

Vital Statistics Stillbirths



Date range: January 1, 1991 onward

An extract of the stillbirth registration files provided by the British Columbia Ministry of Health. Includes stillbirths registered in the province of BC. Note: ICD-9 codes were used from 1986 to 1999, and ICD-10 codes are used from 2000 onwards. Popdata can only provision Stillbirths data from April 1, 1991 onward.

Core vs. Non-Core Data

Core Data: Some BC Ministry of Health data sets available through PopData and HDPBC are called 'Core Data'. A Core Data set is a standardized 'bundle' of commonly requested variables. A Core Data set may not include **ALL** the variables available in the data set. For example, some Core Data variables, such as geography or organisational codes, are suppressed to meet privacy legislation requirements.

Non-Core Data: Non-Core Data are variables that are **NOT** included in the standardized Core Data set. Non-Core Data is available for request as an **addition** to the Core Data set.

For the majority of DARs, requesting access to Core Data ONLY may make the data access approval process quicker and may expedite data provision. Data requests that include Non-Core Data will be subject to regular rather than expedited processes, both for application review and data provisioning.

All available variables

Name	Core/Non-Core	Description
Registration number*	Core	The registration number relating to the event. The first 4 digits are the year of event followed by the 6-digit registration number to create a unique identifier. This field is needed to link the stillbirths record to the stillbirths ICD record. NUMBERS IN THIS FIELD HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY PROJECT-SPECIFIC ENCRYPTED ID NUMBERS ASSIGNED BY POPDATA.
Mother Study ID	Core	
Father/parent Study ID	Core	
(CORE) Registration date	Core	Registration date. Date Registrar signed.
(CORE) Year of stillbirth	Core	Year of Stillbirth. Year of event as recorded on the Event Document.
(CORE) Month of stillbirth	Core	Month of Stillbirth. Month of event as recorded on the Event Document.
Day of stillbirth	Non-Core	Date of Stillbirth. Date of event as recorded on the Event Document.
Time of stillbirth	Non-Core	Time of Stillbirth. Time of event as recorded on the Event Document.
Place of stillbirth/occurrence - city	Non-Core	Place of Birth/Occurrence - City. Name of city, town or other place in which the birth occurred.
Place of stillbirth/occurrence - first 3 characters of postal code	Non-Core	Place of birth/occurrence - First 3 characters of Postal Code. Postal Code of birth place.
Place of stillbirth/occurrence - 6-digit postal code	Non-Core	Place of birth/occurrence - 6-digit Postal Code. Postal Code of birth place.
(CORE) Birth place type	Core	Birth Place Type. Code indicating the type of birth place (e.g., Hospital).
(CORE) Hospital code *	Core	Hospital Code. ID of Hospital where birth occurred. HOSPITAL IDS IN THIS FIELD HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY PROJECT-SPECIFIC ID NUMBERS ASSIGNED BY POPDATA.
Hospital code	Non-Core	Hospital code. ID of Hospital where birth occurred. UNENCRYPTED.
(CORE) Parent's marital status	Core	Parents' Marital Status. Code indicating whether the father and mother of this child are married to each other.
(CORE) Sex	Core	Sex. Identifies the sex of the child.
(CORE) Mother's total live births	Core	Mother's Total Live Births. Total number of children ever liveborn to this mother, previous to and including this birth event.
(CORE) Mother's total stillbirths	Core	Mother's total stillbirths. Total number of stillborn children ever stillborn to this mother, previous to and including this birth event.
(CORE) Mother's other pregnancies	Core	Mother's other pregnancies. Total number of pregnancy.
(CORE) Marital status of mother	Core	Marital Status of Mother. Identifies the current marital status of the mother if parents are not married to each other.
(CORE) Mother's year of birth	Core	Mother's Year of Birth.
(CORE) Mother's month of birth	Core	Mother's Month of Birth.
Mother's day of birth	Non-Core	Mother's Day of Birth.

(CORE) Age of mother	Core	Age of Mother. Age of mother in years, as reported on the registration document. Preferably expressed as the number of completed years (i.e., age as of last birthday).
Usual residence of mother - city	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - City. Indicates the city name of the usual address of the mother.
Usual residence of mother - province/territory	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - Province/Territory. Indicates the province (or territory or state) of the usual address of the mother.
Usual residence of mother - country	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - Country. Indicates the country of the usual address of the mother.
Usual residence of mother - first 3 characters of Canadian postal code	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - First 3 characters of Canadian Postal Code. Indicates the 3-digit Canadian postal code of the usual address of the mother.
Usual residence of mother - 6-digit Canadian postal code	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - 6-digit Canadian Postal Code. Indicates the full Canadian postal code of the usual address of the mother. First 3 digits (FSA)
Usual residence of mother - foreign postal code	Non-Core	Usual Residence of Mother - Foreign Postal Code. If residence of mother is not in Canada, indicates the foreign postal code of the usual address of the mother (if known).
(CORE) Father/parent's year of birth	Core	Father/Parent's Year of Birth. Indicates the year the father/parent was born.
(CORE) Father/parent's month of birth	Core	Father/Parent's Month of Birth. Indicates the month the father/parent was born.
Father/parent's day of birth	Non-Core	Father/Parent's Day of Birth. Indicates the date the father/parent was born.
(CORE) Age of father/parent	Core	Age of Father/Parent. Age of father/parent in years, as reported on the registration document. Preferably expressed as the number of complete years (i.e. age as of the last birthday).
Sex of father/parent	Non-Core	Sex of father/parent. Identifies the sex of the father/parent.
(CORE) Attendant type code	Core	Attendant Type Code. Indicates the role type of the designated attendant (e.g., physician).
(CORE) Attendant MSC number *	Core	Attendant MSC Number. Physician's or registered midwife's Medical Services Plan (MSP) billing number. NUMBERS IN THIS FIELD HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY PROJECT-SPECIFIC ENCRYPTED ID NUMBERS ASSIGNED BY POPDATA.
(CORE) Total number of children in this event, i.e. kind of birth (single, twin...)	Core	Total Number of Children in this Event, i.e. kind of birth (single, twin...). Indicates the total number of children (live born plus stillborn) born in this birth event.
(CORE) Multiple birth - birth order	Core	Multiple Birth - Birth Order. Indicates order of birth in the case of multiple birth.
(CORE) Duration of pregnancy (gestation period)	Core	Duration of Pregnancy (Gestation Period). Indicates the gestation period of pregnancy, in completed number of weeks.
(CORE) Birth weight	Core	Birth Weight. Indicates the weight of the child at birth, in grams.
(CORE) Head circumference	Core	Head Circumference. Indicates the head circumference of the child, in centimeters.
(CORE) Body length	Core	Body Length. Indicates the body length of the child in centimetres.
(CORE) Mode of delivery	Core	Mode of Delivery (e.g., Caesarean).
(CORE) Labour induced	Core	Labour Induced. Flag indicating that labour was induced.
(CORE) Fetus dead before operative procedures	Core	Fetus Dead Before Operative Procedures. Flag indicating fetus death before procedure.
(CORE) Autopsy performed	Core	Autopsy Performed. Flag to indicate if autopsy being held.
(CORE) Autopsy findings used in stated underlying cause of stillbirth	Core	Autopsy findings used in stated underlying cause of stillbirth. Flag indicating that the cause of stillbirth was determined by autopsy.
(CORE) Further information expected on cause of stillbirth	Core	Further Information Expected on Cause of Stillbirth. Flag indicating whether or not further information expected from autopsy.
(CORE) Medical certifier type code	Core	Medical Certifier Type Code. Code describing type of Medical Certifier.

Diagnostic ICD-related codes (1991 onward)

Name		Description
(CORE) Underlying cause of stillbirth	Core	Version of ICCO ICD codes
(CORE) ICD codes (includes ICD code version)	Core	One of a set of ICD codes associated with a given ICD type, up to 10 codes per row for a given type code
(CORE) ICD type code (e.g., immediate cause of stillbirth, contributing to the cause of stillbirth etc.)	Core	Code indicating the ICD type