

Multiple Births, Waterloo Region, 2013, 2014, and 2015

Table 1. Number and rate of multiple births, Waterloo Region and Ontario, 2013, 2014 and 2015

Place of Residence	Year	Number	Rate
Waterloo Region	2013	215	3.7
	2014	198	3.3
	2015	208	3.5
Ontario	2013	5,140	3.7
	2014	4,731	3.4
	2015	4,588	3.3

Definition:

Number of total (live and still) births resulting from a multiple gestation pregnancy. Multiple birth rate is defined as the number of multiple births per 100 live and stillbirths.

A multiple gestation pregnancy is any pregnancy where there is more than one fetus or baby. A multiple birth is an infant born from a pregnancy where there is more than one fetus or baby (e.g., twins, triplets, etc.).

Table 2. Number and rate of multiple births, by type of multiple birth, maternal age, municipality, & use of assistive reproductive technology, Waterloo Region, 2015

Measure		Number	Rate
Type of multiple birth	Twins	199	3.3
	Triplets	9	0.2
	Quadruplets (or higher)	0	0.0
Maternal age group	19 years or younger	0	0.0
	20 to 24 years	18	2.5
	25 to 29 years	73	4.0
	30 to 34 years	74	3.4
	35 to 39 years	37	3.9
	40 years or older	6	3.2
Municipality	Cambridge	55	3.8
	Kitchener	97	3.5
	Waterloo	24	2.6
	North Dumfries	NR	NR
	Wellesley	NR	NR
	Wilmot	10	4.2
	Woolwich	12	4.3

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.

A stillbirth is defined as a product of conception of 20 or more weeks' gestation or fetal weight of 500 grams or more, which did not breathe or show other signs of life at delivery.

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.

Limitations and Notes (continued):

The Census subdivisions/Municipalities of Cambridge, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich used are based on postal code and the latest PCCF from Statistics Canada.

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.

Source:

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