

## Maternal Age at Infant's Birth, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2013, 2014 & 2015

**Table 1. Average age of mother at infant's birth, by place of residence, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2013, 2014, and 2015**

Place of residence	Average age of mother		
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Cambridge</b>	29.4	29.3	29.3
<b>Kitchener</b>	29.8	30.0	30.0
<b>Waterloo</b>	30.9	30.8	31.2
<b>North Dumfries</b>	31.2	30.0	30.3
<b>Wellesley</b>	29.6	29.5	29.5
<b>Wilmot</b>	29.9	30.4	30.3
<b>Woolwich</b>	30.0	30.7	30.3
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>30.6</b>

### Definition:

The following indicators are reported to describe the age of mother in years at infant's birth (live or stillbirth):

- Average age of mother at birth of first infant
- Average age of mother
- Proportion of births by age of mother

### Limitations and Notes:

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.

**Table 2. Average age of mother, by parity and place of residence, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2013, 2014, and 2015**

Place of residence	Average age of mother								
	Parity 0			Parity 1			Parity 2+		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
<b>Cambridge</b>	27.5	28.0	27.5	30.3	29.8	30.0	32.0	31.4	31.9
<b>Kitchener</b>	28.2	28.4	28.5	30.4	30.8	30.5	32.2	32.2	32.3
<b>Waterloo</b>	29.4	29.0	29.1	32.0	31.8	32.2	32.7	33.0	33.6
<b>North Dumfries</b>	28.7	27.9	29.0	32.1	31.8	30.3	34.2	32.3	33.4
<b>Wellesley</b>	26.6	26.7	28.0	29.3	30.0	28.8	31.7	31.1	30.9
<b>Wilmot</b>	28.7	29.1	28.8	30.3	31.0	30.5	31.4	32.0	32.6
<b>Woolwich</b>	28.8	29.0	28.7	30.5	31.3	30.4	31.0	31.8	32.0
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>32.7</b>

### Limitations and Notes (continued):

A stillbirth is defined as death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception. The death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Only fetal deaths where the product of conception has a birth weight of 500 grams or more or the duration of pregnancy is 20 weeks or longer are registered in Canada.

## Limitations and Notes (continued):

Parity refers to the number of total births (live births and stillbirths) a woman has experienced. Average age of mother at birth of first infant is calculated based on the age of only those women who have not experienced any previous live or stillbirths (i.e., when parity equals zero, also known as 'nulliparity').

The 'NR' denotes numbers and rates based on numbers between 1 and 5 that cannot be reported and have been suppressed. Numbers and rates based on numbers that equal 0 or 6 and greater are reportable.

For Waterloo Region, approximately 94.6% of hospitals and 95.1% of Midwifery Practice Groups have acknowledged that their monthly data entry has been verified and is complete for calendar year 2015. 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.

**Table 3. Proportion of births by age of mother, by age groups, Waterloo Region, 2015**

Place of residence	Age group	Per cent
Waterloo Region	13 years or younger	0.0
	14 to 17 years	0.6
	18 to 19 years	1.9
	20 to 24 years	12.0
	25 to 29 years	30.3
	30 to 34 years	36.3
	35 to 39 years	15.9
	40 to 44 years	3.0
	45 years or older	0.2

**Table 4. Proportion of births by age of mother, by age groups, Ontario, 2015**

Place of residence	Age group	Per cent
Ontario	13 years or younger	NR
	14 to 17 years	0.6
	18 to 19 years	1.6
	20 to 24 years	10.7
	25 to 29 years	27.2
	30 to 34 years	36.6
	35 to 39 years	19.1
	40 to 44 years	4.0
	45 years or older	0.3

## Source:

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