
Glossary of Terms

Vital Statistics	Records dealing with births, marriages and deaths; all events which have to do with an individual's entrance into or departure from life, together with changes in civil status.
Live Birth	A complete expulsion or extraction from the mother, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, of a fetus in which, after expulsion or extraction, there is breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of a voluntary muscle, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.
Stillbirth	A complete expulsion or extraction from the mother, after at least 20 weeks pregnancy, or after attaining a weight of 500 grams or more of a fetus in which, after the expulsion or extraction, there is no breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or unmistakable movement of voluntary muscle.
Gestation	Time between the conception and birth of an infant, the usual length being 40 weeks.
In-Wedlock	For purpose of this report, in-wedlock means that the parents of the child are married to each other at the time of the birth, or are subsequently married and have changed the birth registration.
Birth Order	Number of live births to the mother, including this birth.
Infant Death	Death of a child between birth and one year of age.
Neonatal Death	Death of an infant 28 days of age or less.
Natural Increase	Excess of births over deaths.
Cause of Death (ICD 9)	Causes of death are based on the International Classification of Diseases 9th Edition; and for reporting purposes are combined into 282 causes.
NS	Information is unavailable and therefore is Not Specified.
