  24.85
Other Non-Manual Workers	3,452 66.85 10.81	1,631 31.58 7.95	69 1.34 8.17	12 0.23 8.63	5,164  9.67
Skilled Manual Workers	462 56.48 1.45	347 42.42 1.69	8 0.98 0.95	1 0.12 0.72	818  1.53
Semiskilled Manual Workers	2,591 79.82 8.12	619 19.07 3.02	30 0.92 3.55	6 0.18 4.32	3,246  6.08
Unskilled Manual Workers	6 85.71 0.02	1 14.29 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	0 0.00 0.00	7  0.01
Unemployed	1,573 76.29 4.93	435 21.10 2.12	45 2.18 5.33	9 0.44 6.47	2,062  3.86
Not Classifiable	1,142 68.96 3.58	488 29.47 2.38	21 1.27 2.49	5 0.30 3.60	1,656  3.10
Home Duties	9,847 66.44 30.85	4,659 31.44 22.70	268 1.81 31.72	47 0.32 33.81	14,821  27.74
Not Stated	612 62.90 1.92	323 33.20 1.57	27 2.77 3.20	11 1.13 7.91	973  1.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,921</b> <b>59.74</b>	<b>20,524</b> <b>38.41</b>	<b>845</b> <b>1.58</b>	<b>139</b> <b>0.26</b>	<b>53,429</b> <b>100.00</b>

Note: 'Not Applicable' is not used in the classification of maternal occupation. See Appendix B for a description of the classification system for occupations.

**Table E19**  
**Infant's Type of Feeding by Maternal Parity, Live Births Only, 2000**

Singleton Births

Type of Feeding	Maternal Parity									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6	Not Stated	Total
Artificial	12,473	9,769	5,569	2,416	926	395	170	200	3	31,921
	39.07	30.60	17.45	7.57	2.90	1.24	0.53	0.63	0.01	
	56.99	60.95	60.68	62.43	64.94	72.21	69.39	81.97	42.86	59.74
Breast	9,006	5,997	3,434	1,368	465	139	72	42	1	20,524
	43.88	29.22	16.73	6.67	2.27	0.68	0.35	0.20	0.00	
	41.15	37.42	37.42	35.35	32.61	25.41	29.39	17.21	14.29	38.41
Combined	349	222	155	75	29	10	3	2	0	845
	41.30	26.27	18.34	8.88	3.43	1.18	0.36	0.24	0.00	
	1.59	1.39	1.69	1.94	2.03	1.83	1.22	0.82	0.00	1.58
Not Stated	58	39	19	11	6	3	0	0	3	139
	41.73	28.06	13.67	7.91	4.32	2.16	0.00	0.00	2.16	
	0.27	0.24	0.21	0.28	0.42	0.55	0.00	0.00	42.86	0.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,886</b>	<b>16,027</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53,429</b>
	<b>40.96</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>17.18</b>	<b>7.24</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Appendix F

## Wigglesworth Classification, 2000

### Basis of System

In this section perinatal deaths are classified according to the system devised by Dr. J.S. Wigglesworth. The system is designed to be relatively straightforward and to overcome some of the inherent difficulties of subjectivity and lack of uniformity in the assignment of causes of perinatal death.<sup>7</sup> With the aim of identifying areas with implications for perinatal care, five mutually exclusive and clinically relevant categories are suggested. Cross-classification of these categories by birthweight can then be used to highlight areas of particular concern.<sup>8</sup>

### Method of Classification

The five broad pathological subgroups employed in the Wigglesworth classification are as follows:

1. Normally formed macerated stillbirth.
2. Congenital malformations (stillbirth or early neonatal death).
3. Conditions associated with immaturity (early neonatal death).
4. Asphyxial conditions developing in labour (stillbirth or early neonatal death).
5. Specific conditions other than the above.

The assignment of a unique Wigglesworth class to each perinatal death presents a number of difficulties. The first and most general of these results from the fact that no standard system has yet been devised for the translation of the ICD codes relating to main cause of death into the corresponding categories suggested by Wigglesworth. In most cases the assignment is straightforward, but in certain instances (for example, preterm births where asphyxia is indicated or stillbirths where antepartum haemorrhage is recorded), the appropriate classification is not immediately obvious and additional variables require consideration. For these reasons, gestational age and type of stillbirth (i.e. antepartum or intrapartum) are taken into account in the classification system described below. In adopting this system, note has also been taken of a number of pilot schemes carried out in Britain as well as the guidelines set out by Dr. Wigglesworth.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Wigglesworth, J.S., 1980, "Monitoring Perinatal Mortality", *The Lancet*, Vol.2, pp.684-686.

<sup>8</sup> The analysis by Wigglesworth's categories, unlike the main report, includes 45 live births that weighed less than 500 grams. The outcomes of these births were 25 stillbirths, 13 early neonatal deaths and 7 live births.

<sup>9</sup> a) South East Thames Perinatal Monitoring Group, *Confidential Enquiry into Perinatal Deaths*, 1986.

b) Unpublished report, "Scottish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Enquiry", based on 1985 data.

Wigglesworth Classes	Assignment Criteria	ICD Codes (where appropriate)
Macerated stillbirth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All intrapartum deaths where maceration is indicated as main cause of death.</li> <li>Antepartum deaths not due to antepartum haemorrhage and not assigned to any other category.</li> </ul>	-
Congenital malformations (stillbirth or early neonatal death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All major congenital anomalies (stillbirth or early neonatal deaths).</li> </ul>	740-742, 745-748, 750.3, 750.6, 751.1-751.8, 753, 756.0, 756.6, 756.7, 758-759
Immaturity (early neonatal death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All first week deaths due to structural lung immaturity and Hyaline Membrane Disease.</li> <li>First week deaths of less than 37 weeks gestation period where cause of death is not stated or does not fall into any other category.</li> </ul>	765, 769.0, 770.4, 772.1, 777.5
Asphyxia (stillbirth or early neonatal death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All first week deaths due to birth trauma and birth asphyxia.</li> <li>First week deaths of 37 or more weeks gestation or gestation unknown where cause is not stated or does not fall into any other category.</li> <li>Antepartum deaths due to antepartum haemorrhage.</li> <li>All intrapartum stillbirths except those due to specific conditions or congenital malformations.</li> </ul>	762.0, 762.1, 762.4, 762.5, 767-768
Specific conditions (stillbirth or early neonatal death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infection, isoimmunisation or other haemorrhage in the newborn.</li> </ul>	760.1-760.5, 762.3, 770.0, 771, 773, 775, 777.0, 778.0

## Results

Tabulations based on the Wigglesworth classification are presented in the following pages. Table F1 indicates the percentage of perinatal deaths attributable to each cause for 2000. Table F2 provides a classification of cause of death by birthweight and indicates cause and weight specific perinatal mortality rates for 2000. It is this table that shows the practical clinical implications of the Wigglesworth coding. Figure F1 is derived from the data contained in Table F2 and shows how the percentage contribution to perinatal mortality of each cause changes with birthweight group. Table F3 provides the same cross tabulations as Table F2 but uses a different definition of stillbirth based on 28 weeks gestation period. This is provided to facilitate possible local or international comparisons.

**Table F1**  
**Wigglesworth Classification for all Perinatal Deaths, 2000**

Class	Frequency	Per Cent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Per Cent
Macerated Stillbirths	223	42.72	223	42.72
Congenital Malformations	136	26.05	359	68.77
Immaturity	59	11.30	418	80.08
Asphyxial Conditions	76	14.56	494	94.64
Specific Conditions	28	5.36	522	100.00

**Table F2**  
**Birthweight Specific Perinatal Mortality Rates, 2000**

Wigglesworth Classification

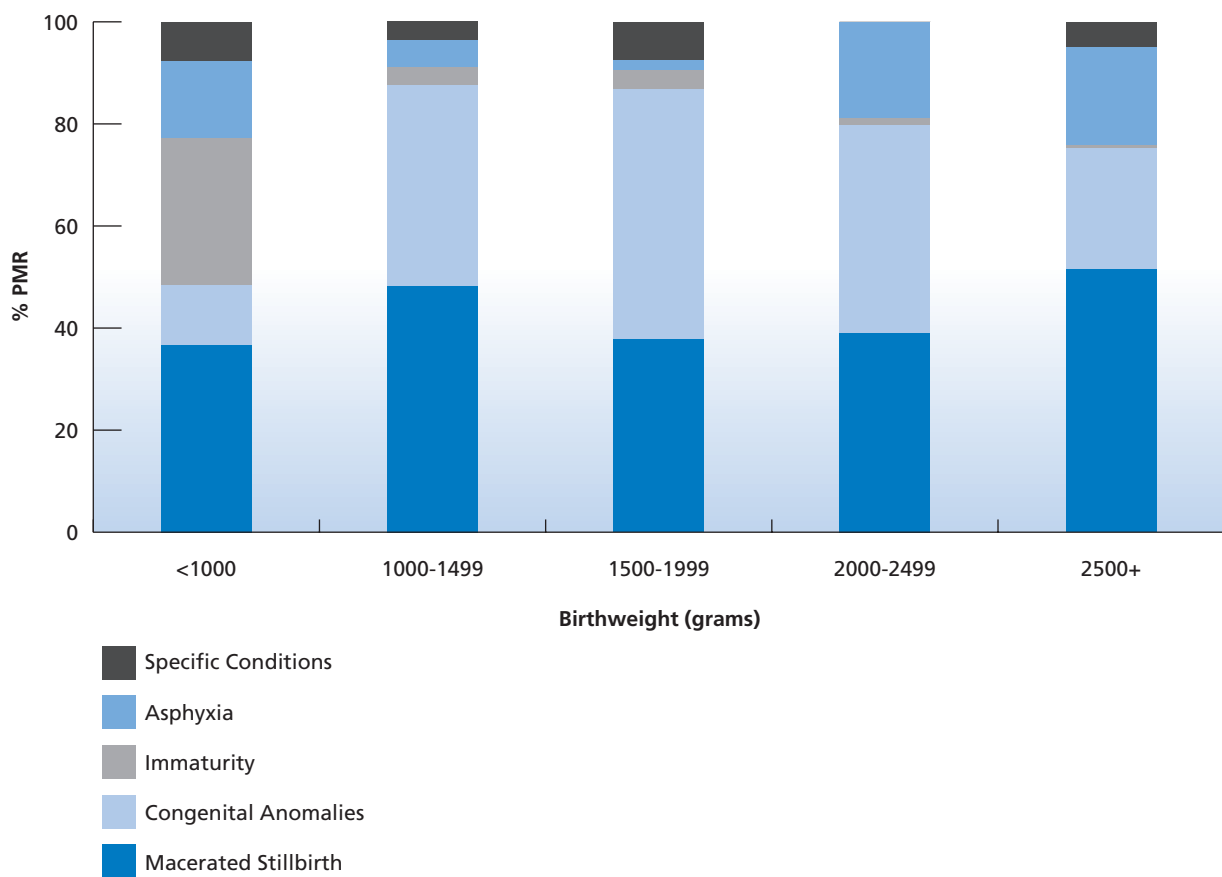
Birthweight (grams)	Macerated Stillbirths		Congenital Anomalies		Immaturity		Asphyxia		Specific Conditions		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Under 1000	66	220.74	21	70.23	52	173.91	27	90.03	14	46.82	180	602.01
1000-1499	27	85.44	22	69.62	2	6.33	3	9.49	2	6.33	56	177.22
1500-1999	20	35.40	26	46.02	2	3.54	1	1.77	4	7.08	53	93.81
2000-2499	25	14.53	26	15.12	1	0.58	12	6.98	0	0.00	64	37.21
2500 and over	85	1.63	39	0.75	1	0.02	32	0.61	8	0.15	165	3.15
Not Stated	0	0.00	2	181.82	1	90.91	1	90.91	0	0.00	4	363.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2.46</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>9.45</b>

**Table F3**  
**Numbers of Perinatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Cause of Death and Birthweight, 2000**

Wigglesworth Classification  
using the  $\geq 28$  weeks definition of a Stillbirth

Birthweight (grams)	Macerated Stillbirths		Congenital Anomalies		Immaturity		Asphyxia		Specific Conditions		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Under 1000	26	110.64	18	76.60	52	221.28	12	51.06	8	34.04	116	493.62
1000-1499	26	82.54	22	69.84	2	6.35	3	9.52	2	6.35	55	174.60
1500-1999	20	35.40	26	46.02	2	3.54	1	1.77	4	7.08	53	93.81
2000-2499	25	14.53	26	15.12	1	0.58	12	6.98	0	0.00	64	37.21
2500 and over	85	1.63	39	0.75	1	0.02	32	0.61	8	0.15	165	3.15
Not Stated	0	0.00	1	100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	3	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>8.27</b>

**Figure F1**  
**Wigglesworth Classification: Percentage Distribution of Perinatal Cause of Death by Birthweight Groups, 2000**



Source: See Appendix F, Table F2.

Note: 'Not Stated' data not included in the calculation of percentages.

# Appendix G

## Domiciliary Births: 1999 and 2000 Cross-Tabulations of Selected Variables: 2000

These births have been included in some of the analysis presented in previous sections.

In 1999 there were 246 domiciliary births. Of these, there was one early neonatal death and no stillbirths. For 2000 the number of domiciliary births reduced to 216 and again reported one early neonatal death and no stillbirths. There were no domiciliary multiple births in 1999 or 2000.

The tables that follow (G1-G8) present selected statistics on domiciliary births for 1999 and 2000 and contain a range of cross-tabulations relating to all domiciliary births for 2000. A full list of these tables is given in the Table of Contents. The format of each cross-tabulation is identical. The values of the two variables are given along the top and left. The top number in each cell indicates the number of observations relating to that combination of variable values. The second number indicates the percentage contribution of that cell to the total for the whole row. The last number indicates the percentage contribution of that cell to the total for the whole column. The figures at the end of each row or column give the overall total for that row or column, and the associated percentages express each of these figures as a percentage of the grand total.



**Table G1**  
**Trends in Selected Statistics, Domiciliary Births, 1999 and 2000**

<b>Selected Statistics</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>General Characteristics</b>		
Average Age of Mother in years	33.47	33.33
Average Maternal Parity	1.52	1.62
Single Mothers (%)	25.20	29.63
Average Number of Previous Stillbirths per 1000 maternities	8.55	0.00
Average weight in grams - Total Births	3699.46	3726.71
Low birthweight <2500 grams (%) - Total Births	0.43	1.86
Average Gestational Age at delivery in weeks	40.04	39.92
Average interval since last birth in years	3.46	3.40
<b>Perinatal Care</b>		
Midwife and Hospital/GP combined antenatal care (%)	59.76	57.87
Average Gestational Age at time of first visit to doctor in weeks*	19.10	17.71
Immunity to Rubella (%)	92.34	90.70
Mother's breastfeeding (%)	98.25	96.63

\*This applies to the % homebirths where antenatal care is stated as combined, rather than Antenatal Care with midwife only.

Note:

- There were no domiciliary multiple births in either 1999 or 2000.
- Missing values are not included in the calculation of percentages.

**Table G2**  
**Age of Mother by Maternal Parity, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Age of Mother	Maternal Parity								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Not Stated	Total
15-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.46
20-24	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
	72.73	18.18	9.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	26.67	2.56	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.09
25-29	5	19	8	3	0	0	0	0	35
	14.29	54.29	22.86	8.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	16.67	24.36	12.12	10.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.20
30-34	14	35	20	9	2	1	1	0	82
	17.07	42.68	24.39	10.98	2.44	1.22	1.22	0.00	
	46.67	44.87	30.30	31.03	28.57	33.33	100.00	0.00	37.96
35-39	3	20	34	15	5	2	0	1	80
	3.75	25.00	42.50	18.75	6.25	2.50	0.00	1.25	
	10.00	25.64	51.52	51.72	71.43	66.67	0.00	50.00	37.04
40-44	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	7
	0.00	28.57	42.86	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	2.56	4.55	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>13.89</b>	<b>36.11</b>	<b>30.56</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table G3**  
**Age of Mother by Gestation Period at Delivery, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Age of Mother	Gestation Period (weeks)				
	32-36	37-41	42 and over	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
15-19	1	0	0	0	1
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46
20-24	1	9	1	0	11
	9.09	81.82	9.09	0.00	
	25.00	4.57	7.14	0.00	5.09
25-29	0	34	1	0	35
	0.00	97.14	2.86	0.00	
	0.00	17.26	7.14	0.00	16.20
30-34	1	75	6	0	82
	1.22	91.46	7.32	0.00	
	25.00	38.07	42.86	0.00	37.96
35-39	1	72	6	1	80
	1.25	90.00	7.50	1.25	
	25.00	36.55	42.86	100.00	37.04
40-44	0	7	0	0	7
	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	3.55	0.00	0.00	3.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>1.85</b>	<b>91.20</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table G4**  
**Birthweight by Gestation Period at Delivery, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Birthweight (grams)	Gestation Period (weeks)				
	32-36	37-41	42 and over	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>Row Per Cent</b>					
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>					
1500-1999	1	0	0	0	1
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46
2000-2499	0	3	0	0	3
	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	1.52	0.00	0.00	1.39
2500-2999	3	11	0	0	14
	21.43	78.57	0.00	0.00	
	75.00	5.58	0.00	0.00	6.48
3000-3499	0	44	0	1	45
	0.00	97.78	0.00	2.22	
	0.00	22.34	0.00	100.00	20.83
3500-3999	0	77	7	0	84
	0.00	91.67	8.33	0.00	
	0.00	39.09	50.00	0.00	38.89
4000-4499	0	39	7	0	46
	0.00	84.78	15.22	0.00	
	0.00	19.80	50.00	0.00	21.30
4500 and over	0	22	0	0	22
	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	11.17	0.00	0.00	10.19
Not Stated	0	1	0	0	1
	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>1.85</b>	<b>91.20</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table G5**  
**Mother's Occupation by Birthweight, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Mother's Occupation	Birthweight (grams)								
	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	3500-3999	4000-4499	4500 and over	Not Stated	Total
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
	0.00	0.00	33.33	0.00	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	0.00	1.19	2.17	0.00	0.00	1.39
Higher-Professional	0	1	2	4	6	3	1	0	17
	0.00	5.88	11.76	23.53	35.29	17.65	5.88	0.00	
	0.00	33.33	14.29	8.89	7.14	6.52	4.55	0.00	7.87
Lower-Professional	0	1	0	11	29	14	4	0	59
	0.00	1.69	0.00	18.64	49.15	23.73	6.78	0.00	
	0.00	33.33	0.00	24.44	34.52	30.43	18.18	0.00	27.31
Managers	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	7
	0.00	0.00	14.29	28.57	14.29	28.57	14.29	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	4.44	1.19	4.35	4.55	0.00	3.24
Salaried-Employees	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46
Non-Manual Workers	0	0	0	6	4	5	1	0	16
	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50	25.00	31.25	6.25	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.33	4.76	10.87	4.55	0.00	7.41
Other Non-Manual Workers	0	0	1	2	7	5	0	0	15
	0.00	0.00	6.67	13.33	46.67	33.33	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	4.44	8.33	10.87	0.00	0.00	6.94
Skilled Manual Workers	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
	0.00	0.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	2.22	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.39
Semiskilled Manual Workers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.17	0.00	0.00	0.46
Unemployed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.93
Not Classifiable	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.22	1.19	2.17	0.00	0.00	1.39
Home Duties	1	1	6	17	27	14	15	0	81
	1.23	1.23	7.41	20.99	33.33	17.28	18.52	0.00	
	100.00	33.33	42.86	37.78	32.14	30.43	68.18	0.00	37.50
Not Stated	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	8
	0.00	0.00	12.50	12.50	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	7.14	2.22	7.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>0.46</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>20.83</b>	<b>38.89</b>	<b>21.30</b>	<b>10.19</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table G6**  
**Marital Status by Age of Mother, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Marital Status	Age of Mother						
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	Total
Married	0	2	22	55	61	6	146
	0.00	1.37	15.07	37.67	41.78	4.11	
	0.00	18.18	62.86	67.07	76.25	85.71	67.59
Single	1	9	13	26	14	1	64
	1.56	14.06	20.31	40.63	21.88	1.56	
	100.00	81.82	37.14	31.71	17.50	14.29	29.63
Separated	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	80.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	5.00	0.00	2.31
Divorced	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	0.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>0.46</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>16.20</b>	<b>37.96</b>	<b>37.04</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table G7**  
**Father's Occupation by Infant's Type of Feeding, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Father's Occupation	Type of Feeding			
	Artificial	Breast	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>Row Per Cent</b>				
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>				
Farmers & Farm Managers	0 0.00 0.00	6 100.00 2.99	0 0.00 0.00	6  2.78
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	0 0.00 0.00	4 100.00 1.99	0 0.00 0.00	4  1.85
Higher-Professional	1 3.70 14.29	25 92.59 12.44	1 3.70 12.50	27  12.50
Lower-Professional	0 0.00 0.00	38 100.00 18.91	0 0.00 0.00	38  17.59
Managers	0 0.00 0.00	26 100.00 12.94	0 0.00 0.00	26  12.04
Salaried-Employees	0 0.00 0.00	5 100.00 2.49	0 0.00 0.00	5  2.31
Non-Manual Workers	1 5.26 14.29	18 94.74 8.96	0 0.00 0.00	19  8.80
Other Non-Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	18 85.71 8.96	3 14.29 37.50	21  9.72
Skilled Manual Workers	3 6.67 42.86	41 91.11 20.40	1 2.22 12.50	45  20.83
Semiskilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	5 83.33 2.49	1 16.67 12.50	6  2.78
Unskilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	1 100.00 0.50	0 0.00 0.00	1  0.46
Unemployed	0 0.00 0.00	1 100.00 0.50	0 0.00 0.00	1  0.46
Not Classifiable	1 25.00 14.29	3 75.00 1.49	0 0.00 0.00	4  1.85
Not Applicable	1 14.29 14.29	5 71.43 2.49	1 14.29 12.50	7  3.24
Not Stated	0 0.00 0.00	5 83.33 2.49	1 16.67 12.50	6  2.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b> <b>3.24</b>	<b>201</b> <b>93.06</b>	<b>8</b> <b>3.70</b>	<b>216</b> <b>100.00</b>

**Table G8**  
**Mother's Occupation by Infant's Type of Feeding, 2000**

Domiciliary Births

Mother's Occupation	Type of Feeding			
	Artificial	Breast	Not Stated	Total
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>Row Per Cent</b>				
<b>Col. Per Cent</b>				
Other Agricultural Occupations & Fishermen	0 0.00 0.00	3 100.00 1.49	0 0.00 0.00	3  1.39
Higher-Professional	1 5.88 14.29	16 94.12 7.96	0 0.00 0.00	17  7.87
Lower-Professional	2 3.39 28.57	56 94.92 27.86	1 1.69 12.50	59  27.31
Managers	0 0.00 0.00	7 100.00 3.48	0 0.00 0.00	7  3.24
Salaried-Employees	0 0.00 0.00	1 100.00 0.50	0 0.00 0.00	1  0.46
Non-Manual Workers	2 12.50 28.57	12 75.00 5.97	2 12.50 25.00	16  7.41
Other Non-Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	15 100.00 7.46	0 0.00 0.00	15  6.94
Skilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	3 100.00 1.49	0 0.00 0.00	3  1.39
Semiskilled Manual Workers	0 0.00 0.00	1 100.00 0.50	0 0.00 0.00	1  0.46
Unemployed	0 0.00 0.00	1 50.00 0.50	1 50.00 12.50	2  0.93
Not Classifiable	0 0.00 0.00	3 100.00 1.49	0 0.00 0.00	3  1.39
Home Duties	2 2.47 28.57	76 93.83 37.81	3 3.70 37.50	81  37.50
Not Stated	0 0.00 0.00	7 87.50 3.48	1 12.50 12.50	8  3.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b> <b>3.24</b>	<b>201</b> <b>93.06</b>	<b>8</b> <b>3.70</b>	<b>216</b> <b>100.00</b>







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