

Table III-1: Proportion of Low Birth Weight Babies for Vital Signs by Health Regions¹, per cent, 1997, 2001, and 2001-2002 to 2005-2006

	1997	2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Canada²	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1
New Brunswick	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.6	6.3
Saint John (1302 N.B. Health Region 2)	6.1	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.7
Fredericton (1303 N.B. Health Region 3)	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.8	6.5
Quebec	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.7
Montreal ³	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.7
2406 Montreal	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0
2413 Laval	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.6
2416 Monteregie	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.2
Ontario	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3
Ottawa (3511 Champlain Health) ⁴	6.0	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9
Sudbury (3514 North West) ⁵	6.1	5.7	3.8	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.6
Toronto ⁶	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.6
3505 Central West	n.a	n.a	6.9	6.8	7.9	7.3	7.4
3506 Mississauga Halton	n.a	n.a	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2
3507 Toronto Central	n.a	n.a	6.2	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.5
3508 Central	n.a	n.a	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.7
Guelph (3503 Waterloo Wellington)	4.9	5.1	5.4	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.7
Kitchener (3503 Waterloo Wellington)	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.7
London							
3544 Middlesex-London	5.9	5.8	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
3502 South West	n.a	n.a	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.4
Oakville							
3506 Mississauga Halton	n.a	n.a	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.4
Saskatoon (4706 Saskatoon)	5.5	5.5	6.3	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.1
Alberta	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.9
Calgary (4822 Calgary)	6.8	6.9	6.7	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.8
Lethbridge (4820 Chihook)	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.9
Medicine Hat (4821 Palliser)	5.5	5.8	6.5	7.0	6.0	4.5	6.1
Red Deer (4823 David Thompson)	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.8	6.7
British Columbia	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.8
Vancouver ³	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.0
5921 Fraser East	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.3	4.9	5.5	5.0
5922 Fraser North	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.7
5923 Fraser South	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.7	6.7
5931 Richmond	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.8	6.2	5.4	5.2
5932 Vancouver	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.3
Victoria (5941 South Vancouver Island)	4.7	5.1	5.2	6.5	5.2	5.6	5.7

Source: 1997 and 2001 data are from Statistics Canada, Vital Statistics- Birth Database. Table 102-4203. Cansim series: v21525794, v21526154, v21526190, v21526208, v21526298, v21526406, v21526532, v21526946, v21527324, v21527486, v21527540, v21527558, v21527594, v21527612, v21527828, v21527936, v21528044, v21528062, v21528080, v21528098, v21528116, v21528224, v21528368, v21528386, v21528422, v21527090, v21527360, v21528314, v21528332, v21528350, v21526586.

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Note: 1997 and 2001 data from Statistics Canada are for a Calendar year.

Note: Low birth weight babies are babies less than 2,500 grams. CIHI data for 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 are for the fiscal years defined as April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Note: Oakville is under the Mississauga Halton Health Region.

1) Health Region Boundaries changed in 2005, data from 2001-2002 to 2004-2005 are revised data for the current boundaries.

2) Rates for Canada are found using population weighted averages for the provinces in the last quarter of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

3) Rates for Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver use population weighted averages of the rates for the health regions in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005. Cansim Table 109-5315

4) Data for 1997 and 2001 are for the City of Ottawa Health Unit, later data are for the larger geographic Champlain Health Region

5) In 2001 and 1997 Sudbury is included in the Algoma-Cochrane-Manitoulin and Sudbury Health Region

6) The rates for the years from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 for the CMA of Toronto use population weighted averages from the population of the health regions in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The boundaries for the Health Regions in the Toronto CMA were different in 1997 and 2001 than those beginning in 2001-2002. The Health Regions were the City of Toronto Health Unit, York Regional Health Unit, Halton Regional Health Unit and Peel Regional Health Unit. The rates for Toronto in 1997 and 2001, are population weighted averages of these regions.