Childbirth Indicators by Place of Residence

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• Hospital Morbidity Database (HMDB), CIHI  
• Quebec data from 2006–2007 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ECHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB. |
| **Available statistics** | • Crude epidural rate for vaginal deliveries |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2001–2002 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada  
**Denominator**  
**ICD-9 delivery codes:**  
• Any diagnosis code of 640 to 676, with a fifth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or  
• 650 coded in any position or  
• V27 coded in any position  
• Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O20 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or  
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**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**  
**CCP epidural codes:**  
• Anesthetic Technique Code = 3 or  
• A procedure code of 16.91 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)  
**CCI epidural codes:**  
• Anesthetic Technique Code = 3 or  
• A procedure code of 5.LD.20.HA-P1 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) |
### Exclusions

- Stillbirth records or newborns
- Cadaveric donors
- Non-female records
- An abortive procedure:
  - **CCP:**
    - Procedure code of 86.3, 86.4, 87.0, 87.1 or 87.2 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0) or
    - Salpingectomy (partial) with removal of tubal pregnancy; removal of ectopic fetus from fallopian tube: a procedure code of 78.52 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)
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    - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded as most responsible diagnosis and Z37 coded as type (3) diagnosis
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    - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded in any diagnosis field
- Caesarean section:
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  - **CCI Caesarean section delivery codes:**
    - A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)

### Methodology

All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

Rate = (Number of vaginal deliveries where an epidural anesthetic was used) ÷ (Number of vaginal deliveries) × 100
Important notes

1. Data for this indicator was restricted to those provinces and territories that had fully implemented the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. The exception is Quebec, which maintained the ICD-9 and CCP coding classification system up to 2005–2006. As of 2006–2007, Quebec began to submit in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. As such, Quebec data prior to 2006–2007 may not be comparable with data from 2006–2007 onward. As of 2006–2007, all provinces and territories were submitting in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system; for this reason, Canadian rates are provided only from 2006–2007 onward.

2. Results are presented for a patient’s region of residence, rather than the location of the facility where hospitalization occurred. For P.E.I. and the territories, the entire province/territory is included as a region. Health regions in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta have changed over time. The Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF/PCCF+) was used to assign patients to their region of residence. As of 2015–2016, the national results include non-residents of Canada.

3. In order to provide a more stable rate estimate, only data from regions with a population of at least 75,000 (from 2001–2002 to 2005–2006) or 50,000 (from 2006–2007 to 2014–2015) was reported. Additional indications for suppression were rate instability and under-reporting. As of 2015–2016, regions are not suppressed based on population; instead, the following suppression methodology is used:
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5. Data from Region 6 in New Brunswick in 2004–2005 was suppressed due to incomplete data submission. Data from this region was excluded from the provincial rate. Data from Peace Country in Alberta in 2006–2007 and 2008–2009 was also suppressed due to incomplete data submission.

6. Data from 2005–2006 in Alberta and data from 2006–2007 in Newfoundland and Labrador was suppressed due to under-reporting of epidural use. Data from Chinook region in Alberta between 2001–2002 and 2005–2006 was also suppressed for this reason.


8. Results are shown as NA where there are no eligible records available for indicator calculation (e.g., denominator is zero).
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| **Available statistics** | Crude epidural rate for all deliveries |
- National  
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- Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada |

**Denominator**

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| **Available statistics** | Crude assisted delivery rate (overall) among vaginal deliveries |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2001–2002 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada |

### Denominator

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- Z37 coded in any position

### Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)

**CCP assisted delivery codes:**
- Procedure code of 84.0, 84.1, 84.2, 84.3 or 84.7 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)

**CCI assisted delivery codes:**
- Any procedure code of 5.MD.53.KL, 5.MD.53.KK, 5.MD.53.KN, 5.MD.53.KM, 5.MD.53.KJ, 5.MD.53.KH, 5.MD.53.KS or 5.MD.53.KP coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) or
- A procedure code of 5.MD.54 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) or
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## Exclusions
- Stillbirth records or newborns
- Cadaveric donors
- Non-female records
- An abortive procedure:
  **CCP:**
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  - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded in any diagnosis field
- Caesarean section:
  **CCP Caesarean section delivery codes:**
  - Any procedure code of 86.0 to 86.2, 86.8 or 86.9 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)
  **CCI Caesarean section delivery codes:**
  - A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)

## Methodology
All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

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\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of vaginal deliveries assisted by means of forceps extraction, vacuum extraction or a combination of the 2)}}{\text{Number of vaginal deliveries}} \times 100
\]
Important notes

1. Data for this indicator was restricted to those provinces and territories that had fully implemented the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. The exception is Quebec, which maintained the ICD-9 and CCP coding classification system up to 2005–2006. As of 2006–2007, Quebec began to submit in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. As such, Quebec data prior to 2006–2007 may not be comparable with data from 2006–2007 onward. As of 2006–2007, all provinces and territories were submitting in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system; for this reason, Canadian rates are provided only from 2006–2007 onward.

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• Hospital Morbidity Database (HMDB), CIHI  
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| **Available statistics** | Crude assisted delivery rate (vacuum extraction) among vaginal deliveries |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2001–2002 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada |

**Denominator**

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- Z37 coded in any position

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- Z37 coded in any position

**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**

**CCP vacuum extraction codes:**
- A procedure code of 84.7 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8)  
or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)

**CCI vacuum extraction codes:**
- A procedure code of 5.MD.54 coded in any position that was not abandoned  
(Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)
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Rate = (Number of vaginal deliveries assisted by means of vacuum extraction only) ÷ (Number of vaginal deliveries) × 100

### Important notes

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**Denominator**

**ICD-9 delivery codes:**
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- 650 coded in any position or
- V27 coded in any position

- Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O20 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or
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**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**

**CCP forceps extraction codes:**
- Procedure code of 84.0, 84.1, 84.2 or 84.3 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)

**CCI forceps extraction codes:**
- Any procedure code of 5.MD.53.KL, 5.MD.53.KK, 5.MD.53.KN, 5.MD.53.KM, 5.MD.53.KJ, 5.MD.53.KH, 5.MD.53.KS or 5.MD.53.KP coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)
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Exclusions

- Stillbirth records or newborns
- Cadaveric donors
- Non-female records
- An abortive procedure:
  
  **CCP:**
  - Procedure code of 86.3, 86.4, 87.0, 87.1 or 87.2 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0) or
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**Denominator**

- Caesarean section:
  
  **CCP Caesarean section delivery codes:**
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  **CCI Caesarean section delivery codes:**
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**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**

- Vaginal deliveries assisted by means of vacuum technique or vacuum and forceps technique:
  
  **CCP codes:**
  - Vacuum technique: A procedure code of 84.7 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)

  **CCI codes:**
  - Vacuum technique: A procedure code of 5.MD.54 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) or
  - Vacuum and forceps technique: A procedure code of 5.MD.55 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)
## Methodology

All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

\[
\text{Rate} = \frac{(\text{Number of vaginal deliveries assisted by means of forceps extraction only})}{(\text{Number of vaginal deliveries})} \times 100
\]

## Important notes

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Exclusions
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Methodology
All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria
Rate = (Number of Caesarean section deliveries) ÷ (Number of deliveries) × 100

Important notes
1. Data for this indicator was restricted to those provinces and territories that had fully implemented
   the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. The exception is Quebec, which maintained
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3. In order to provide a more stable rate estimate, only data from regions with a population of at least
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   has therefore been suppressed.
5. Data from Region 6 in New Brunswick in 2004–2005 was suppressed due to incomplete data
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6. Data on the Total Caesarean Section Rate from 2006–2007 to 2012–2013 is available in the
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Name of report: Primary Caesarean Section Rate

Data sources:
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Available statistics:
- Crude primary Caesarean section rate

Available breakdowns:
- National
- Provincial
- Regional

Inclusions:
- Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada

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- Previous, repeat or undefined Caesarean section:
  - **ICD-9 previous Caesarean section delivery codes:**
    - A diagnosis code of 654.2 coded in any position
    - Any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 or O75.701 coded in any position
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### Methodology

All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

\[
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1. Changes in version 2009 of the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system have resulted in changes to the methodology for deriving the Primary and Repeat Caesarean Section rates. As such, data from prior fiscal years, which used ICD-9/CCP and ICD-10/CCI versions 2001, 2003 and 2006, may not be comparable with data from 2009–2010 onward.

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  **Undefined Caesarean sections (new as of 2011–2012 indicators):**
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## Methodology
All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

Rate = (Number of primary Caesarean section deliveries) ÷ (Number of deliveries without a previous Caesarean section, age <35 years) × 100
### Important notes

1. Changes in version 2009 of the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system have resulted in changes to the methodology for deriving the Primary and Repeat Caesarean Section rates. As such, data from prior fiscal years, which used ICD-9/CCP and ICD-10/CCI versions 2001, 2003 and 2006, may not be comparable with data from 2009–2010 onward.

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| **Data sources** | - Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), CIHI  
- Hospital Morbidity Database (HMDB), CIHI  
- Quebec data from 2006–2007 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ÉCHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB. |
| **Available statistics** | - Crude primary Caesarean section rate (age ≥35 years) |
- National  
- Provincial  
- Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada  
**Denominator**  
- Patient Age ≥35 years  
**ICD-9 delivery codes:**  
  - Any diagnosis code of 640 to 676, with a fifth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position **or**  
  - 650 coded in any position **or**  
  - V27 coded in any position  
  - Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O20 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position **or**  
  - Z37 coded in any position  
  - Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O21 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position **or**  
  - Z37 coded in any position  
**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**  
**CCP Caesarean section delivery codes:**  
  - Any procedure code of 86.0 to 86.2, 86.8 or 86.9 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)  
**CCI Caesarean section delivery codes:**  
  - A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) |
### Exclusions

- Stillbirth records or newborns
- Cadaveric donors
- Non-female records
- An abortive procedure:
  - **CCP:**
    - Procedure code of 86.3, 86.4, 87.0, 87.1 or 87.2 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0) or
    - Salpingectomy (partial) with removal of tubal pregnancy; removal of ectopic fetus from fallopian tube: a procedure code of 78.52 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)
    - Procedure code of 5.CA.88, 5.CA.89, 5.CA.90 or 5.CA.93 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)
    - Procedure code of 5.CA.88, 5.CA.89 or 5.CA.93 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) or
    - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded as most responsible diagnosis and Z37 coded as type (3) diagnosis
    - Any procedure code of 5.CA.20, 5.CA.24, 5.CA.88, 5.CA.89 or 5.CA.93 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y) or
    - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded in any diagnosis field
- Previous, repeat or undefined Caesarean section:
  - **ICD-9 previous Caesarean section codes:**
    - A diagnosis code of 654.2 coded in any position
    - Any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 and O75.701 coded in any position
  - **ICD-10-CA and CCI previous or repeat Caesarean section delivery codes (2009, 2012 and 2015 versions used for 2009–2010 to 2017–2018 indicators):**
    - Any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 or O75.701 coded in any position or
    - A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position that was coded as a repeat (Status Attribute = N4 or N6)
  - **Undefined Caesarean sections (new as of 2011–2012 indicators):**
    - Procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position coded with a Status Attribute of “unknown” (Status Attribute = Z) and without any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 or O75.701 coded in any position

### Methodology

All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria

Rate = (Number of primary Caesarean section deliveries) ÷ (Number of deliveries without a previous Caesarean section, age ≥35 years) × 100
Important notes

1. Changes in version 2009 of the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system have resulted in changes to the methodology for deriving the Primary and Repeat Caesarean Section rates. As such, data from prior fiscal years, which used ICD-9/CCP and ICD-10/CCI versions 2001, 2003 and 2006, may not be comparable with data from 2009–2010 onward.

2. Data for this indicator was restricted to those provinces and territories that had fully implemented the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. The exception is Quebec, which maintained the ICD-9 and CCP coding classification system up to 2005–2006. As of 2006–2007, Quebec began to submit in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. As such, Quebec data prior to 2006–2007 may not be comparable with data from 2006–2007 onward. As of 2006–2007, all provinces and territories were submitting in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system; for this reason, Canadian rates are provided only from 2006–2007 onward.

3. Results are presented for a patient’s region of residence, rather than the location of the facility where hospitalization occurred. For P.E.I. and the territories, the entire province/territory is included as a region. Health regions in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta have changed over time. The Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF/PCCF+) was used to assign patients to their region of residence. As of 2015–2016, the national results include non-residents of Canada.

4. In order to provide a more stable rate estimate, only data from regions with a population of at least 75,000 (from 2001–2002 to 2005–2006) or 50,000 (from 2006–2007 to 2014–2015) was reported. Additional indications for suppression were rate instability and under-reporting. As of 2015–2016, regions are not suppressed based on population; instead, the following suppression methodology is used:
   a. Suppression due to privacy: To ensure privacy, a suppression rule is applied to all clinical indicator results. Numerators and/or denominators between 1 and 4 are suppressed.
   b. Suppression due to unstable results: Unstable indicator results are suppressed. In general, these are indicator results with a denominator between 1 and 49.


6. Data from Region 6 in New Brunswick in 2004–2005 was suppressed due to incomplete data submission. Data from this region was excluded from the provincial rate. Data from Peace Country in Alberta in 2006–2007 and 2008–2009 was also suppressed due to incomplete data submission.


8. Results are shown as NA where there are no eligible records available for indicator calculation (e.g., denominator is zero).
### Name of report

**Repeat Caesarean Section Rate**

### Data sources
- Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), CIHI
- Hospital Morbidity Database (HMDB), CIHI
- Quebec data from 2006–2007 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ÉCHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB.

### Available statistics
- Crude repeat Caesarean section rate

### Available breakdowns
- National
- Provincial
- Regional

### Inclusions
- Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada

**Denominator**

**ICD-9:**
- Delivery codes:
  - Any diagnosis code of 640 to 676, with a fifth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or
  - 650 coded in any position or
  - V27 coded in any position

  and

  Previous Caesarean section delivery codes:
  - A diagnosis code of 654.2 coded in any position

- Delivery codes:
  - Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O20 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or
  - Z37 coded in any position

  and

  Previous Caesarean section delivery codes:
  - Any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 or O75.701 coded in any position

- Delivery codes:
  - Any diagnosis code of O10 to O16, O21 to O29, O30 to O46, O48, O60 to O75, O85 to O92, O95 or O98 to O99, with a sixth digit of 1 or 2 coded in any position or
  - Z37 coded in any position

  and

  Previous or repeat Caesarean section delivery codes:
  - Any diagnosis code of O34.201, O66.401 or O75.701 coded in any position

  or

  As of 2009 version: A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position with Status Attribute N4, N6 or Z (Unknown)
### Inclusions (continued)

**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**

**CCP Caesarean section delivery codes:**
- Any procedure code of 86.0 to 86.2, 86.8 or 86.9 coded in any position that was not cancelled (Intervention Suffix = 8) or a previous procedure (Intervention Suffix = 9) or done out of hospital (Intervention Suffix = 0)

**CCI Caesarean section delivery codes:**
- A procedure code of 5.MD.60 coded in any position that was not abandoned (Status Attribute = A) or done out of hospital (Out-of-Hospital = Y)

### Exclusions

- Stillbirth records or newborns
- Cadaveric donors
- Non-female records
- An abortive procedure:
  - CCP:
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    - An ICD-10-CA diagnosis code of O04 coded in any diagnosis field

### Methodology

All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria.

Rate = (Number of repeat Caesarean section deliveries) ÷ (Number of deliveries with a previous Caesarean section) × 100
### Important notes

1. Changes in version 2009 of the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system have resulted in changes to the methodology for deriving the Primary and Repeat Caesarean Section rates. As such, data from prior fiscal years, which used ICD-9/CCP and ICD-10/CCI versions 2001, 2003 and 2006, may not be comparable with data from 2009–2010 onward.

2. Data for this indicator was restricted to those provinces and territories that had fully implemented the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. The exception is Quebec, which maintained the ICD-9 and CCP coding classification system up to 2005–2006. As of 2006–2007, Quebec began to submit in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system. As such, Quebec data prior to 2006–2007 may not be comparable with data from 2006–2007 onward. As of 2006–2007, all provinces and territories were submitting in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system; for this reason, Canadian rates are provided only from 2006–2007 onward.

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8. Results are shown as NA where there are no eligible records available for indicator calculation (e.g., denominator is zero).
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• Hospital Morbidity Database (HMDB), CIHI  
• Quebec data from 2006–2007 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ÉCHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB. |
| **Available statistics** | Crude low birth weight rate (<2,500 grams) |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2001–2002 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada  
*Denominator*  
• Any diagnosis code of Z38.0, Z38.3 or Z38.6 coded in any position  
*Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)*  
• Weight <2,500 grams |
| **Exclusions** | • Non-newborn records  
• Cadaveric donors  
• Invalid birth weight (Weight = blank, 0000, 0001 or ZZZZ)  
− Any diagnosis code of P96.4, Z38.1, Z38.2, Z38.4, Z38.5, Z38.7 or Z38.8 coded in any diagnosis field |
| **Methodology** | All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria  
Rate = (Number of live newborns with a birth weight less than 2,500 grams) ÷ (Number of live newborns with a valid birth weight) × 100 |
**Important notes**

1. As of 2006–2007, all provinces and territories were submitting in the ICD-10-CA and CCI coding classification system; for this reason, Canadian rates are provided only from 2006–2007 onward.

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## Important notes

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• Quebec data from 2007–2008 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ÉCHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB. |
| **Available statistics** | Crude preterm birth rate (<37 weeks gestation) |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2007–2008 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada  
*Denominator*  
• Any diagnosis code of Z38.0, Z38.3 or Z38.6 coded in any position  
*Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)*  
• Delivery Gestational Age <37 weeks |
| **Exclusions** | • Non-newborn records  
• Cadaveric donors  
• Invalid birth weight (Weight = blank, 0000, 0001 or ZZZZ)  
• Invalid gestational age (Delivery Gestational Age = blank, 99 or ZZ)  
– Any diagnosis code of P96.4, Z38.1, Z38.2, Z38.4, Z38.5, Z38.7 or Z38.8 coded in any diagnosis field |
| **Methodology** | All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria  
Rate = (Number of live newborns with a gestational age of less than 37 weeks) ÷ (Number of live newborns with a valid gestational age) × 100 |
### Important notes

1. The Preterm Birth Rate indicator is new in Quick Stats as of 2009–2010 and was retrospectively updated for 2007–2008 and 2008–2009. Data for prior fiscal years is unavailable.

2. Results are presented for a patient's region of residence, rather than the location of the facility where hospitalization occurred. For P.E.I. and the territories, the entire province/territory is included as a region. Health regions in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta have changed over time. The Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF/PCCF+) was used to assign patients to their region of residence. As of 2015–2016, the national results include non-residents of Canada.

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4. 2016–2017 data for Nunavut is incomplete and has therefore been suppressed.

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• Quebec data from 2007–2008 to 2009–2010 was sourced from the Fichier des hospitalisations MED-ÉCHO, ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. As of 2010–2011, Quebec data was sourced from the HMDB. |
| **Available statistics** | Crude SGA rate |
| **Available breakdowns** | • Discharge fiscal year (2007–2008 to 2017–2018)  
• National  
• Provincial  
• Regional |
| **Inclusions** | Discharges from acute care institutions in Canada  

**Denominator**  
• A diagnosis code of Z38.0 coded in any position  

**Numerator (is a subset of the denominator)**  
• Weight <10th percentile for gestational age and gender category (refer to standard percentile charts by Kramer et al., 2001; see Important Note 1) |
| **Exclusions** | • Non-newborn records  
• Cadaveric donors  
• Invalid birth weight (Weight = blank, 0000, 0001 or ZZZZ)  
• Invalid or out-of-range gestational age (Delivery Gestational Age = blank or ZZ or <22 weeks or >43 weeks)  
• Gender Code ≠ F or M  

− Any newborn record (Entry Code = N with a Z38 diagnosis code) where 2 or more newborn records are born to the same mother (duplicate Maternal Newborn Chart Number) within 40 days of one another (based on Admission Date) in the same institution (Institution Number) or  
− Any ICD-10-CA multiple birth diagnosis code of Z38.3, Z38.4, Z38.5, Z38.6, Z38.7 or Z38.8 coded in any diagnosis field  

• Any diagnosis code of P96.4, Z38.1 or Z38.2 coded in any diagnosis field |
| **Methodology** | All records meeting the above inclusion/exclusion criteria  
Rate = (Number of live singleton newborns classified as SGA at birth) ÷ (Number of live singleton newborns with a valid birth weight, gestational age and gender) × 100 |

2. The Small-for-Gestational-Age Rate indicator is new in Quick Stats as of 2009–2010 and was retrospectively updated for 2007–2008 and 2008–2009. Data for prior fiscal years is unavailable.

3. Results are presented for a patient’s region of residence, rather than the location of the facility where hospitalization occurred. For P.E.I. and the territories, the entire province/territory is included as a region. Health regions in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta have changed over time. The Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF/PCCF+) was used to assign patients to their region of residence. As of 2015–2016, the national results include non-residents of Canada.

4. In order to provide a more stable rate estimate, only data from regions with a population of at least 50,000 (from 2007–2008 to 2014–2015) was reported. Additional indications for suppression were rate instability and under-reporting. As of 2015–2016, regions are not suppressed based on population; instead, the following suppression methodology is used:
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**Contact details**

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