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Perinatal mortality (number and rates) and components, Canada, provinces and territories
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Yukon, place of residence ²	Perinatal deaths ⁵	Number of deaths	6	3	6	2	4	2	4	3	5	3	2	4	2	4	
		Mortality rate per 1,000 total births	10.5	5.6	11.7	4.5	8.5	4.5	8.4	7.6	12.9	8.0	5.8	11.7	6.0	10.9	
	Late fetal deaths ³	Number of deaths	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	1	4	3	1	2	0	1	
	Early neonatal deaths ² ⁴	Number of deaths	5	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	
Northwest Territories including Nunavut, place of residence ² (Terminated)	Perinatal deaths ⁵	Number of deaths	20 ^(T)	13 ^(T)	12 ^(T)	21 ^(T)	13 ^(T)	12 ^(T)	15 ^(T)	13 ^(T)	19 ^(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	
		Mortality rate per 1,000 total births	12.2 ^(T)	8.3 ^(T)	7.7 ^(T)	13.2 ^(T)	8.0 ^(T)	7.6 ^(T)	10.2 ^(T)	9.6 ^(T)	13.5 ^(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)
	Late fetal deaths ³	Number of deaths	11 ^(T)	5 ^(T)	6 ^(T)	13 ^(T)	8 ^(T)	8 ^(T)	9 ^(T)	8 ^(T)	10 ^(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)
	Early neonatal deaths ² ⁴	Number of deaths	9 ^(T)	8 ^(T)	6 ^(T)	8 ^(T)	5 ^(T)	4 ^(T)	6 ^(T)	5 ^(T)	9 ^(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)	(T)
Northwest Territories, place of residence ² ¹⁴	Perinatal deaths ⁵	Number of deaths									9	9	4	8	6	2	
		Mortality rate per 1,000 total births										13.6	13.3	6.5	12.5	8.5	2.9
	Late fetal deaths ³	Number of deaths									4	4	3	3	3	2	
	Early neonatal deaths ² ⁴	Number of deaths									5	5	1	5	3	0	
Nunavut, place of residence ²	Perinatal deaths ⁵	Number of deaths									10	3	8	8	7	9	
		Mortality rate per 1,000 total births										13.5	4.1	11.2	10.9	9.2	12.0
	Late fetal deaths ³	Number of deaths									6	2	5	7	4	2	
	Early neonatal deaths ² ⁴	Number of deaths									4	1	3	1	3	7	

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Symbol legend:

(T) Series is terminated

Footnotes:

1. Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth, Death and Stillbirth Databases
2. Death refers to the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after a live birth has taken place. Stillbirths are excluded.
3. Late fetal death refers to a stillbirth of 28 or more weeks of gestation, excluding unknown gestational age.
4. Early neonatal death is the death of a child under one week of age (0 to 6 days).
5. Perinatal death is the death of a child under one week of age (0 to 6 days) or a stillbirth of 28 or more weeks of gestation.
6. Perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths during a given year per 1,000 total births (live births plus late fetal deaths) in the same year.
7. Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception which, regardless of the duration of pregnancy, subsequently breathes or shows any other evidence of life.
8. Stillbirth corresponds to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, which did not at any time after birth breathe or show any other sign of life.
9. Most provinces and the three territories require a stillbirth with a gestational age of 20 weeks or more or a birth weight of at least 500 grams to be registered. In Quebec (as well as in Saskatchewan prior to 2001 and in New Brunswick prior to November 1996), only fetal deaths (stillbirths) weighing 500 or more grams must be reported, regardless of the gestational period. Until 1997, only stillbirths with gestational periods of 20 weeks or more were required to be registered in Prince Edward Island, regardless of birth weight.
10. Stillbirth data are tabulated according to the mother's usual place of residence.
11. Mortality rates for late fetal deaths and early neonatal deaths are not calculated; however, these two components are used in the calculation of mortality rates for perinatal deaths.
12. The geographic distribution of deaths in this table is based on the deceased's usual place of residence.
13. Nunavut and the Northwest Territories (excluding Nunavut) came into existence on April 1, 1999. Data for these two territories are shown combined and separated for 1999 and separated from 2000 on. Historical data prior to 1999 are shown for the two territories combined as the "Northwest Territories including Nunavut" series; it was terminated in 1999. The vital statistics data that pertain to these territories for 1999 were previously published on the basis of the legal definition of each territory, as per the date of the event. Vital events for Nunavut that occurred before April 1, 1999 were tabulated with those of the Northwest Territories; only those events that occurred from April 1, 1999 on were tabulated separately. See the paper versions of the following publications for data year 1999: catalogue numbers 84F0001XPB, 84F0210XPB, 84F0211XPB, 84F0208XPB and 84F0209XPB.
14. Northwest Territories excluding Nunavut.
15. The following standard symbols are used in this Statistics Canada table: (..) for figures not available for a specific reference period, (...) for figures not applicable and (x) for figures suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.
16. The category "Unknown province or territory" refers to deaths of residents of Canada with province or territory of residence unknown. Starting with the 2010 data year, province or territory of residence is imputed where unknown.
18. During the production of each year's birth/death/stillbirth statistics, data from previous years may be revised to reflect any updates or changes that have been received from the provincial and territorial vital statistics registrars.

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