Release notice

Congenital Anomalies in Canada Data Tool: latest update on prevalence rates and trends over 15 years (2006–2020)

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The Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System (CCASS) team of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to announce the release of the latest Congenital Anomalies in Canada Data Tool. The interactive Data Tool, located on the PHAC Infobase website, includes the latest information on the prevalence rates and temporal trends for 38 select congenital anomalies (grouped into 12 categories) in Canada. Data are derived from the Discharge Abstract Database of the Canadian Institute for Health Information, which includes data from all provinces and territories except Quebec. Data include a follow-up period of one year after birth.

The website includes the following tabs: “Data Tool,” “About Congenital Anomalies” and “Technical Appendix.” The Data Tool has been modified from previous versions and includes updated information with trends over 15 years of data (from 2006 to 2020), new features such as jurisdictional maps, and more data stratifications by province/territory, infant sex and maternal age.

This resource is a collaborative effort between PHAC, the Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System’s External Advisory Committee and the Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance Provincial and Territorial Network.

To access the latest Congenital Anomalies in Canada Data Tool, visit https://health-infobase.canada.ca/congenital-anomalies/.