



2011 statistics from the 19 public maternity units in Ireland

In December 2013, the HSE released statistics on our public maternity units under the Freedom of Information Act, which included information on Caesarean section deliveries, instrumental deliveries, non-instrumental deliveries, the percentage of episiotomies performed, perineal lacerations and breastfeeding rates on discharge from hospital.

This is the first time this information has ever been provided publicly on a unit-by-unit basis for all 19 units. This information is hugely important for women who are using Irish maternity services so that they can make informed decisions when choosing where to have their babies.

The data is provided in table form below.

When interpreting the data in the table, please refer to the notes section at the end of the document. Hospitals are listed in alphabetical order. Please note that private hospitals and home births are not included in these figures.

AIMS Ireland has developed infographics of this data for easy dissemination and public sharing. The infographics are available on our website www.aimsireland.com, on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/aims.ireland or you can contact us at info@aimsireland.com.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS PROVIDING MATERNITY SERVICES IN IRELAND, 2011

HOSPITAL	Caesarean section deliveries ²	Instrumental Deliveries ³	Non-instrumental deliveries ⁴	Episiotomy performed ⁵	1 st degree tear ⁶	2 nd degree tear ⁶	3 rd degree tear ⁶	4 th degree tear ⁶	Breastfeeding rates 2011 ⁷	
									Any ⁸	Exclusive
As a percentage (%) of all delivery ¹ cases										
CASTLEBAR COUNTY HOSPITAL (Mayo General)	26.81	18.46	54.73	15.20	12.60	19.02	1.49	0.17	53.3	35
CAVAN GENERAL HOSPITAL	30.14	12.99	57.02	13.79	14.34	23.82	1.55	0.15	46.6	43.3
COOMBE WOMEN'S, DUBLIN	27.58	14.90	57.54	14.44	6.44	21.43	1.91	0.12	53.9	41.1
CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL	28.21	17.97	53.82	19.23	10.41	19.99	1.51	0.12	60.4	53.0
LETTERKENNY GENERAL	27.61	10.58	61.81	14.46	9.47	23.12	0.60	0.05	40.4	33.8

Sources: National Casemix Programme; National Perinatal Reporting System, 2011 data

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As a percentage (%) of all delivery ¹ cases									Any ⁸	Exclusive
MULLINGAR GENERAL HOSPITAL	27.45	14.24	58.31	19.11	12.04	18.96	0.77		52.3	49.3
NATIONAL MATERNITY, HOLLES ST.	21.52	12.17	66.32	27.18	9.59	17.64	1.44	0.08	66.8	51.1
OUR LADY OF LOURDES, DROGHEDA	30.22	17.98	51.85	16.26	6.76	17.26	0.89	0.13	48.5	38.8
PORTIUNCULA, BALLINASLOE	29.47	17.06	53.57	13.56	10.92	23.33	1.25	0.10	50.0	44.9
PORTLAOISE GENERAL HOSPITAL	28.53	16.52	55.00	18.43	15.01	12.37	0.45	0.05	51.7	49.6
REGIONAL (UCHG), GALWAY	29.56	17.55	52.92	19.28	6.64	18.80	1.82		59.0	39.8
REGIONAL MATERNITY, LIMERICK	27.43	16.60	55.98	16.96	9.95	24.75	1.06	0.04	38.6	32.5
ROTUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN	29.54	19.23	51.24	16.57	9.37	19.99	2.24	0.10	61.8	57.9

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As a percentage (%) of all delivery ¹ cases									Any ⁸	Exclusive
SLIGO GENERAL HOSPITAL	19.13	13.66	67.21	16.46	9.95	29.47	1.3	0.07	51.4	36.0
ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, KILKENNY	38.00	13.76	48.24	16.69	8.69	15.25	0.45	0.05	51.4	51.3
STH TIPPERARY GENERAL HOSPITAL, CLONMEL	27.30	16.31	56.39	14.59	21.39	29.84	0.82	0.08	46.2	46.1
TRALEE GENERAL HOSPITAL	29.77	16.32	53.98	18.36	13.22	20.99	0.94		46.1	39.4
WATERFORD REGIONAL (ARDKEEN)	22.88	21.64	55.48	16.65	9.65	22.54	1.62	0.04	57.5	56.1
WEXFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL	23.59	11.19	65.26	10.27	9.39	16.14	1.11	0.09	49.1	43.9

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NOTES	
Data in columns 2-8	Source: National Casemix Programme
NPRS and HIPE	Delivery data on NPRS is reported by date of delivery, HIPE data is based on date of discharge of the mother. For example a delivery that occurs on 27 December 2010 and that mother is discharged on 1 January 2011 will be recorded as a 2010 delivery on NPRS and as a 2011 delivery on HIPE.
HIPE dataset	Hospital In-Patient Enquiry Scheme (HIPE) Data Dictionary available at www.esri.ie . Diagnoses are classified using International Classification of Diseases 10th revision Australian Modification, (ICD-10-AM) while procedures are classified using Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI), 6th edition
Hospitals included	HIPE does not collect data from private hospitals or domiciliary births
1. Delivery case	Women with an allocated admission type of Maternity and with a diagnosis of outcome of delivery (ICD-10-AM Z37). In 2011 there were a small number of women who were admitted for reasons other than their obstetric condition, but received obstetric care and in some case (<=5 cases) delivered during this episode. These women are not included here.
2. Caesarean Section	Delivery cases with an ACHI Procedure Block code of [1340] Caesarean section
3. Instrumental	Delivery cases with one or a combination of forceps (ACHI Procedure block [1337] - excluding failed forceps) or vacuum extraction (ACHI Procedure Block [1338] excluding failed vacuum extraction), and breech with forceps to coming after head (ACHI procedure codes 90470-02, 90470-04)
4. Noninstrumental	Delivery cases that exclude forceps delivery, vacuum extraction delivery with delivery, breech with forceps to after-coming head or Caesarean section
5. Episiotomy	Delivery cases with an ACHI procedure code of 90472-00 Episiotomy
6. Perineal laceration	Perineal grazes and lacerations that are not sutured are not coded. 1st degree tear: Delivery cases with a diagnosis of O700 First degree perineal laceration during delivery 2nd degree tear: Delivery cases with a diagnosis of O701 Second degree perineal laceration during delivery

	3rd degree tear: Delivery cases with a diagnosis of O702 Third degree perineal laceration during delivery 4th degree tear: Delivery cases with a diagnosis of O703 Fourth degree perineal laceration during delivery
7. Data Source:	National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS). Analysis relates to infant's type of feeding at time of discharge. Early neonatal deaths are excluded.
8. Any breastfeeding includes type of feeding recorded as either breast or combined.	