Methodological Notes

a) Tables represent the number of stillbirths and livebirths (with gestational age => 20 weeks) as a result of termination of pregnancy in acute inpatient settings in Canada (excluding Quebec) for fiscal year 2023–2024.

b) Counts are based on facility geography, that is, where the hospital is located (i.e., may include non-Canadians).

c) Inclusions:

> Stillbirths from Termination of Pregnancy are defined as below:
- entry_code='S'
- P96.4 'Termination of pregnancy, affecting fetus and newborn' is captured as MRDx
- Acute Inpatient is defined by analytical_inst_type_code = '1'

> Newborns from Termination of Pregnancy are defined by:
- entry_code = 'N'
- P96.4 Termination of pregnancy, affecting fetus and newborn is captured as the MRDx, with Z38.- Liveborn infants according to place of birth, as diagnosis type (0)
- Acute Inpatient is defined by analytical_inst_type_code = '1'

d) Exclusions:

> Quebec records

e) The year represents the fiscal year of discharge (e.g. for fiscal 2023–2024, discharges occurring between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 inclusive).

f) Liveborn abstracts are not expected for gestational age < 20 weeks. Tables 2 and 3 only include livebirths with gestational age =>20 weeks.

g) The information provided in this document has been compiled and reviewed by our team of data experts to the best of their abi lities. However, it is important to note that the data and definitions have not been reviewed by a clinician. In some cases, accurate interpretation of CIHI data may require consultation with a clinical expert.

Data Sources:
Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI):
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

About the Discharge Abstract Database: The Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) managed by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) captures demographic, administrative and clinical data for hospital discharges (inpatient acute, chronic, rehabilitation) and day surgeries in Canada. For more information and documentation on the DAD, please visit the DAD metadata webpage.
https://www.cihi.ca/en/discharge-abstract-database-metadata-dad

Stillborn Abstracting
Definition: A stillborn is any intrauterine fetal demise or termination of pregnancy occurring at or after 20 completed weeks of gestation in which the fetus shows no signs of life. A liveborn resulting from a medical abortion prior to 20 weeks is considered pre-viable for the purposes of classification and an abstract is not expected.

Abstract Creation
Do not create a stillborn abstract for
- A pregnancy with abortive outcome (that is, less than 20 completed weeks of gestation), including
- A missed abortion in which fetal demise occurs before 20 weeks gestation and extraction/expulsion takes place after 20 weeks gestation; and
- A missed abortion documented as such by a physician when dates are equivocal.
- Delivery of a retained fetus in a multiple gestation in which abortion or selective fetal reduction occurred prior to 20 weeks.
- Delivery of a stillborn outside the reporting facility.

Notes:
- *Vital Statistics Act* requirements for registration of a stillborn are not the same as those for creating a stillborn abstract for submission to the DAD; therefore, registrations will not always match abstracts.
- The Gestational Age (GA) for the majority of induced abortion records is based on clinical assessment. However, in a small proportion of cases where GA by clinical assessment is unavailable, it is based on the date of last menses. When interpreting induced abortion statistics, it is important to note that GA derived from the date of last menses can produce estimates that are less accurate than those provided through clinical assessment.

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Table 1: Number of stillbirths resulting from termination of pregnancy in acute inpatient settings in Canada (excluding Quebec), by province, 2023–2024

Province/Territory	Number of Stillbirths from Termination of Pregnancy
Newfoundland and Labrador	N/R
Prince Edward Island	0
Nova Scotia	22
New Brunswick	N/R
Ontario	578
Manitoba	N/R
Saskatchewan	31
Alberta	105
British Columbia	447
Yukon Territory	0
Northwest Territories	N/R
Nunavut	0
Total	**1,192**

Note:

In accordance with CIHI's privacy policy, cells with counts of 1 to 4 are suppressed. These are represented by N/R (Not reportable) in the table.

Table 2: Number of livebirths (with gestational age => 20 weeks) resulting from termination of pregnancy in acute inpatient settings in Canada (excluding Quebec), by province, 2023–2024

Province/Territory	Counts
Newfoundland and Labrador	6
Prince Edward Island	0
Nova Scotia	N/R
New Brunswick	7
Ontario	54
Manitoba	9
Saskatchewan	11
Alberta	28
British Columbia	N/R
Yukon Territory	0
Northwest Territories	0
Nunavut	0
Total	**123**

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Note:

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Table 3: Number of livebirths (with gestational age => 20 weeks) resulting from termination of pregnancy in acute inpatient settings in Canada (excluding Quebec), by gestational age (in weeks), 2023–2024

Gestational Age (in Weeks)	Counts
20	17
21 – 24	95
25 – 28	5
29 +	6
Unknown	0
Total	**123**

Recommended Reference: Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), 2023–2024, Canadian Institute for Health Information

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