

Table 5
Mean and median birth weight, by geography

| Place of residence of mother | Birth weight | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | Both sexes | | Males | | Females | |
| | Mean ¹ | Median ² | Mean ¹ | Median ² | Mean ¹ | Median ² |
| grams | | | | | | |
| Canada | 3,374 | 3,402 | 3,429 | 3,460 | 3,316 | 3,343 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 3,446 | 3,480 | 3,517 | 3,555 | 3,372 | 3,410 |
| Prince Edward Island | 3,446 | 3,450 | 3,515 | 3,530 | 3,374 | 3,391 |
| Nova Scotia | 3,419 | 3,459 | 3,483 | 3,515 | 3,351 | 3,380 |
| New Brunswick | 3,427 | 3,445 | 3,478 | 3,495 | 3,374 | 3,400 |
| Quebec | 3,357 | 3,385 | 3,415 | 3,445 | 3,296 | 3,325 |
| Ontario | 3,361 | 3,390 | 3,414 | 3,449 | 3,305 | 3,330 |
| Manitoba | 3,452 | 3,487 | 3,511 | 3,543 | 3,391 | 3,413 |
| Saskatchewan | 3,442 | 3,465 | 3,490 | 3,520 | 3,393 | 3,418 |
| Alberta | 3,344 | 3,380 | 3,399 | 3,440 | 3,285 | 3,320 |
| British Columbia | 3,401 | 3,425 | 3,457 | 3,490 | 3,342 | 3,364 |
| Yukon | 3,483 | 3,504 | 3,491 | 3,517 | 3,476 | 3,453 |
| Northwest Territories | 3,521 | 3,544 | 3,562 | 3,629 | 3,480 | 3,487 |
| Nunavut | 3,348 | 3,410 | 3,387 | 3,504 | 3,302 | 3,355 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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".

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