

## Live Births, Waterloo Region, 2016, 2017, and 2018

Table 1. Number of live births and crude birth rate, by municipality, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2016, 2017, 2018

Municipality	Number of live births			Crude birth rate		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,393</b>	10.1	10.2	9.9
<b>Kitchener</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>2,742</b>	11.5	11.6	11.2
<b>Waterloo</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>955</b>	8.5	8.7	8.7
<b>North Dumfries</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	8.4	7.2	6.7
<b>Wellesley</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>128</b>	9.5	11.8	10.9
<b>Wilmot</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>196</b>	10.9	9.6	9.1
<b>Woolwich</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>276</b>	11.7	10.7	10.7
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,115</b>	<b>6,182</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>140,143</b>	<b>140,100</b>	<b>137,468</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>

### Definition:

Number of live births and crude birth rate, defined as number of live births per 1,000 population.

### Limitations and Notes:

Crude birth rate is influenced by the age structure of the population, hence populations with more women of childbearing age will have higher crude birth rates.

## Limitations and Notes (continued):

A live birth is defined as the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as heartbeat, umbilical cord pulsation, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. A live birth is not necessarily a viable birth.

The Census subdivisions/Municipalities of Cambridge, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot, and Woolwich used are based on dissemination areas and linked to the appropriate census subdivision using Statistics Canada data. For 2016, 3.9 per cent of live births could not be linked to a census subdivision. For 2017, 4.6 per cent of live births could not be linked a census subdivision. For 2018, 6.8 per cent of live births could not be linked to a census subdivision.

For Waterloo Region, approximately 86.0 per cent of hospitals and 91.8 per cent of Midwifery Practice Groups have acknowledged that their monthly data entry has been verified and is complete for calendar year 2018. Information on pregnancies and births can be added or updated to the BORN Information System at any time. The information summarized in this report represents what was available in the BORN Information System at the date of extraction. These data are provisional and subject to change.

## Source:

BORN Information System (2016, 2017 and 2018), Extracted: July 25, 2019. Population Estimates (2016), Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO, Date extracted: May 15, 2018. Population Projections (2017-2018), Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO, Date extracted: May 15, 2018.

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