



Abbreviated name	Stillbirth rate
Indicator name	Stillbirth rate (per 1000 total births)
Domain	Health status
Subdomain	Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health
Associated terms	Mortality by age and sex
Definition	Number of stillbirths per 1000 births (live and stillbirths). Stillbirths can occur antepartum or intrapartum. In many cases, stillbirths reflect inadequacies in antenatal care coverage or in intrapartum care. For purposes of international comparison, stillbirths are defined as third trimester fetal deaths (≥ 1000 g or ≥ 28 weeks).
Numerator	Number of stillbirths.
Denominator	Number of births (dead or alive).
Disaggregation/ additional dimension	Fresh/macerated
Method of measurement	Data from civil registration: the number of stillbirths divided by the number of total births. Data from surveys: the number of pregnancy losses during or after the seventh month of pregnancy for the 5 years preceding the interview, divided by the sum of live births and late pregnancy losses in the same time period. Data from administrative reporting systems/registries: the number of stillbirths divided by the number of total births. Data from health facilities: the number of stillbirths divided by the number of total births documented in the facility.
Method of estimation	For data from countries with civil registration and good coverage, data meeting definition criteria of greater than or equal to 1000 g or 28 completed weeks gestation are taken directly from civil registration without adjustment. For other countries, stillbirth rates are estimated with a regression model.
Measurement frequency	Continuous data collection; dissemination every 3–5 years
Monitoring and evaluation framework	Impact
Preferred data sources	Civil registration and vital statistics system, population-based surveys
Other possible data sources	Administrative reporting systems, health facility assessments, special studies
Further information and related links	Every newborn: an action plan to end preventable deaths. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014 (http://www.everynewborn.org/Documents/Full-action-plan-EN.pdf , accessed 29 March 2015). World health statistics 2014. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014 (http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/112738/1/9789240692671_eng.pdf?ua=1 , accessed 29 March 2015).