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Fetal deaths (20 weeks or more of gestation) and late fetal deaths (28 weeks or more of gestation), Canada, provinces and territories annual (number)

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Geography, place of residence of mother ⁴	Weeks of gestation ³	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Yukon, place of residence of mother	Gestation, 20 weeks or more (fetal deaths) ⁴	2	2	1	5	2	2	5	5	5
	Gestation, 28 weeks or more (late fetal deaths) ⁵	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	0
Northwest Territories, place of residence of mother ²	Gestation, 20 weeks or more (fetal deaths) ⁴	4	9	7	5	9	4	4	8	8
	Gestation, 28 weeks or more (late fetal deaths) ⁵	3	4	5	4	4	3	2	2	2
Nunavut, place of residence of mother	Gestation, 20 weeks or more (fetal deaths) ⁴	8	9	6	8	20	13	15	6	13
	Gestation, 28 weeks or more (late fetal deaths) ⁵	5	7	5	4	5	4	9	2	7

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Footnotes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Stillbirth Database
2. Fetal death (stillbirth) is death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy; the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the fetus 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. Only fetal deaths where the product of conception has a birth weight of 500 grams or more or the duration of pregnancy is 20 weeks or longer are registered in Canada.
3. Weeks of gestation refers to the interval, in completed weeks, between the first day of the mother's last menstrual period and the day of delivery (that is, the duration of the pregnancy). It can also be any estimate of that interval, based on ultrasound, a physical examination or other method. Canadian birth registration documents do not specify how the weeks of gestation are to be calculated.
4. Weeks of gestation, 20 weeks or more (fetal deaths) refers to a fetal death (stillbirth) with a duration of pregnancy of 20 weeks or more, or a birth weight of 500 grams or more. Fetal deaths with unknown weeks of gestation are included.
5. Weeks of gestation, 28 weeks or more (late fetal deaths) refers to a fetal death (stillbirth) with a duration of pregnancy of 28 weeks or more. Fetal deaths with unknown weeks of gestation are excluded.
6. Fetal death (stillbirth) data are tabulated according to the mother's usual place of residence.
7. Northwest Territories excluding Nunavut.
8. Unknown province or territory of residence of mother, refers to fetal deaths (stillbirths) 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 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.
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.
12. Prior to April 30, 2015, three forms - a medical certificate of stillbirth, a notice of livebirth or stillbirth and a statement of stillbirth - were required in order to register a stillbirth in Ontario. As of April 30, 2015, registration can occur in the absence of one or two of the forms, thus contributing to the increase observed between 2011 and 2012.

Source: Statistics Canada. *Table 102-4514 - Fetal deaths (20 weeks or more of gestation) and late fetal deaths (28 weeks or more of gestation), Canada, provinces and territories, annual (number)*, CANSIM (database). (accessed:)

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