

**Table 9-1**  
**Live births, by characteristics of the mother and child, Canada — Birth weight indicators**

Characteristics of mother and child	Live <sup>1</sup> births	Birth weight			
		Less than 1,500 grams	Less than 2,500 grams	2,500 to 4,499 grams	4,500 grams or more
		number	percent		
<b>Age of mother, all ages<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Under 20 years	15,704	1.2	6.5	91.6	1.8
20 to 34 years	293,540	0.9	5.7	92.4	1.8
35 to 49 years	68,580	1.3	7.0	90.9	2.1
Not stated <sup>3</sup>	62	6.5	17.7	82.3	0.0
<b>Total, parity of mother</b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
First live birth	166,610	1.1	6.3	92.1	1.5
Second live birth	133,148	0.9	5.4	92.6	2.0
Third live birth or more	78,117	1.1	6.4	91.1	2.5
Not stated	11	0.0	0.0	45.5	0.0
<b>Total, marital status of mother<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Married and/or separated	229,867	0.9	5.6	92.4	1.9
Not married	106,646	1.1	6.4	91.8	1.8
Not stated	41,373	1.4	7.0	90.8	2.1
<b>Total, birthplace of mother</b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Canada	275,718	1.0	5.8	92.0	2.2
Outside Canada	98,077	1.0	6.4	92.4	1.1
Not stated	4,091	1.8	6.5	92.5	1.0
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Males	193,755	1.0	5.6	91.9	2.4
Females	184,131	1.0	6.4	92.2	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Single	366,070	0.7	4.5	93.5	1.9
Multiple	11,816	9.3	52.0	47.9	0.0
<b>Total, weeks of gestation</b>	<b>377,886</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Less than 28 weeks	1,661	99.4	99.7	0.2	0.0
28 to 36 weeks	28,456	7.3	51.0	48.8	0.1
37 to 41 weeks	345,680	0.0	1.9	96.1	2.0
42 weeks or more	1,939	0.1	0.4	90.7	8.9
Not stated	150	10.0	10.0	15.3	1.3

1. Number of live births includes births with unknown birth weight.

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

3. 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."

4. 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 102-4511).