

Victoria's mothers, babies and children 2014 and 2015

Appendix 4: Births in Victoria 2014 and 2015

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Table 1: Total births in Victoria, 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015
Births		
Total births (C + I) ^a	79,110	79,270
Total stillbirths (I)	672	633
Total live births (C)	78,438	78,637
Terminations of pregnancy – TOP ^b (M + Q + N + R)	319	309
Adjusted^c births		
Adjusted total births (E + K)	78,791	78,961
Adjusted live births (E)	78,400	78,606
Adjusted stillbirths (K)	391	355
Confinements		
Total confinements	77,930	78,147
Adjusted ^c confinements	77,577	77,752
Crude birth rate ^d	63.4	62.4
Births excluded from CCOPMM report ^e (L + P)	44	42

a. Information in parentheses refers to the numbers in the Births and Deaths Flow Chart.

b. Terminations of pregnancy at 20 or more weeks' gestation for congenital anomalies or maternal psychosocial indications

c. Adjusted figures exclude terminations of pregnancy for congenital anomalies or maternal psychosocial indications. Tables in Appendix 4 exclude 7 cases in 2014 and 54 cases in 2015 where the birthweight was incorrectly reported as < 150 grams. This results in 78,784 adjusted total births in 2014 and 78,907 adjusted total births in 2015 used as the denominator for tables in Appendix 4. In addition, cases with missing data are excluded from some tables.

d. Estimated female resident population (ERFP) – 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2014 and 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2015

e. Cases excluded from the report were known to have died before 20 weeks' gestation.

Table 2: Crude birth rate, Victoria 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015
Adjusted live births	78,400	78,606
Estimated female resident population (EFRP) aged 15–44 years	1,236,981	1,259,172
Crude birth rate per 1,000 EFRP (aged 15–44 years) ^a	63.4	62.4

a. The EFRP (aged 15- 44 years) was obtained from ABS Catalogue 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia 2014 and Catalogue 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia 2015, (<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3235.02014> and <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3235.02015>)

Table 3: Trends in births, confinements and live births per 1,000 EFRP^a aged 15–44 years, Victoria 1985 to 2015

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adjusted total births	61,189	66,878	64,717	62,555	66,340	74,127	78,041	77,963	78,791	78,961
Adjusted live births	60,784	66,374	63,247	62,148	65,993	73,731	77,659	77,566	78,400	78,606
Adjusted confinements	60,468	66,004	62,734	61,562	65,115	72,914	76,825	76,744	77,577	77,752
EFRP ^a	974,347	1,044,969	1,033,818	1,053,114	1,082,355	1,170,211	1,200,168	1,219,535	1,236,981	1,259,172
Live births per 1,000 EFRP	62.4	63.5	61.2	59.0	61.0	63.0	64.7	63.6	63.4	62.4

a. The EFRP (aged 15–44 years) for the years 2014 and 2015 were obtained from ABS Catalogue 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia 2014 and Catalogue 3235.0 – Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia 2015, (<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3235.02014> and <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3235.02015>)
 EFRP for years prior to 2014 were obtained from ABS data. Births to women younger than 15 years are included in the 15–19 year age group and women aged 45 or older are included in the 40–44 year age group.

Maternal characteristics

Table 4: Maternal age group, confinements 2014 and 2015

Maternal age group	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Younger than 20 years	1,544	2.0	1,261	1.6
20–24 years	8,081	10.4	7,825	10.1
25–29 years	20,672	26.6	20,186	26.0
30–34 years	28,354	36.5	29,000	37.3
35–39 years	15,232	19.6	15,800	20.3
40–44	3,444	4.4	3,399	4.4
45+ years	228	0.3	257	0.3
Unknown	22	0.0	24	0.0
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

Table 5: Trends in maternal age group, % of confinements 1985 to 2015

Maternal age group	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
Younger than 20 years	4.4	4.3	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.6
20–24 years	23.1	18.3	15.7	12.4	11.3	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.4	10.1
25–29 years	40.2	37.6	33.6	30.7	25.4	26.4	26.8	26.3	26.6	26.0
30–34 years	24.4	29.0	32.7	34.6	37.0	33.9	34.8	35.5	36.5	37.3
35–39 years	6.9	9.3	12.5	16.2	19.9	21.3	20.4	20.2	19.6	20.3
40+ years	0.9	1.3	2.1	2.9	3.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.7
Median age – overall (years)	27.0	28.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	30.8	31.0
Median age – primiparae (years)	25.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	30.0
Mean age – overall (years)	27.5	28.2	29.1	29.9	30.6	31.3	31.2	31.3	30.8	31.0
Mean age – primiparae (years)	25.4	26.2	27.2	28.2	29.1	29.6	29.7	29.8	29.4	29.6

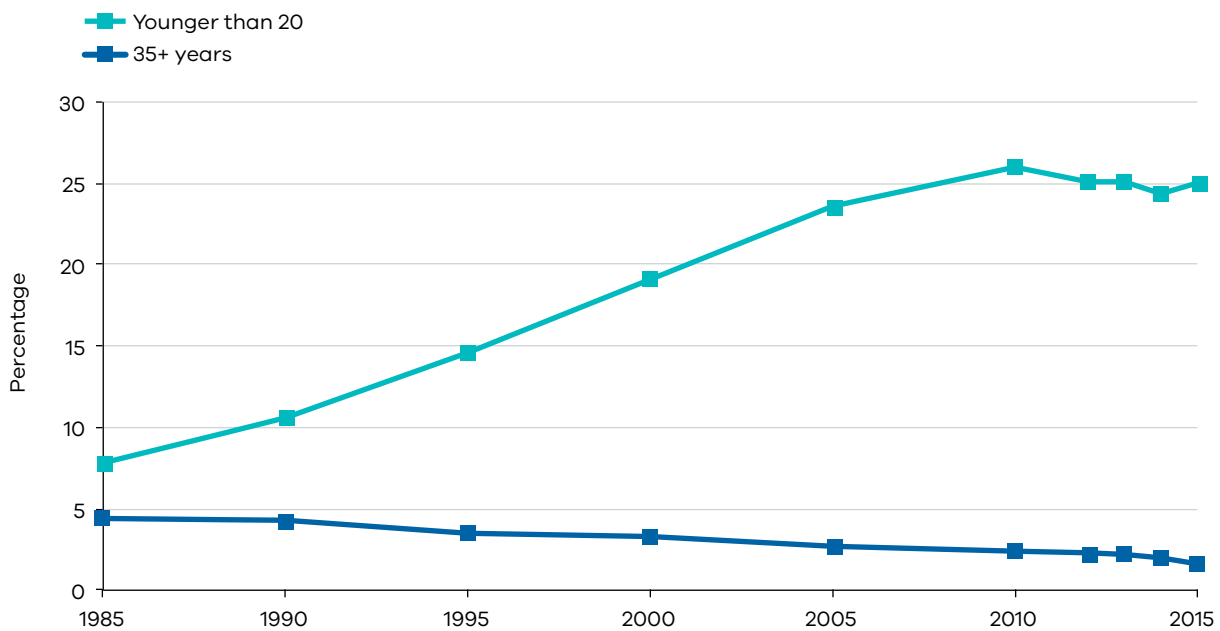
Figure 1: Trends in maternal age group, confinements 1985 to 2015 (%)

Table 6: Trends in confinements, Department of Health regions, 1990 to 2015

Department of Health regions	1990		2000		2010		2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Barwon-South West	4,780	7.2	4,001	6.5	4,353	6.0	4469	5.8	4563	5.9
Grampians	N/A	N/A	2,838	4.6	2,630	3.6	2723	3.5	2797	3.6
Loddon Mallee	3,897	5.9	3,484	5.7	3,757	5.2	3821	4.9	3606	4.6
Hume	N/A	N/A	3,116	5.1	3,196	4.4	3286	4.2	3281	4.2
Gippsland	3,582	5.4	2,683	4.4	2,980	4.1	3042	3.9	3069	3.9
Total rural	18,388	27.9	16,122	26.2	16,916	23.3	17,341	22.3	17,316	22.2
Western Metropolitan	12,767	19.3	8,643	14.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Northern Metropolitan	N/A	N/A	10,219	16.6	25,204	34.6	28617	36.9	28723	36.9
Eastern Metropolitan	19,197	29.1	11,334	18.4	11,403	15.6	11601	15.0	11232	14.4
Southern Metropolitan	15,146	22.9	13,989	22.7	17,813	24.4	18610	24.0	18900	24.3
Total metropolitan	47,110	71.4	44,185	71.8	54,420	74.6	58,828	75.9	58,855	75.6
Other (non-Victorian)	506	0.8	1,262	2.0	1,564	2.1	1409	1.8	1581	2
Total confinements	66,003	100	61,569	100	72,900	100	77,578	100	77,752	100

N/A – not applicable. This regional boundary was combined with another regional boundary, for example in 2009 Northern Metropolitan and Western Metropolitan regions were called Northern and Western Metropolitan region.

Table 7: Trends in marital status, confinements 1990 to 2015 (%)

Marital status	1990	2000	2010	2014	2015
Married	83.4	75.3	69.7	69.8	69.6
De facto	6.2	11.8	15.8	17.5	17.9
Single	9.2	11.7	11.0	11.0	10.9
Separated/divorced/widowed	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6

Table 8: Maternal place of birth, confinements 2014 and 2015

Place of birth ^a	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Australia	49,698	64.1	49,395	63.5
Southern and Central Asia	7,271	9.4	7,800	10.0
South-East Asia	4,841	6.2	5,017	6.5
North-West Europe	2,226	2.9	2,249	2.9
North Africa and Middle East	2,621	3.4	2,717	3.5
Oceania and Antarctica	2,165	2.8	2,187	2.8
North-East Asia	4,070	5.2	3,681	4.7
Southern and Eastern Europe	1,510	1.9	1,415	1.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,594	2.1	1,673	2.2
Americas	1,025	1.3	1,100	1.4
Unknown	556	0.7	518	0.7
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

a. Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2011, <<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1269>>.

Table 9: Ten most common countries of birth, for women born in non-English speaking countries, confinements in 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2014 and 2015

1990		2000		2010		2014		2015	
Country of birth	Number of confinements	Country of birth	Number of confinements	Country of birth	Number of confinements	Country of birth	Number of confinements	Country of birth	Number of confinements
Vietnam	1,068	Vietnam	1,905	India	3,508	India	4,546	India	4,888
Former Yugoslavia	971	China	883	China	1,573	China	3,079	China	2,645
Lebanon	721	Former Yugoslavia	579	Vietnam	1,452	Vietnam	1,557	Vietnam	1,599
Italy	712	Philippines	567	Sri Lanka	776	Sri Lanka	1,024	Sri Lanka	1,028
Philippines	609	Lebanon	548	Philippines	727	Philippines	842	Philippines	918
Turkey	584	India	519	Malaysia	522	Malaysia	688	Pakistan	704
Malaysia	502	Sri Lanka	457	Sudan	493	Pakistan	643	Malaysia	696
Greece	489	Other Africa	411	Iraq	441	Sudan	550	Sudan	608
India	385	Turkey	403	Indonesia	427	Iraq	545	Afghanistan	594
Sri Lanka	346	Malaysia	322	Lebanon	417	Afghanistan	544	Iraq	538

Table 10: Maternal BMI, confinements 2014 and 2015

BMI	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
< 18.5	2,370	3.1	2,388	3.1
18.5 to < 25	36,710	47.3	39,482	50.8
25 to < 30	18,656	24.0	19,847	25.5
30 to < 35	8,425	10.9	8,650	11.1
35 to < 40	3,388	4.4	3,589	4.6
40 to < 50	1,834	2.4	2,060	2.6
50 to < 60	196	0.3	229	0.3
≥ 60	26	0.0	35	0.0
Unknown	5,972	7.7	1,472	1.9
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

Table 11: Proportion of women reporting any smoking during first 20 weeks of pregnancy, Victoria 2014 and 2015

Reported smoking	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
No smoking < 20 weeks of pregnancy	68,896	88.8	69,495	89.4
Quit smoking < 20 weeks of pregnancy	1,631	2.1	1,576	2.0
Continued smoking < 20 weeks of pregnancy	5,973	7.7	5,588	7.2
Not stated	1,077	1.4	1,093	1.4
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

Table 12: IRSD quintile* and maternal age, confinements 2014 and 2015 (%)

Quintile	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Maternal age group	%	%	%	%	%	%
2014						
< 20 years	42.2	24.4	16.4	10.2	6.8	100
20–24 years	36.7	25.3	17.1	13.1	7.8	100
25–29 years	23.5	22.9	20.8	18.1	14.7	100
30–34 years	15.7	18.4	20.9	22.2	22.7	100
35–39 years	13.6	16.7	19.5	22.5	27.7	100
40 + years	14.8	16.8	18.3	22.4	27.8	100
2015						
< 20 years	43.0	25.7	15.2	11.0	5.1	100
20–24 years	36.3	25.2	18.1	12.5	8.0	100
25–29 years	24.1	23.1	20.6	17.6	14.5	100
30–34 years	16.0	18.7	20.8	22.0	22.5	100
35–39 years	13.6	16.6	19.5	23.0	27.3	100
40 + years	14.5	15.1	18.3	23.0	29.2	100

*Index of Relative Social Disadvantage. Quintile 1 is most disadvantaged.

Table 13: IRSD quintile* and place of residence, confinements 2014 and 2015 (%)

Quintile	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Place of residence	%	%	%	%	%	%
2014						
Metropolitan	17.6	17.3	19.9	21.8	23.4	100
Rural	26.7	27.6	20.2	15.0	10.4	100
2015						
Metropolitan	15.9	17.7	20.1	22.6	23.7	100
Rural	24.1	22.2	19.9	17.4	16.3	100

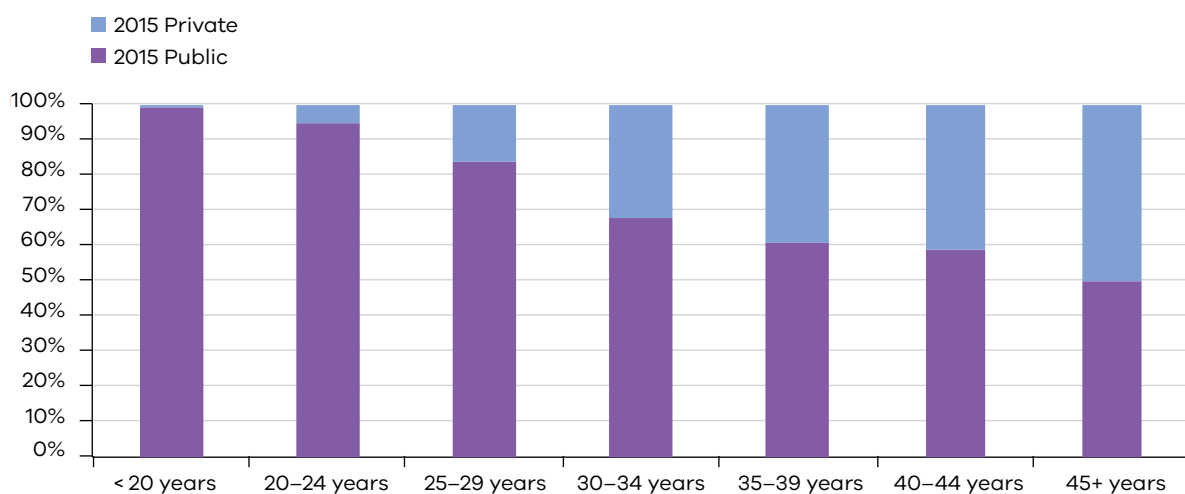
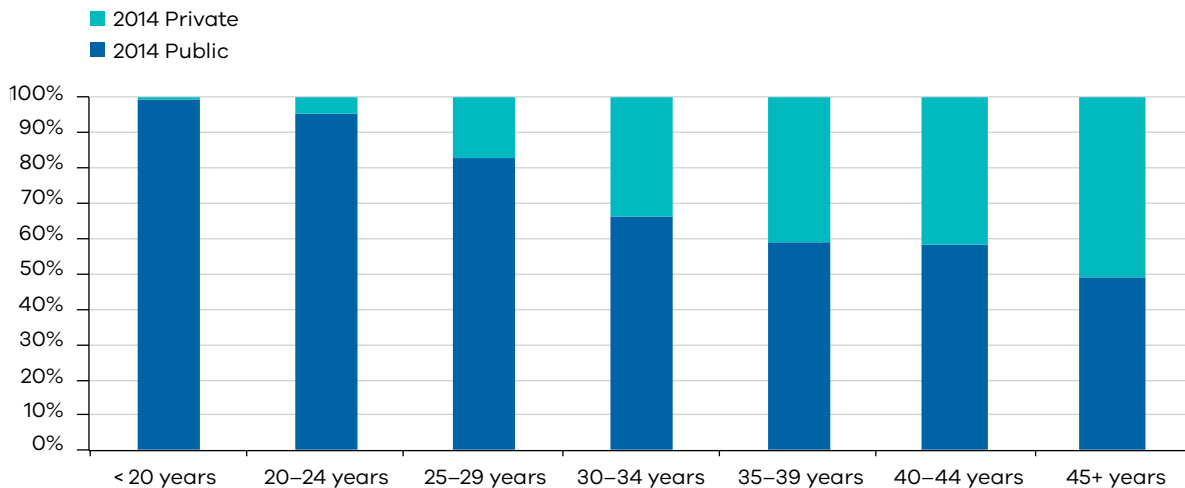
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Organisational Factors

Table 14: Admission status, confinements 2014 and 2015

Admission status	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Public	56,177	72.4	57,037	73.4
Private in public hospital	1,513	2.0	1,488	1.9
Private in private hospital	19,621	25.3	18,947	24.4
Private – planned home birth	249	0.3	254	0.3
Unknown	1,525	2.0	1,506	1.9
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

Figure 2: Public or private admission by maternal age group, confinements 2014 and 2015 (%)



Excludes cases with unknown admission status and / or unknown maternal age.

Table 15: Trends in admission status, confinements 2000 to 2015 (%)

Admission status	2000	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
Public	69.6	63.5	68.7	70.2	70.6	72.4	73.4
Private	30.4	36.5	31.3	29.7	29.3	27.6	26.6

Table 16: Actual place of birth, confinements 2014 and 2015

Place of birth	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Hospital	76,829	99	76,977	99
Birth centre	3	0	3	0
Planned home births – private midwife	242	0.3	250	0.3
Planned home births – public hospital program	82	0.1	74	0.1
Unplanned out-of-hospital births	402	0.5	419	0.5
Inadequately described	19	0	29	0
Total	77,577	100	77,752	100

Table 17: Age of women planning public or private home confinements, 2014 and 2015

Maternal age group	2014				2015			
	Public		Private		Public		Private	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Younger than 20 years	1	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
20–24 years	7	6.3	15	5.1	2	2.1	15	4.8
25–29 years	28	25	70	23.9	20	21.1	56	18
30–34 years	44	39.3	111	37.9	33	34.7	120	38.6
35–39 years	23	20.5	75	25.6	38	40	85	27.3
40 + years	9	8	15	5.1	2	2.1	25	8
Unknown	0	0	7	2.4	0	0	10	3.2
Total	112	100	293	100	95	100	311	100

Table 18: Place of birth for planned home confinements, 2014 and 2015

Place of birth	2014						2015					
	Home		Hospital		Total		Home		Hospital		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Planned public homebirth	82	73.2	30	26.8	112	100	74	77.9	21	22.1	95	100
Planned private homebirth	242	82.6	51	17.4	293	100	250	80.4	61	19.6	311	100

Table 19: Time of change in plan for women who planned public or private home confinements and gave birth in hospital, 2014 and 2015

Time of change	2014				2015			
	Public		Private		Public		Private	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Before onset of labour	14	46.7	16	31.4	13	61.9	24	39.3
During labour	16	53.3	35	68.6	8	38.1	37	60.7
Total	30	100	51	100	21	100	61	100

Table 20: Trend in number of women achieving planned home confinements, 1985 to 2015

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Public (n)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45	58	50	60	82	74
% of all confinements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Private (n)	144	181	110	114	182	248	298	300	262	266	226	271	242	250
% of all confinements	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3

Table 21: Trends in parity, confinements, 1990 to 2015

Parity	1990	2000	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
None	40.8	41.7	43.7	44.5	45	45.1	43.8
One	33.3	34.6	34.5	34.8	34.5	34.7	36.0
Two	17	15.7	14.2	13.7	13.3	13.1	13.2
Three	5.9	5.2	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2
Four	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5
Five or more	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2

Table 22: Number of previous caesarean sections, of women who had one or more prior births, 2000 to 2015

Number of previous caesarean sections	2000		2005		2010		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
None	28,806	80.3	27,653	74.4	29,419	72.0	30,302	71.1	29,739	70.5	29,071	69.6	29,959	69.7
One	5,572	15.5	7,488	20.2	8,996	22.0	9,662	22.7	9,777	23.2	9,967	23.9	10,165	23.6
Two	1,241	3.5	1,678	4.5	2,104	5.1	2,143	5.0	2,184	5.2	2,178	5.2	2,341	5.4
Three	231	0.6	276	0.7	414	1.0	387	0.9	425	1.0	435	1.0	439	1.0
Four	32	0.1	47	0.1	60	0.1	78	0.2	59	0.1	80	0.2	83	0.2
Five or more	9	0.0	10	0.0	8	0.0	29	0.1	19	0.0	29	0.1	14	0.0
Total	35,891	100	37,152	99.9	41,001	100	42,601	100	42,203	100.0	41,760	100.0	43,001	100.0

Table 23: Trends in gestation, confinements 1990 to 2015 (%)

Gestation	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
	n = 66,004	n = 62,734	n = 61,562	n = 65,115	n = 72,864	n = 76,825	n = 76,744	n = 77,577	n = 77,752
20–27 weeks	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
28–31 weeks	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
32–36 weeks	5	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.4
37–41 weeks	88.1	89.9	91.8	91.9	91.6	92.0	92.0	91.6	92.0
42 + weeks	4.5	3	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
Not reported	1.1	0.7	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0

Table 24: Onset of labour, confinements 2014 and 2015

Onset of labour	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Spontaneous (not augmented)	26960	34.8	26731	34.4
Spontaneous and augmented	13217	17.0	12256	15.8
Induced	21331	27.5	22377	28.8
No labour	16,039	20.7	16,372	21.1
Total	77,547	100.0	77,736	100.0

Excludes cases with missing data.

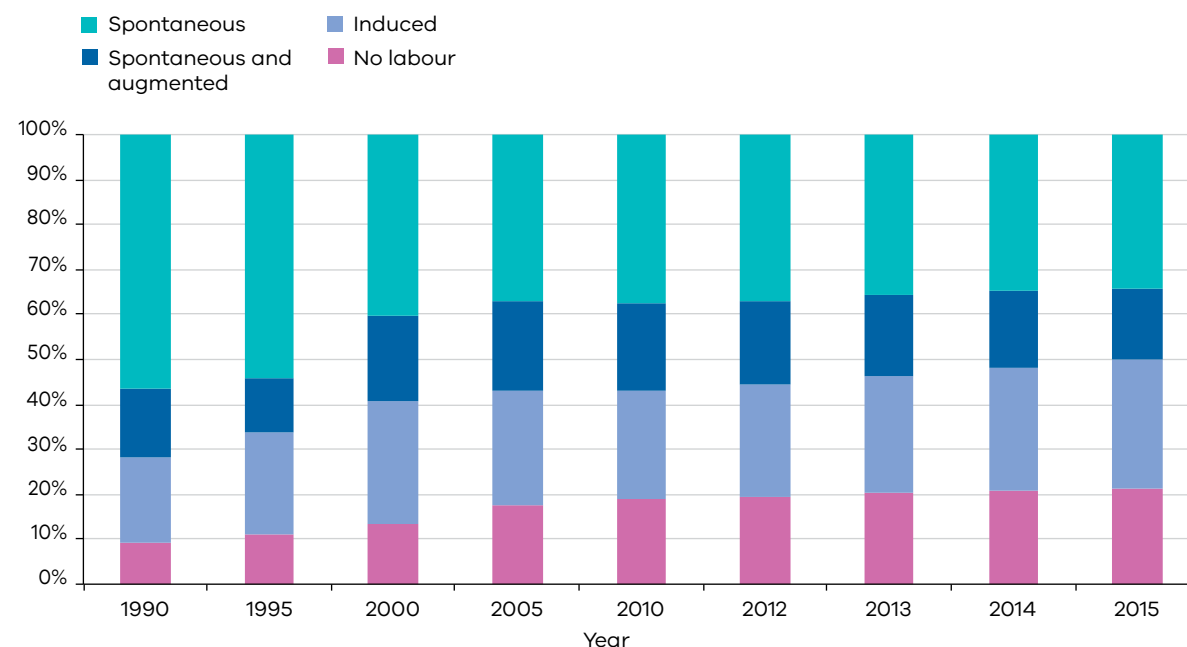
Figure 3: Trends in onset of labour, confinements 1990 to 2015 (%)

Figure 4: Onset of labour by admission status, confinements 2014 and 2015 (%)

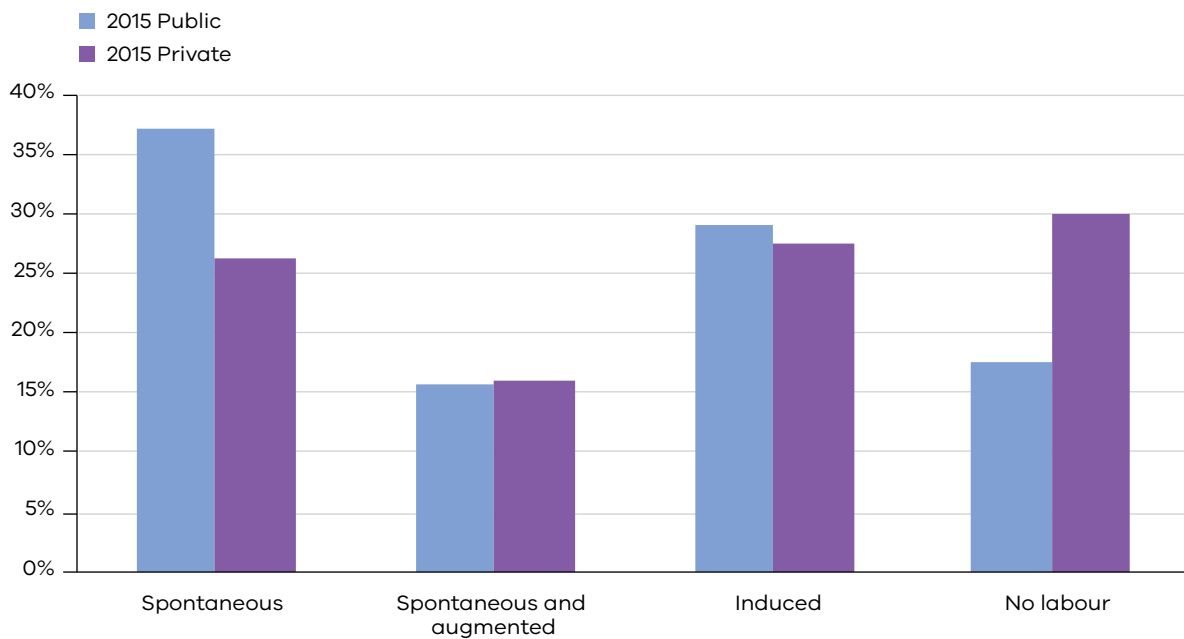
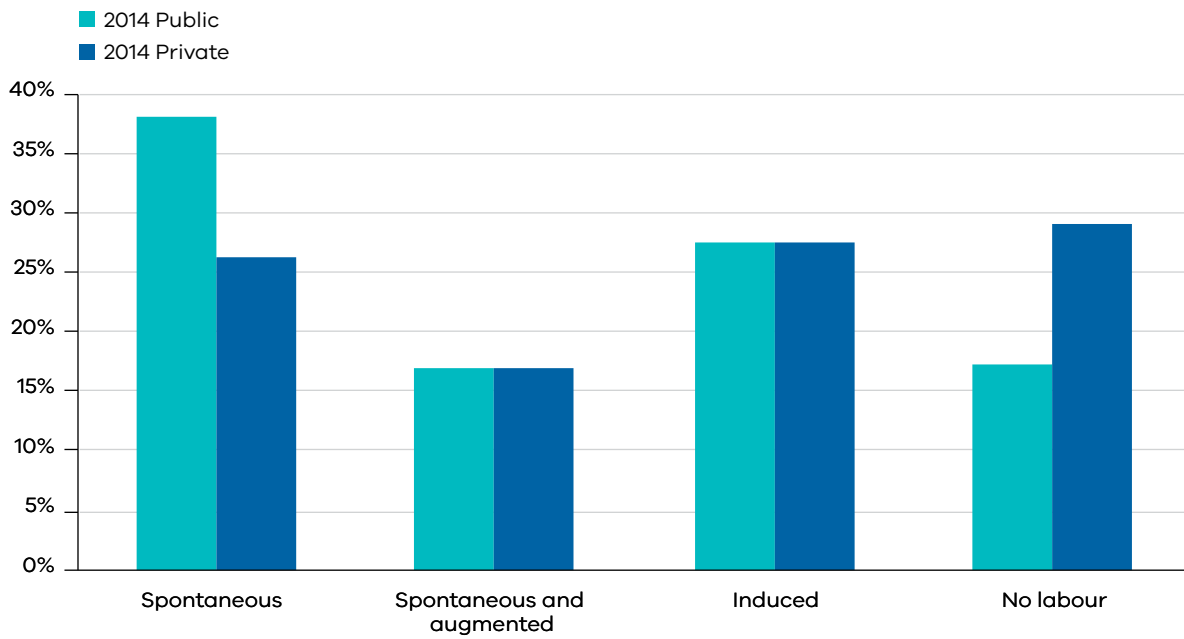


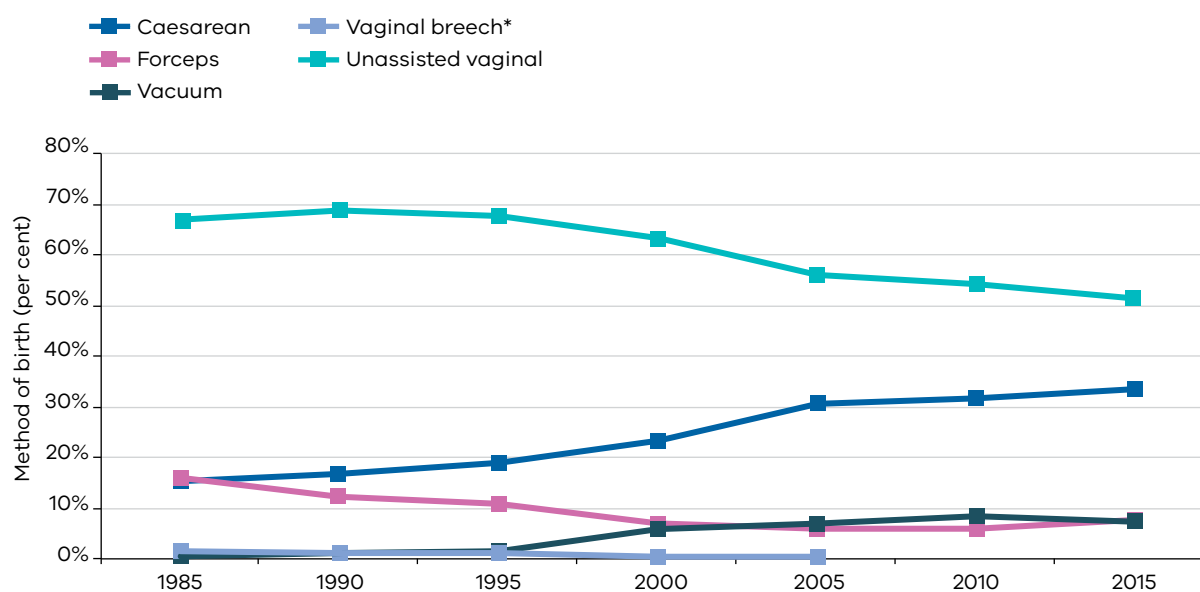
Table 25: Fetal monitoring in labour (of women who experienced labour), 2014 and 2015

Type of monitoring	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
None	1,132	1.8	1,464	2.4
Intermittent auscultation	8,230	13.4	7,786	12.6
Admission CTG/Intermittent CTG	10,555	17.2	9,980	16.2
Continuous external CTG	32,109	52.2	31,998	51.8
Internal CTG (scalp electrode)	9,094	14.8	10,071	16.3
Fetal blood sampling	316	0.5	351	0.6
Other/not adequately described	72	0.1	96	0.2
Total	61,508	100.0	61,746	100.0

Note: Fetal monitoring in labour is reported in a hierarchical manner e.g. a woman who had intermittent auscultation followed by continuous external CTG monitoring is reported as 'continuous external CTG monitoring'.

Table 26: Method of birth, confinements, 2014 and 2015

Method of birth	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Unassisted vaginal	39847	51.4	40059	51.5
Vacuum	5659	7.3	5569	7.2
Forceps	6049	7.8	6132	7.9
Total caesarean	26,012	33.5	25,989	33.4
– <i>planned</i>	13,454	17.3	13,547	17.4
– <i>unplanned</i>	12,558	16.2	12,442	16.0
Unknown	10	0.0	3	0.0
Total	77,577	100.0	77,752	100.0

Figure 5: Trends in method of birth, all confinements, 1985 to 2015 (%)

*Vaginal breech now included in unassisted vaginal or forceps.

Table 27: Method of birth by onset of labour, confinements, 2014 and 2015

Method of birth by onset of labour, confinements 2014												
Method of birth	Unassisted vaginal		Vacuum		Forceps		Caesarean		Unknown		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Spontaneous (not augmented)	20,594	76.4	1746	6.5	1397	5.2	3223	12.0	0	0.0	26,960	100
Augmented	7124	53.9	1753	13.3	2084	15.8	2254	17.1	2	0.0	13,217	100
Induced	12,109	56.8	2156	10.1	2566	12.0	4500	21.1	1	0.0	21,332	100
No labour ^a	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16029	0.0	11	0.0	16,040	100
Total	39,827	51.4	5,655	7.3	6,047	7.8	26,006	33.5	14	0.0	77,549	100

a. No labour includes those experiencing failed induction. Excludes cases with missing data on onset of labour.

Method of birth by onset of labour, confinements 2015												
Method of birth	Unassisted vaginal		Vacuum		Forceps		Caesarean		Unknown		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Spontaneous (not augmented)	20,495	76.7	1742	6.5	1426	5.3	3066	11.5	2	0.0	26,731	100
Augmented	6557	53.5	1593	13.0	2018	16.5	2088	17.0	0	0.0	12,256	100
Induced	12,994	58.1	2231	10.0	2687	12.0	4464	19.9	1	0.0	22,377	100
No labour ^a	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.7	16368	0.6	4	0.0	16,372	100
Total	40,046	51.5	5,566	7.2	6,131	7.9	25,986	33.4	7	0.0	77,736	100

a. No labour includes those experiencing failed induction. Excludes cases with missing data on onset of labour.

Table 28: Method of birth by admission status, confinements 2014 and 2015

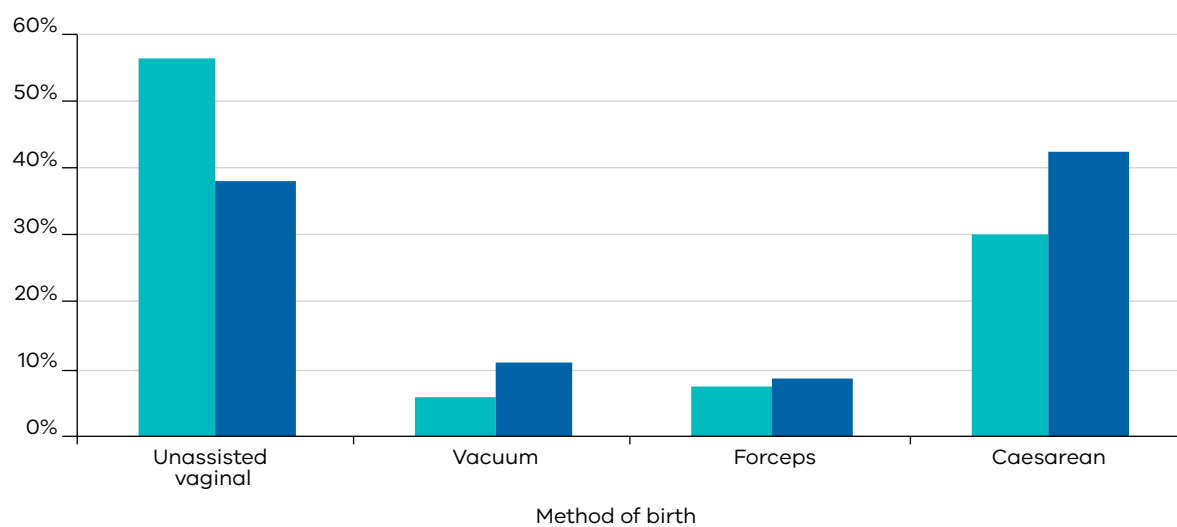
Method of birth by admission status, confinements 2014							
Admission status		Unassisted vaginal	Vacuum	Forceps	Caesarean	Unknown	Total
Public patient	n	31,739	3320	4232	16,890	4	56,185
	%	56.5	5.9	7.5	30.1	0.0	100
Private patient	n	8105	2338	1817	9119	4	21,383
	%	37.9	10.9	8.5	42.6	0.9	100
Total	n	39,844	5658	6049	26,009	8	77,568
	%	51.4	7.3	7.8	33.5	0.0	100

Method of birth by admission status, confinements 2015							
Admission status		Unassisted vaginal	Vacuum	Forceps	Caesarean	Unknown	Total
Public patient	n	32,194	3325	4426	17,099	1	57,045
	%	56.4	5.8	7.8	30.0	0.0	100
Private patient	n	7855	2244	1705	8884	1	20,689
	%	38.0	10.8	8.2	42.9	0.0	100
Total	n	40,049	5569	6131	25,983	2	77,734
	%	51.7	7.7	7.3	33.3	0.0	100

*NB excludes a small number of cases with unknown admission status.

Figure 6: Methods of birth by admission status, confinements 2014 and 2015 (%)

- 2014 Public patient
- 2014 Private patient



- 2015 Public patient
- 2015 Private patient

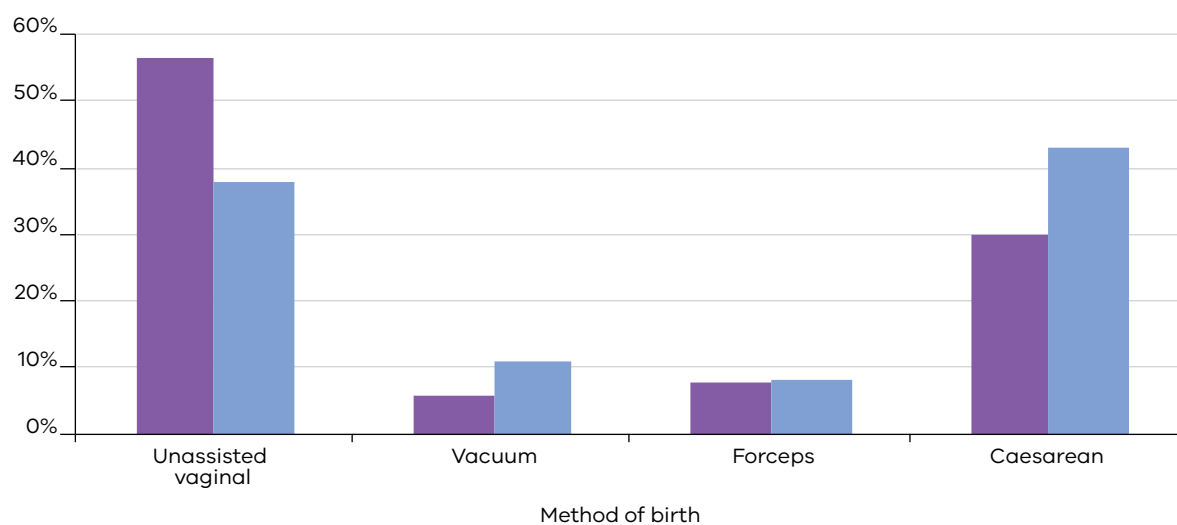


Table 29: Method of birth by presentation, confinements 2014 and 2015

2014		Unassisted	Vacuum	Forceps	Caesarean	Unknown	Total
Vertex	n	39,083	5,602	5,990	22,748	1	73,424
	%	53.2	7.6	8.2	31	0	100
Breech	n	257	0	13	2836	1	3,107
	%	8.3	0	0.4	91.3	0	100
Other	n	451	49	45	353	2	900
	%	50.1	5.4	5	39.2	0.2	100
Not reported	n	57	8	1	75	5	146
	%	39	5.5	0.7	51.4	3.4	100
Total	n	39,848	5,659	6,049	26,012	9	77,577

2015		Unassisted	Vacuum	Forceps	Caesarean	Unknown	Total
Vertex	n	39,268	5523	6081	22,743	1	73,616
	%	53.3	7.5	8.3	30.9	0	100
Breech	n	258	2	13	2863	0	3136
	%	8.2	0.1	0.4	91.3	0	100
Other	n	499	42	37	305	0	883
	%	56.5	4.8	4.2	34.5	0	100
Not reported	n	34	2	1	78	2	117
	%	29.1	1.7	0.9	66.7	1.7	100
Total	n	40,059	5569	6132	25,989	3	77,752

Note: 'Other' includes all presentations other than vertex or breech, for example face, brow, compound, shoulder, etc. 'Unassisted vaginal' means without instruments.

Table 30: Epidural analgesia for women who experienced labour, confinements 2014 and 2015

Used epidural analgesia	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
First births	13,254	44.0	13,116	44.9
Subsequent births	5,956	19.0	6,187	19.3
Total	19,210	31.2	19,303	31.5

Table 31: Type of anaesthesia for operative vaginal birth, confinements 2014 and 2015

Type of anaesthesia	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
None	1083	9.3	1067	9.1
Local anaesthetic/ Pudendal block	2988	25.5	3204	27.4
Regional only	7302	62.4	7298	62.4
General anaesthetic + epidural	0	0	2	0.0
General anaesthetic only	13	0.1	10	10.0
Other	322	2.8	120	100.0
Total	11,708	100	11,701	100

Table 32: Type of anaesthesia for caesarean birth, confinements 2014 and 2015

Type of anaesthesia	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Not known	46	0.1	12	0.1
Regional only	24,533	94.3	24,620	94.7
General anaesthetic only	1169	4.5	1111	4.3
General anaesthetic and regional	264	1.0	246	0.9
Total	26,012	100	25,989	100

Table 33: 3rd and 4th degree lacerations following vaginal birth by admission type and parity, confinements 2014 and 2015

3rd and 4th degree lacerations			2014	2015
Public admission	Primiparous women	n	990	980
		%	5.8	5.8
	Multiparous women	n	324	369
		%	1.5	1.6
Private admission	Primiparous women	n	190	133
		%	3.2	3
	Multiparous women	n	70	32
		%	1.1	0.6

This table excludes a small number of cases with missing data on parity and/or admission status.

Table 34: Episiotomy for vaginal birth by admission type and parity, confinements 2014 and 2015

Episiotomy			2014	2015
Public admission	Primiparous women	n	7571	7458
		%	44.2	44.1
	Multiparous women	n	2222	2434
		%	10.0	10.6
Private admission	Primiparous women	n	3043	2902
		%	51.6	52.3
	Multiparous women	n	985	994
		%	15.5	15.9

This table excludes a small number of cases with missing data on parity and/or admission status.

Table 35: Estimated blood loss and blood transfusion by parity, confinements 2014 and 2015

2014	< 500 mL		500–1,499 mL		1,500 mL or more		Not reported	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Primiparae transfused*	24,996	71.4	8,892	25.4	765	2.2	364	1
	71	0.3	319	3.6	369	48.2	0	0
Multiparae transfused*	33,384	78.5	8,035	18.9	692	1.6	443	1
	66	0.2	176	2.2	307	44.4	2	0.4
All women transfused*	58,381	75.3	16,929	21.8	1,457	1.9	810	1
	137	0.2	495	2.9	676	46.4	2	0.2

2015	< 500 mL		500–1,499 mL		1,500 mL or more		Not reported	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Primiparae transfused*	24,419	71.7	8,592	25.2	704	2.1	356	1
	101	0.4	293	3.4	303	43	3	0.8
Multiparae transfused*	34,283	78.5	8,280	19	711	1.6	404	0.9
	98	0.3	180	2.2	306	43	3	0.7
All women transfused*	58,704	75.5	16,872	21.7	1,415	1.8	761	1
	199	0.3	473	2.8	609	43	6	0.8

* % transfused within each blood loss category.

Table 36: Women given prophylactic oxytocics in the third stage of labour, 2014 and 2015

Prophylactic oxytocic	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Prophylactic oxytocic given	76,287	98.3	76,579	98.5
Prophylactic oxytocic not given	1181	1.5	1096	1.4
Not reported	109	0.1	77	0.1

Table 37: Initiation of breastfeeding (women with a live birth), 2014 and 2015

Initiation of breastfeeding	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
Attempted to breastfeed or express breastmilk	72,993	94.5	73,145	94.5
Did not attempt to breastfeed or express	4111	5.3	4077	5.3
Unknown	112	0.1	200	0.3

Table 38: Term, live-born babies whose mothers initiated breastfeeding given formula in hospital, 2014 and 2015

2014	Overall		Public hospitals		Private hospitals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Infant formula given	19,181	28.2	12,371	24.6	6808	38.8
Infant formula not given	47,977	70.5	37,139	73.9	10,602	60.5
Unknown	854	1.3	723	1.4	123	0.7

2015	Overall		Public hospitals		Private hospitals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Infant formula given	19,248	28.2	12,704	24.9	6542	38.5
Infant formula not given	48,206	70.6	37,588	73.7	10,368	61.1
Unknown	743	1.1	669	1.3	72	0.4

These tables exclude babies not fed in the birth hospital, and those born at home under private midwife care:

Table 39: Term, live-born babies whose mothers initiated breastfeeding having their last feed before discharge entirely and directly from the breast, 2014 and 2015

Breastfeeding status 2014	Overall		Public hospitals		Private hospitals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Exclusively breast fed	53,182	78.1	40,102	79.7	12,848	73.3
Not exclusively breast fed	14,502	21.3	9,884	19.7	4,610	26.3
Unknown	373	0.5	300	0.6	67	0.4

Breastfeeding status 2015	Overall		Public hospitals		Private hospitals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Exclusively breast fed	53,022	77.7	40,425	79.2	12,351	72.8
Not exclusively breast fed	14,854	21.8	10,267	20.1	4,582	27.0
Unknown	369	100	324	0.6	42	0.2

These tables exclude babies not fed in the birth hospital, and those born at home under private midwife care.

Table 40: Trends in preterm and post-term births, 1985 to 2015 (%)

Gestation	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
< 37 weeks	6	6.7	7.1	7.6	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.3	8.4
≥ 42 weeks	3.8	4.5	2.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5

Figure 7: Trends in preterm and post-term births, 1985 to 2015 (%)

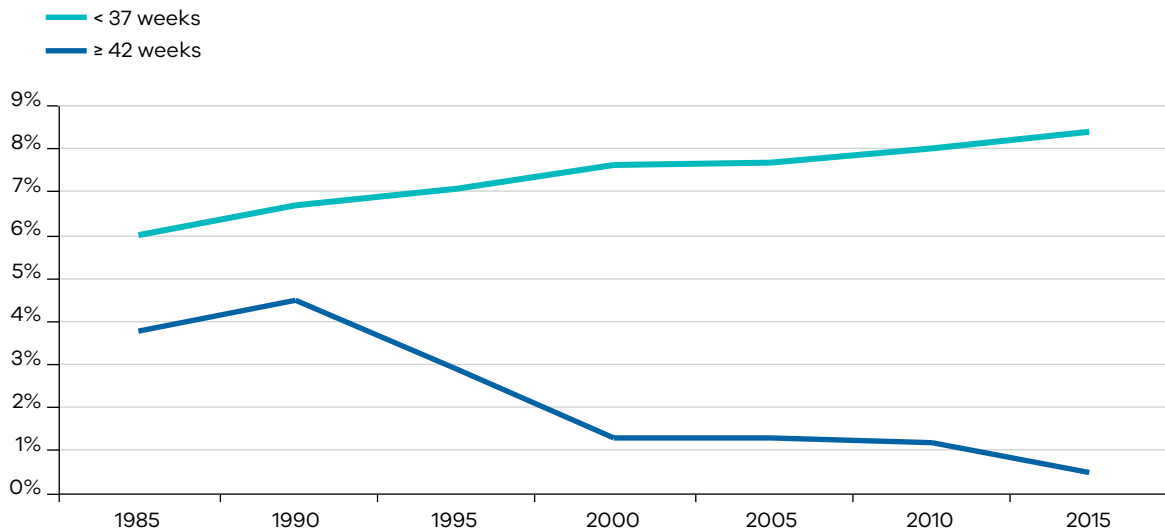


Table 41: Neonatal capability level of maternity service for birth at various gestations (completed weeks) 2014 and 2015

2014 Neonatal capability level of maternity service									
Gestation		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Not stated	Total
20–27	n	1	81	38	58	42	281	0	501
	%	0.2	16.2	7.6	11.6	8.4	56.1	0.0	100.0
28–31	n	0	121	10	30	38	451	0	650
	%	0.0	18.6	1.5	4.6	5.8	69.4	0.0	100.0
32–36	n	0	1449	586	1152	727	1489	0	5403
	%	0.0	26.8	10.8	21.3	13.5	27.6	0.0	100.0
37–41	n	43	21,930	8990	15,590	10,111	14,822	16	71,502
	%	0.1	30.7	12.6	21.8	14.1	20.7	0.0	100.0
42 +	n	1	263	68	125	96	173	0	726
	%	0.1	36.2	9.4	17.2	13.2	23.8	0.0	100.0
Total	n	45	23,844	9,692	16,955	11,014	17,216	16	78,782
	%	0.1	30.3	12.3	21.5	14.0	21.9	0.0	100.0

2015 Neonatal capability level of maternity service									
Gestation		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Not stated	Total
20–27	n	0	83	35	62	34	235	0	449
	%	0.0	18.5	7.8	13.8	7.6	52.3	0.0	100.0
28–31	n	0	90	14	40	26	432	0	602
	%	0.0	15.0	2.3	6.6	4.3	71.8	0.0	100.0
32–36	n	0	1476	571	1160	800	1544	0	5551
	%	0.0	26.6	10.3	20.9	14.4	27.8	0.0	100.0
37–41	n	27	21,325	9307	16,305	10,069	14,888	1	71,922
	%	0.0	29.7	12.9	22.7	14.0	20.7	0.0	100.0
42 +	n	0	83	56	62	51	131	0	383
	%	0.0	21.7	14.6	16.2	13.3	34.2	0.0	100.0
Total	n	27	23,057	9,983	17,629	10,980	17,230	1	78,907
	%	0.0	29.3	12.7	22.4	13.9	21.9	0.0	100.2

Table 42: Birthweight categories, births 2014 and 2015

Grams	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
< 500 g	202	0.3	173	0.2
500–999 g	352	0.4	321	0.4
1,000–1,499 g	508	0.6	459	0.6
1,500–1,999 g	1093	1.4	1015	1.3
2,000–2,499 g	3203	4.1	3324	4.2
2,500–2,999 g	12441	15.8	12,735	16.1
3,000–3,499 g	28,977	36.8	28,847	36.6
3,500–3,999 g	23,279	29.5	23,701	30
4,000–4,499 g	7406	9.4	7161	9.1
4,500 +	1250	1.6	1171	1.5
Not known	73	0.1	0	0
Total	78784	100	78907	100

Figure 8: Trends in preterm and post-term births, 1985 to 2015 (%)

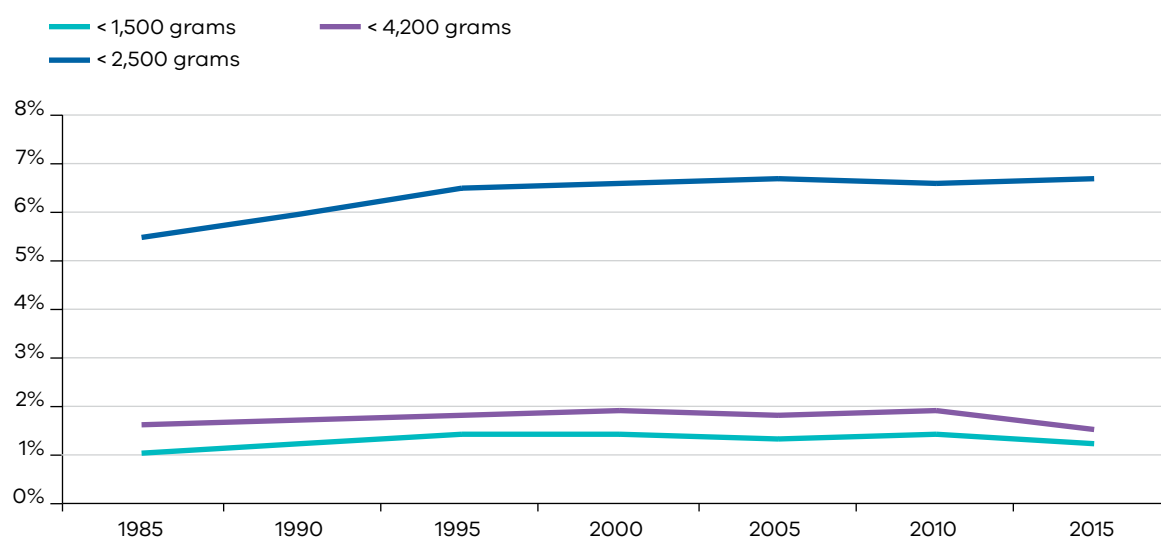


Table 43: Apgar score at five minutes, 2014 and 2015 (live births only)

Apgar	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
< 4	250	0.3	247	0.3
4 to 6	1258	1.6	1191	1.5
7 to 10	76,726	97.9	76,992	98
Unknown	166	0.2	124	0.2
Total	78,400	100	78,554	100

Table 44: Method of resuscitation used, 2014 and 2015 (live births only)

Type of resuscitation	2014		2015	
	n	%	n	%
None	60,023	76.6	60,300	76.8
Suction and or oxygen	3679	4.7	3079	3.9
Intermittent positive pressure respiration bag and mask with air	1209	1.5	1137	1.4
Intermittent positive pressure respiration bag and mask with oxygen	785	1	736	0.9
Continuous positive airway pressure with air	2952	3.8	3272	4.2
Continuous positive airway pressure with oxygen	2951	3.8	3024	3.8
Endotracheal intubation and IPPR with air	111	0.1	93	0.1
Endotracheal intubation and IPPR with oxygen	397	0.5	293	0.4
External cardiac massage and ventilation	250	0.3	204	0.3
Other	5992	7.6	5952	7.6
Total	78,349	100.0	78,090	100.0

Excludes cases with resuscitation method not known (51 in 2014, 464 in 2015)

Table 45: Multiple births, 2014 and 2015

Plurality	2014		2015	
	n	% of all births	n	% of all births
Twins	2349	3.0	2226	2.8
Triplets	57	0.1	63	0.1
Quadruplets	0	0	0	0
Quintuplets	0	0	0	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0
Total	2406	3.1	2289	2.9

Table 46: Trends in multiple births, 1990 to 2015

Year	Twins	% of all births	Triplets	% of all births	Quads or higher order	% of all births
1990	1649	2.5	69	0.1	4	0
1995	1850	2.9	87	0.1	0	0
2000	1903	3.0	63	0.1	0	0
2005	2388	3.6	48	0.1	0	0
2010	2339	3.2	56	0.1	6	0
2014	2349	3.0	57	0.1	0	0
2015	2226	2.8	63	0.1	0	0

Table 47: Multiple birth by maternal age group, confinements 2014 and 2015 (% of mothers in each age group)

2014				
Maternal age	Sets of twins	% of all confinements in this age group	Sets of triplets	% of all confinements in this age group
Younger than 20 years	9	0.6	1	0.06
20–24 years	76	0.9	0	0.00
25–29 years	276	1.3	1	0.00
30–34 years	434	1.5	10	0.04
35–39 years	282	1.9	4	0.03
40–44 years	86	2.5	1	0.03
45 years or older	17	7.5	2	0.88

2015				
Maternal age	Sets of twins	% of all confinements in this age group	Sets of triplets	% of all confinements in this age group
Younger than 20 years	11	0.9	0	0.00
20–24 years	85	1.1	2	0.03
25–29 years	245	1.2	7	0.03
30–34 years	419	1.4	6	0.02
35–39 years	276	1.7	5	0.03
40–44 years	56	1.6	1	0.03
45 years or older	22	8.6	0	0.00

Table 48: Gestation by plurality, confinements 2014 and 2015

2014						
Gestation at birth (completed weeks)	Singletons	%	Sets of twins	%	Sets of triplets	%
20–27	376	0.5	60	5.1	4	21.1
28–31	421	0.6	103	8.7	6	31.6
32–36	4,243	5.6	572	48.4	9	47.4
37–41	70,619	92.5	445	37.7	0	0.0
42 +	719	0.9	1	0.1	0	0.0
Total	76,378	100.0	1,181	100.0	19	100.0

2015						
Gestation at birth (completed weeks)	Singletons	%	Sets of twins	%	Sets of triplets	%
20–27	350	0.5	45	4.0	3	14.3
28–31	439	0.6	71	6.4	7	33.3
32–36	4,376	5.7	571	51.3	11	52.4
37–41	71,072	92.8	427	38.3	0	0.0
42 +	380	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	76,617	100.0	1,114	100.0	21	100.0

Table 49: Method of birth for singleton and multiple births, confinements 2014 and 2015*

2014	Singleton pregnancy (n = 76,377)	Twin pregnancy (n = 1,181)	Triplet pregnancy (n = 19)
Method of birth	%	%	%
Unassisted vaginal birth	51.9	19.1	21.1
Vacuum	7.4	3.0	0.0
Forceps	7.8	7.5	0.0
Caesarean section – total	32.9	70.2	78.9
<i>planned</i>	16.9	42.0	36.8
<i>unplanned</i>	16.0	28.2	42.1
Not reported	0.0	0.2	0.0

2015	Singleton pregnancy (n = 76,617)	Twin pregnancy (n = 1114)	Triplet pregnancy (n = 21)
Method of birth	%	%	%
Unassisted vaginal birth	52.0	20.6	4.8
Vacuum	7.2	2.9	0.0
Forceps	7.9	5.7	4.8
Caesarean section – total	32.9	70.8	90.5
<i>planned</i>	17.1	41.7	52.4
<i>unplanned</i>	15.8	29.1	38.1
Not reported	0.0	0.0	0.0

*Method of birth for first born of a multiple birth.

Table 50: Trends in births and confinements to Aboriginal women, 1985 to 2015

Year	Births		Confinements	
	n	% of all births	n	% of all confinements
1985	323	0.5	321	0.5
1990	436	0.7	429	0.6
1995	423	0.7	417	0.7
2000	380	0.6	376	0.6
2001	419	0.7	414	0.7
2002	421	0.7	416	0.7
2003	372	0.6	364	0.6
2004	435	0.7	431	0.7
2005	534	0.8	525	0.8
2006	568	0.8	561	0.8
2007	698	1.0	688	1.0
2008	727	1.0	720	1.0
2009	835	1.2	825	1.2
2010	874	1.2	868	1.2
2011	932	1.3	912	1.3
2012	965	1.2	955	1.2
2013	1014	1.3	1000	1.3
2014	1037	1.3	1020	1.3
2015	1171	1.5	1156	1.5

Table 51: Maternal age by Aboriginal status, confinements 2014 and 2015

2014	Aboriginal		Non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Younger than 20 years	116	11.4	1,415	1.9	12	3.7
20–34 years	757	74.2	56,131	73.6	218	66.9
35 years or older	145	14.2	18,668	24.5	93	28.5
Not stated	2	0.2	17	0.0	3	0.9
Total	1,020	100.0	76,231	100.0	326	100.0

2015	Aboriginal		Non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Younger than 20 years	89	7.7	1,166	1.5	6	2.5
20–34 years	909	78.6	55,945	73.3	157	64.6
35 years or older	158	13.7	19,225	25.2	73	30.0
Not stated	0	0.0	17	0.0	7	2.9
Total	1,156	100.0	76,353	100.0	243	100.0

Table 52: Birthweight by maternal Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	20	1.9	1031	1.3	11	3.3
1,500–2,499 grams	106	10.2	4166	5.4	24	7.1
2,500–4,499 grams	900	86.8	70,914	91.6	288	85.7
4,500+ grams	11	1.1	1230	1.6	9	2.7
Unknown	0	0	69	0.1	4	1.2
Total	1037	100	77,410	100	336	100

2015	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	22	1.9	920	1.2	11	4.4
1,500–2,499 grams	112	9.6	4198	5.4	29	11.5
2,500–4,499 grams	1017	86.9	71,215	91.9	212	84.1
4,500+ grams	20	1.7	1151	1.5	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1171	100	77,484	100	252	100

Table 53: Birthweight by maternal and baby Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	21	1.4	854	1.1	187	23.3
1,500–2,499 grams	141	9.1	4064	5.3	91	11.34
2,500–4,499 grams	1369	88.0	70,230	91.9	503	62.7
4,500+ grams	23	1.5	1213	1.6	14	1.8
Unknown	1	0.1	65	0.1	7	0.9
Total	1555	100	76,426	100	802	100

2015	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	25	1.5	748	0.9	180	22.0
1,500–2,499 grams	146	8.6	4086	5.4	107	13.1
2,500–4,499 grams	1499	88.2	70,420	92.2	525	64.2
4,500+ grams	30	1.8	1135	1.5	6	0.7
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1700	100	76,389	100	818	100

Table 54: Proportion of women smoked at all during pregnancy by Aboriginal status, Victoria 2014 and 2015

2014	Aboriginal		Non Aboriginal		Not stated/ Inadequately described		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Reported smoking								
No smoking during pregnancy	567	55.6	65,198	85.5	256	78.5	66,021	85.1
Continued smoking during pregnancy	412	40.4	7,390	9.7	45	13.8	7,847	10.1
Not known	41	4.0	3,643	4.8	25	7.7	3,709	4.8
Total	1,020	100.0	76,231	100.0	326	100.0	77,577	100.0

2015	Aboriginal		Non Aboriginal		Not stated/ Inadequately described		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Reported smoking								
No smoking during pregnancy	661	57.2	65,905	86.3	193	79.4	66,759	85.9
Continued smoking during pregnancy	457	39.5	6,910	9.1	28	11.5	7,395	9.5
Not known	38	3.3	3,538	4.6	22	9.1	3,598	4.6
Total	1,156	100.0	76,353	100.0	243	100.0	77,752	100.0

Table 55: Maternal Body Mass Index by Aboriginal status, confinements 2014 and 2015

2014 BMI	Aboriginal		Non Aboriginal		Not stated/ inadequately described		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 18.5	40	3.9	2,317	3.0	13	4.0	2,370	3.1
18.5 to < 25	345	33.8	36,251	47.6	114	35.0	36,710	47.3
25 to < 30	235	23.0	18,344	24.1	78	23.9	18,657	24.0
30 to < 35	163	16.0	8,227	10.8	35	10.7	8,425	10.9
35 to < 40	70	6.9	3,306	4.3	12	3.7	3,388	4.4
40 to < 50	53	5.2	1,769	2.3	12	3.7	1,834	2.4
50 to < 60	4	0.4	190	0.2	2	0.6	196	0.3
≥ 60	0	0.0	24	0.0	2	0.6	26	0.0
Unknown	110	10.8	5,803	7.6	58	17.8	5,971	7.7
Total	1,020	100.0	76,231	100	326	100.0	77,577	100

2015 BMI	Aboriginal		Non Aboriginal		Not stated/ inadequately described		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 18.5	38	3.3	2,347	3.1	3	1.2	2,388	3.1
18.5 to < 25	462	40.0	38,916	51.0	104	42.8	39,482	50.8
25 to < 30	270	23.4	19,530	25.6	47	19.3	19,847	25.5
30 to < 35	167	14.4	8,448	11.1	35	14.4	8,650	11.1
35 to < 40	103	8.9	3,475	4.6	11	4.5	3,589	4.6
40 to < 50	65	5.6	1,987	2.6	8	3.3	2,060	2.6
50 to < 60	11	1.0	217	0.3	1	0.4	229	0.3
≥ 60	1	0.1	33	0.0	1	0.4	35	0.0
Unknown	39	3.4	0	1.8	33	13.6	1,472	1.9
Total	1,156	100	74,953	100	243	100	77,752	100

Table 56: Birthweight by maternal Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	20	1.9	1,031	1.3	11	3.3
1,500–2,499 grams	106	10.2	4,166	5.4	24	7.1
2,500–4,499 grams	900	86.8	70,914	91.6	288	85.7
4,500+ grams	11	1.1	1,230	1.6	9	2.7
Unknown	0	0.0	69	0.1	4	1.2
Total	1,037	100.0	77,410	100.0	336	100.0

2015	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	22	1.9	920	1.2	11	4.4
1,500–2,499 grams	112	9.6	4,198	5.4	29	11.5
2,500–4,499 grams	1,017	86.8	71,215	91.9	212	84.1
4,500+ grams	20	1.7	1,151	1.5	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	1,171	100.0	77,484	100.0	252	100.0

Table 57: Birthweight by maternal and baby Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	21	1.4	854	1.1	187	23.3
1,500–2,499 grams	141	9.1	4064	5.3	91	11.3
2,500–4,499 grams	1369	88.0	70,230	91.9	503	62.7
4,500+ grams	23	1.5	1213	1.6	14	1.7
Unknown	1	0.1	65	0.1	7	0.9
Total	1555	100.0	76,426	100.0	802	100.0

2015	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
< 1,500 grams	25	1.5	748	1.0	180	22.0
1,500–2,499 grams	146	8.6	4086	5.3	107	13.1
2,500–4,499 grams	1499	88.2	70,420	92.2	525	64.2
4,500+ grams	30	1.8	1135	1.5	6	0.7
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	1700	100.0	76,389	100.0	818	100.0

Table 58: Gestation by maternal Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
20–27 weeks	7	0.7	496	0.6	5	1.5
28–31 weeks	15	1.4	629	0.8	5	1.5
32–36 weeks	117	11.3	5,260	6.8	24	7.1
37–41 weeks	890	85.8	70,322	90.8	292	86.9
42 weeks +	8	0.8	703	0.9	10	3.0
Total	1,037	100.0	77,410	100.0	336	100.0

2015	Mother Aboriginal		Mother non-Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
20–27 weeks	14	1.2	429	0.6	6	2.4
28–31 weeks	9	0.8	585	0.8	8	3.2
32–36 weeks	130	11.1	5,388	7.0	33	13.1
37–41 weeks	1,014	86.6	70,707	91.3	204	81.0
42 weeks +	4	0.3	375	0.5	1	0.4
Total	1,171	100.0	77,484	100.0	252	100.0

Table 59: Gestation by maternal and/or baby Aboriginal status, births 2014 and 2015

2014 Gestation	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
20–27 weeks	8	0.5	361	0.5	139	17.3
28–31 weeks	14	0.9	585	0.8	50	6.2
32–36 weeks	162	10.4	5,124	6.7	115	14.3
37–41 weeks	1,360	87.5	69,660	91.1	484	60.3
42 weeks +	11	0.7	696	0.9	14	1.7
Total	1,555	100.0	76,426	100.0	802	100.0

2015 Gestation	Mother and/or baby Aboriginal		Neither mother nor baby Aboriginal		Unknown	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
20–27 weeks	15	0.9	299	0.4	135	16.5
28–31 weeks	11	0.6	544	0.7	47	5.7
32–36 weeks	156	9.2	5,265	6.9	130	15.9
37–41 weeks	1,513	89.0	69,907	91.5	505	61.7
42 weeks +	5	0.3	374	0.5	1	0.1
Total	1,700	100.0	76,389	100.0	818	100.0