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Mean and median birth weight (live births), by sex, Canada, provinces and territories annual

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Geography, place of residence of mother ⁶	Sex	Characteristics ^{3, 9}	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Yukon, place of residence of mother	Both sexes	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,509	3,517	3,534	3,479	3,468	3,426	3,454	3,428	3,483	3,383	3,433	3,469	3,428	3,463
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,544	3,555	3,570	3,544	3,526	3,429	3,481	3,470	3,504	3,438	3,503	3,500	3,446	3,481
	Males	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,549	3,572	3,555	3,484	3,573	3,526	3,527	3,486	3,491	3,424	3,492	3,539	3,516	3,518
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,561	3,619	3,632	3,578	3,648	3,495	3,575	3,539	3,517	3,482	3,550	3,569	3,545	3,515
	Females	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,458	3,460	3,513	3,474	3,368	3,324	3,370	3,365	3,476	3,336	3,370	3,388	3,333	3,395
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,498	3,450	3,522	3,526	3,421	3,344	3,383	3,410	3,453	3,375	3,465	3,424	3,345	3,402
Northwest Territories, place of residence of mother ²	Both sexes	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,545	3,552	3,520	3,510	3,513	3,516	3,500	3,556	3,521	3,533	3,534	3,516	3,514	3,494
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,600	3,555	3,572	3,544	3,570	3,530	3,510	3,544	3,544	3,572	3,544	3,544	3,544	3,544
	Males	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,598	3,643	3,576	3,543	3,536	3,537	3,537	3,604	3,562	3,593	3,550	3,560	3,561	3,570
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,684	3,629	3,666	3,600	3,629	3,600	3,566	3,572	3,629	3,657	3,572	3,602	3,571	3,590
	Females	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,490	3,461	3,474	3,477	3,489	3,493	3,460	3,506	3,480	3,466	3,517	3,470	3,469	3,413
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,515	3,471	3,483	3,487	3,544	3,487	3,444	3,515	3,487	3,487	3,530	3,489	3,515	3,475
Nunavut, place of residence of mother	Both sexes	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,385	3,329	3,384	3,369	3,374	3,334	3,369	3,371	3,348	3,329	3,339	3,341	3,339	3,309

Geography, place of residence of mother	Sex	Characteristics	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,416	3,418	3,410	3,402	3,402	3,375	3,410	3,400	3,410	3,345	3,371	3,390	3,402	3,360
	Males	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,431	3,370	3,416	3,448	3,365	3,369	3,431	3,449	3,387	3,340	3,409	3,380	3,354	3,320
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,464	3,470	3,498	3,459	3,436	3,412	3,458	3,460	3,504	3,366	3,448	3,450	3,430	3,378
	Females	Mean birth weight ⁴	3,329	3,286	3,349	3,287	3,384	3,301	3,290	3,294	3,302	3,318	3,274	3,296	3,324	3,298
		Median birth weight ⁵	3,345	3,367	3,373	3,370	3,390	3,347	3,333	3,344	3,355	3,334	3,316	3,345	3,337	3,345

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Footnotes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database
2. Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the 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.
3. Birth weight is the first weight of the newborn obtained immediately after birth, expressed in grams.
4. Mean birth weight is calculated for Canada, a province or a territory by summing the first weight of each newborn (obtained immediately after birth) and then dividing the sum by the total number of live births in that jurisdiction.
5. Median birth weight refers to the middle value birth weight when newborns' birth weight is ranked from lightest to heaviest. In the case of an even number of observations, the median is the arithmetic average of the two middle values.
6. The geographic distribution of live births in this table is based on the mother's usual place of residence.
7. Northwest Territories excluding Nunavut.
8. Unknown province or territory of residence of mother, refers to live births to mothers who are residents of Canada, with unknown province or territory of residence.
9. 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.
10. Nunavut and the Northwest Territories (excluding Nunavut) came into existence on April 1, 1999. Historical data for "Northwest Territories including Nunavut" prior to 2000 will be loaded in CANSIM eventually.
11. 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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