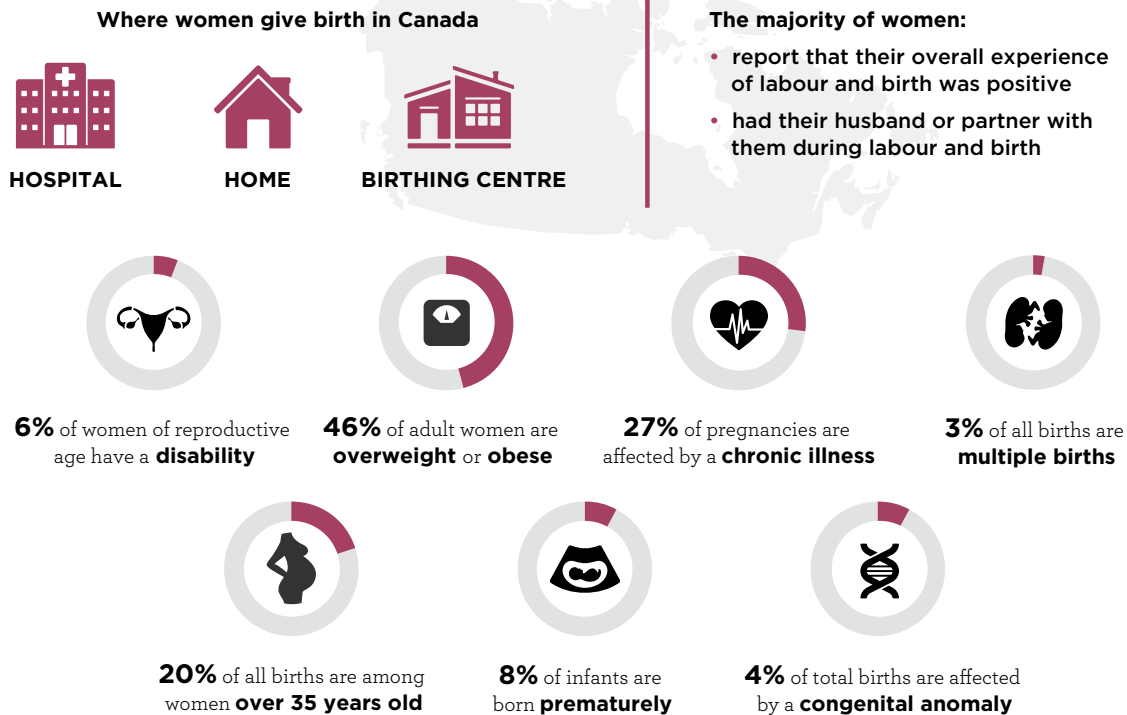


LABOUR AND BIRTH IN CANADA

389,912 births a year in Canada



INTERVENTIONS

Epidural rates have **RISEN** from 53.2% in 2006/07 to 57.8% in 2015/16.

Induction rates have **RISEN** from 12.9% in 1991/92 to 21.8% in 2004/05.

Assisted vaginal birth rates have **DECLINED** from 17.4% in 1991/92 to 13.2% in 2015/16. The rate of **vacuum extraction** has **INCREASED** from 6.8% to 9.2% while the rate of **forceps-assisted birth** has **DECLINED** from 11.2% to 3.4% over that same period.

Caesarean births have **RISEN** from 17.6% in 1995/96 to 27.9% in 2015/16.

Vaginal births after caesarean (VBAC) have **DECLINED** dramatically, with the **repeat caesarean birth** rate having **INCREASED** from 64.7% in 1995/96 to 81.0% in 2015/16.

For references consult **Chapter 4: Care during Labour and Birth** in: Public Health Agency of Canada. Family-Centred Maternity and Newborn Care: National Guidelines. Ottawa (ON): PHAC; 2018.

For more information about the **Family-Centred Maternity and Newborn Care: National Guidelines**, or to download this document, please search “maternity and newborn care” on **CANADA.CA**.

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