

Table 9-2
Live births, by characteristics of the mother and child, Canada — Weeks of gestation indicators

Characteristics of mother and child	Live births	Gestation		
		Less than 37 weeks	37 to 41 weeks	42 weeks or more
Age of mother, all ages ¹	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Under 20 years	15,280	8.0	90.9	1.0
20 to 34 years	286,194	7.4	92.0	0.6
35 to 49 years	66,340	9.2	90.2	0.5
Not stated ²	50	20.0	78.0	2.0
Total, parity of mother	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
First live birth	163,446	7.7	91.5	0.8
Second live birth	129,886	7.1	92.5	0.4
Third live birth or more	74,495	9.0	90.4	0.5
Not stated	37	5.4	59.5	0.0
Total, marital status of mother ³	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Married and/or separated	227,944	7.4	92.0	0.5
Not married	100,347	8.1	91.2	0.7
Not stated	39,573	9.1	90.3	0.6
Total, birthplace of mother	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Canada	268,158	7.9	91.5	0.6
Outside Canada	94,622	7.4	92.1	0.4
Not stated	5,084	9.3	90.2	0.4
Both sexes	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Males	188,337	8.1	91.2	0.6
Females	179,527	7.4	92.0	0.6
Total	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Single	356,305	6.2	93.1	0.6
Multiple	11,559	55.2	44.8	0.0
Total, birth weight	367,864	7.8	91.6	0.6
Less than 500 grams	336	98.8	1.2	0.0
500 to 1,499 grams	3,284	99.4	0.6	0.0
1,500 to 2,499 grams	18,481	65.4	34.5	0.0
2,500 to 4,499 grams	338,763	3.8	95.6	0.6
4,500 grams or more	6,887	0.7	96.8	2.4
Not stated	113	10.6	35.4	0.0

1. Age of mother attained at the last birthday preceding delivery.

2. For confidentiality reasons, live births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the category "Age of mother, not stated." Where information is unavailable on the birth mother of children who are adopted, these records are included in the category "Age of mother, not stated."

3. 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.

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

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database (CANSIM table 102-4513).