

Vital Statistics Information Box

PLACE OF BIRTH FOR MIDWIFE ASSISTED BIRTHS BRITISH COLUMBIA, 2007-2011

The College of Midwives of British Columbia was established in 1995, and the first midwives were registered to practice in 1998. The Vital Statistics Agency implemented procedures to identify births delivered by registered midwives in 1998, and, by 1999, could identify all midwife assisted births. The table below shows the place of birth for midwife assisted births in the province from 2007 to 2011.

Place of Birth	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hospital	2053	75.6	2509	76.2	2,944	75.9	3394	77.3	3791	77.0
Home	647	23.8	726	22.1	856	22.1	916	20.9	1057	21.5
Other & unknown*	16	0.6	57	1.7	77	2.0	83	1.9	76	1.5
Midwife Assisted Births	2,716	100.0	3,292	100.0	3,877	100.0	4,393	100	4,924	100.0
Percent of Total Births Delivered by Registered Midwives		6.2		7.5		8.6		10.1		11.2

Note: *Other and unknown includes birthing clinics.