

TABLE 3**Births (Live, Still and Total) and Birth Rates in Northern Ireland 1990-2005**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Live births</i>	<i>Still births</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Birth Rate per 1,000 population</i>
1990	26,251	115	26,366	16.5
1991	26,028	123	26,151	16.3
1992	25,354	124 (117)	25,478	15.7
1993	24,722	128 (102)	24,850	15.2
1994	24,098	153 (126)	24,251	14.8
1995	23,693	145 (108)	23,838	14.5
1996	24,382	153 (114)	24,535	14.8
1997	24,087	131 (99)	24,218	14.5
1998	23,668	122 (89)	23,790	14.2
1999	22,957	132 (105)	23,089	13.8
2000	21,512	93 (70)	21,605	12.8
2001	21,962	112 (88)	22,074	13.1
2002	21,385	122 (97)	21,507	12.7
2003	21,648	108 (83)	21,756	12.8
2004	22,318	113 (79)	22,431	13.1
2005	22,328	89(69)	22,417	13.0

Source: NISRA.

Footnote: Births to women living outside Northern Ireland are excluded.

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The bracketed figure is the number of stillbirths that would have resulted using the old definition of a stillbirth, ie a baby born dead after 28 weeks gestation.

TABLE 4A**Births (Live, Still and Total) and Birth Rates by Health and Social Services Board in Northern Ireland in 2005**

Board	Live births	Still births	Total	Birth Rate per 1,000 population
Eastern	7,995	38 (31)	8,033	12.1
Northern	5,623	21 (16)	5,644	12.8
Southern	4,813	16 (12)	4,829	14.7
Western	3,897	14 (10)	3,911	13.5
NI*	22,328	89 (69)	22,417	13.0

Source: NISRA

*Excludes births to women living outside Northern Ireland

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The bracketed figure is the number of stillbirths that would have resulted using the old definition of a stillbirth, ie a baby born dead after 28 weeks gestation.

TABLE 4B**Northern Ireland Births (Live, Still and Total) by District Council of Residence of Mother – 2005**

District Council	Live births	Still births	Total
Eastern Board	7,995	38	8,033
Ards	890	3	893
Belfast	3,289	12	3,301
Castlereagh	722	1	723
Down	798	6	804
Lisburn	1,473	9	1,482
North Down	823	7	830
Northern Board	5,623	21	5,644
Antrim	702	2	704
Ballymena	794	3	797
Ballymoney	376	1	377
Carrickfergus	479	0	479
Coleraine	589	3	592
Cookstown	483	2	485
Larne	350	2	352
Magherafelt	607	3	610
Moyle	193	2	195
Newtownabbey	1,050	3	1,053
Southern Board	4,813	16	4,829
Armagh	807	1	808
Banbridge	646	2	648
Craigavon	1,193	8	1,201
Dungannon	760	2	762
Newry and Mourne	1,407	3	1,410
Western Board	3,897	14	3,911
Fermanagh	732	2	734
Limavady	451	1	452
Derry	1,529	7	1,536
Omagh	682	1	683
Strabane	503	3	506
Outside NI	518	5	523

Source: NISRA

TABLE 5A**Fertility Rates 1997 – 2005 (Women aged 15-49) Northern Ireland**

<i>Age group</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
15-19	26.4	27.8	28.6	25.6	23.9	23.3	22.9	23.0	21.7
20-24	71.1	69.6	70.6	66.0	67.5	66.0	65.5	62.8	63.2
25-29	124.2	119.0	112.3	103.9	105.1	102.9	106.8	109.8	108.6
30-34	109.2	108.4	105.6	100.4	106.0	104.2	107.0	112.6	114.8
35-39	46.6	47.2	46.1	46.2	48.0	48.2	50.2	56.1	55.0
40-44	8.8	8.2	8.9	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.2	10.1
45-49	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
Total period fertility rate	1.93	1.90	1.86	1.75	1.80	1.77	1.81	1.87	1.87

Source: Derived from NISRA statistics on registered live births and population estimates.

TABLE 5B**Age Specific Fertility Rates 2005 for Women in Northern Ireland by Health and Social Services Board**

<i>Age group</i>	<i>EHSSB</i>	<i>NHSSB</i>	<i>SHSSB</i>	<i>WHSSB</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>
15-19	26.4	19.2	17.7	19.1	21.7
20-24	61.8	63.1	65.4	64.3	63.2
25-29	96.5	114.0	122.5	111.7	108.6
30-34	99.9	120.7	137.3	112.6	114.8
35-39	51.6	51.4	61.4	61.3	55.0
40-44	8.9	10.0	12.2	10.7	10.1
45-49	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.5
Total period fertility rate	1.73	1.89	2.09	1.90	1.87

Source: Derived from NISRA statistics on registered live births and population estimates.

TABLE 6A**Notified Live Births by Weight at Birth in Northern Ireland (1999-2005)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Birth weight(gms)							
Under 1,000	87 (0.4)	96 (0.4)	89 (0.4)	104 (0.5)	109 (0.5)	111 (0.5)	127 (0.6)
1,000-1,499	132 (0.6)	155 (0.7)	145 (0.7)	151 (0.7)	141 (0.6)	133 (0.6)	141 (0.6)
1,500-1,999	322 (1.4)	279 (1.3)	299 (1.4)	281 (1.3)	238 (1.1)	258 (1.2)	243 (1.1)
2,000-2,499	879 (3.8)	783 (3.6)	775 (3.6)	809 (3.8)	801 (3.7)	814 (3.6)	830 (3.7)
Premature total	1,420 (6.2)	1,313 (6.0)	1,308 (6.0)	1,345 (6.3)	1,289 (5.9)	1,316 (5.9)	1,341 (6.0)
2,500-2,999	3,151 (13.7)	2,808 (12.9)	2,954 (13.6)	2,838 (13.2)	2,863 (13.2)	2,830 (12.6)	2,907 (13.0)
3,000-3,499	7,909 (34.4)	7,215 (33.2)	7,451 (34.2)	7,341 (34.2)	7,426 (34.2)	7,538 (33.7)	7,612 (34.0)
3,500-3,999	7,295 (31.7)	7,214 (33.2)	7,061 (32.4)	6,993 (32.6)	7,136 (32.8)	7,383 (33.0)	7,311 (32.7)
4,000-4,499	2,707 (11.8)	2,636 (12.1)	2,517 (11.6)	2,448 (11.4)	2,567 (11.8)	2,762 (12.3)	2,692 (12.0)
4,500 and over	510 (2.2)	523 (2.4)	500 (2.3)	490 (2.3)	458 (2.1)	552 (0.0)	526 (2.3)
Not recorded	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)
Grand Total	22,993 (100.0)	21,710 (100.0)	21,791 (100.0)	21,450 (100.0)	21,740 (100.0)	22,381(100.0)	22,389 (100.0)

Figures within brackets show the number of births of that particular type and birth weight expressed as a percentage of total number of births of that type in that year.

Source: Child Health System, Area Health Boards