

**Table 5**  
**Mean and median birth weight, by geography**

Place of residence of mother	Birth weight					
	Both sexes		Males		Females	
	Mean <sup>1</sup>	Median <sup>2</sup>	Mean <sup>1</sup>	Median <sup>2</sup>	Mean <sup>1</sup>	Median <sup>2</sup>
	grams					
<b>Canada</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>3,340</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	3,459	3,490	3,522	3,555	3,393	3,410
Prince Edward Island	3,450	3,487	3,508	3,550	3,396	3,430
Nova Scotia	3,423	3,459	3,482	3,515	3,361	3,402
New Brunswick	3,426	3,445	3,475	3,500	3,374	3,395
Quebec	3,355	3,380	3,414	3,450	3,293	3,315
Ontario	3,360	3,390	3,416	3,450	3,302	3,330
Manitoba	3,444	3,458	3,501	3,515	3,384	3,402
Saskatchewan	3,441	3,470	3,501	3,530	3,378	3,405
Alberta	3,348	3,382	3,405	3,446	3,289	3,320
British Columbia	3,391	3,419	3,444	3,475	3,334	3,360
Yukon	3,428	3,470	3,486	3,539	3,365	3,410
Northwest Territories	3,556	3,544	3,604	3,572	3,506	3,515
Nunavut	3,371	3,400	3,449	3,460	3,294	3,344
Unknown	2,799	2,799	0	0	2,799	2,799

1. 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.
2. 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.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables".

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database (CANSIM table 102-4510).