

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	2006-2007	2007-2008
Canada²	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1
New Brunswick	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.6	6.3	5.4	4.8
Saint John (1302 N.B. Health Region 2)	6.1	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.7	4.9	4.6
Fredericton (1303 N.B. Health Region 3)	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.8	6.5	5.9	4.6
Nova Scotia	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.3
Wolfville									
1202 Zone 2/1213 Annapolis Valley ⁸	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.6	7.2	6.3	6.0
Quebec	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.7	n.a	n.a
Montreal ³	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.7	n.a	n.a
2406 Montreal	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0	n.a	n.a
2413 Laval	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.6	n.a	n.a
2416 Monteregie	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.2	n.a	n.a
Ontario	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Ottawa (3511 Champlain Health) ⁴	6.0	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.2	6.3
Sudbury (3513 North East)	6.1	5.4	5.7	5.4	6.2	5.3	6.1	5.7	5.4
Toronto ⁶	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.9
3505 Central West	n.a	n.a	6.9	6.8	7.9	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
3506 Mississauga Halton	n.a	n.a	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.9
3507 Toronto Central	n.a	n.a	6.2	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.5	7.0	6.7
3508 Central	n.a	n.a	6.2	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.7
Guelph (3503 Waterloo Wellington)	4.9	5.1	5.4	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.9
Kitchener (3503 Waterloo Wellington)	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.9
Kingston (3510 South East) ⁷	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	6.8
London									
3544 Middlesex-London	5.9	5.8	n.a	n.a	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	6.2	5.8
Oakville									
3506 Mississauga Halton	n.a	n.a	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.9
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.3
Saskatoon (4706 Saskatoon)	5.5	5.5	6.3	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.5	5.5
Alberta	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.6
Calgary (4822 Calgary)	6.8	6.9	6.7	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.2	7.5
Lethbridge (4820 Chihook)	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.6	5.9
Medicine Hat (4821 Palliser)	5.5	5.8	6.5	7.0	6.0	4.5	6.1	5.6	5.7
Red Deer (4823 David Thompson)	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.8	6.7	6.5	6.1
British Columbia	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7
Vancouver ³	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
5921 Fraser East	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.3	4.9	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.2
5922 Fraser North	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.2
5923 Fraser South	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.7	6.7	6.2	6.5
5931 Richmond	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.8	6.2	5.4	5.2	4.6	5.9
5932 Vancouver	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.2
Victoria (5941 South Vancouver Island)	4.7	5.1	5.2	6.5	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.7	4.5
Phoenix Foundation									
5912 Kootenay-Boundary	5.2	6.0	6.2	6.8	4.9	6.4	5.7	4.6	3.8
Kelowna									
5913 Okanagan	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.0	6.2	5.5	5.2	4.9
Sunshine Coast									
5933 North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.6

For a comparison of relevant health region population to Vital Signs Communities, please refer to table XI-1-a-iii.

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, v21525794, v21526028, v21526064, v21527180, v21528260, v21528278, v21528404.

Source: 2001-2002 to 2007-2008 http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/en/downloads/Childbirth_AiB_FINAL_E.pdf,

http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/disPage.jsp?cw_page=statistics_results_topic_pregnancy_e

Note: Data from 2001-2002 to 2007-2008 is taken from April 1 to March 31

Note: Low birth weight babies are babies less than 2,500 grams. CIHI data for 2001-2002 to 2007-2008 are for the fiscal years defined as April 1 to March

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 weighted averages based on provincial births. For 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Quebec data was not available so it was not included in the national average

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

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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 2007-2008 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.

7) 2001 and 1997 data are for Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington, later data are for the larger South East Health region

8) Nova Scotia Zone 2 and Annapolis Valley Health Region have the same boundaries