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Live births, by marital status of mother, Canada, provinces and territories

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Geography, place of residence of mother ⁴	Marital status of mother ^{2, 8}	Characteristics ²	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Yukon, place of residence of mother	Total, marital status of mother	Number of live births	320	364	355	373	383	382	431	435	396
		Percentage of live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Marital status of mother, single (never married)	Number of live births	158	179	167	164	186	75	59	55	201
		Percentage of live births	49.4	49.2	47.0	44.0	48.6	19.6	13.7	12.6	50.8
	Marital status of mother, married	Number of live births	159	184	185	187	77	170	208	212	188
		Percentage of live births	49.7	50.5	52.1	50.1	20.1	44.5	48.3	48.7	47.5
	Marital status of mother, widowed	Number of live births	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
		Percentage of live births	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
	Marital status of mother, divorced	Number of live births	0	1	0	9	6	4	9	0	6
		Percentage of live births	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.4	1.6	1.0	2.1	0.0	1.5
	Marital status of mother, separated	Number of live births	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0
		Percentage of live births	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
	Marital status of mother, not stated	Number of live births	3	0	3	12	111	132	152	167	0
		Percentage of live births	0.9	0.0	0.8	3.2	29.0	34.6	35.3	38.4	0.0
Northwest Territories, place of residence of mother ⁵	Total, marital status of mother	Number of live births	712	687	725	721	711	700	690	688	669
		Percentage of live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Marital status of mother, single (never married)	Number of live births	416	353	411	376	385	398	395	397	163

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. Marital status of mother refers to her legal conjugal status at the time of the birth. Persons in common-law relationships are assigned to their legal marital status category. A single person is one who has never been married, or a person whose marriage has been annulled and who has not remarried. A separated person is legally married but is not living with his or her spouse because the couple no longer wants to live together. A divorced person is one who has obtained a legal divorce and has not remarried. A married person is one who is legally married and not separated. A person whose spouse has died and who has not remarried is widowed.
4. The geographic distribution of live births in this table is based on the mother's usual place of residence.
5. Northwest Territories excluding Nunavut.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Partway through 2003, Alberta Registries amended their Registration of Birth form in such a way that Statistics Canada can no longer determine the legal marital status of those persons in common-law marriages.
9. Nunavut came into being officially as a Territory of Canada on April 1, 1999. Data for Nunavut and Northwest Territories are presented separately starting in the year 2000.
10. 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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