

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S QUARTERLY REPORT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

KEY POINTS

BIRTHS AND STILLBIRTHS

- The number of births registered in the quarter under review was 5,420 (2,818 males and 2,602 females). The annualised rate was 12.7 births per 1,000 of the estimated population, which was 0.2 above that for the corresponding quarter of 2003.
- Live births outside marriage numbered 1,914, which represented 35.3 per cent of the total live births registered.
- The number of stillbirths registered was 27 and the rate was 5.0 stillbirths per 1,000 births (including stillbirths).

DEATHS

- Deaths registered during the quarter numbered 3,495 (1,715 males and 1,780 females). The annualised rate was 8.2 deaths per 1,000 of the estimated population, which was 0.5 below that for the corresponding quarter of 2003.
- Deaths of children aged under one year numbered 24 representing an infant mortality rate of 4.3 per 1,000 live births registered, which was 1.2 below that for the corresponding quarter of 2003.
- The number of deaths from cancer totalled 962 comprising of 507 males and 455 females. Cancer deaths accounted for 27.5 per cent of the total deaths in this quarter.
- There were 385 male and 312 female deaths due to ischaemic heart disease in this quarter. These accounted for 19.9 per cent of the total deaths in the quarter.

Attached are a number of standard tables, which give some further details of the registration events in the period October-December 2004.

Figure 1. QUARTERLY BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1991 to 2004

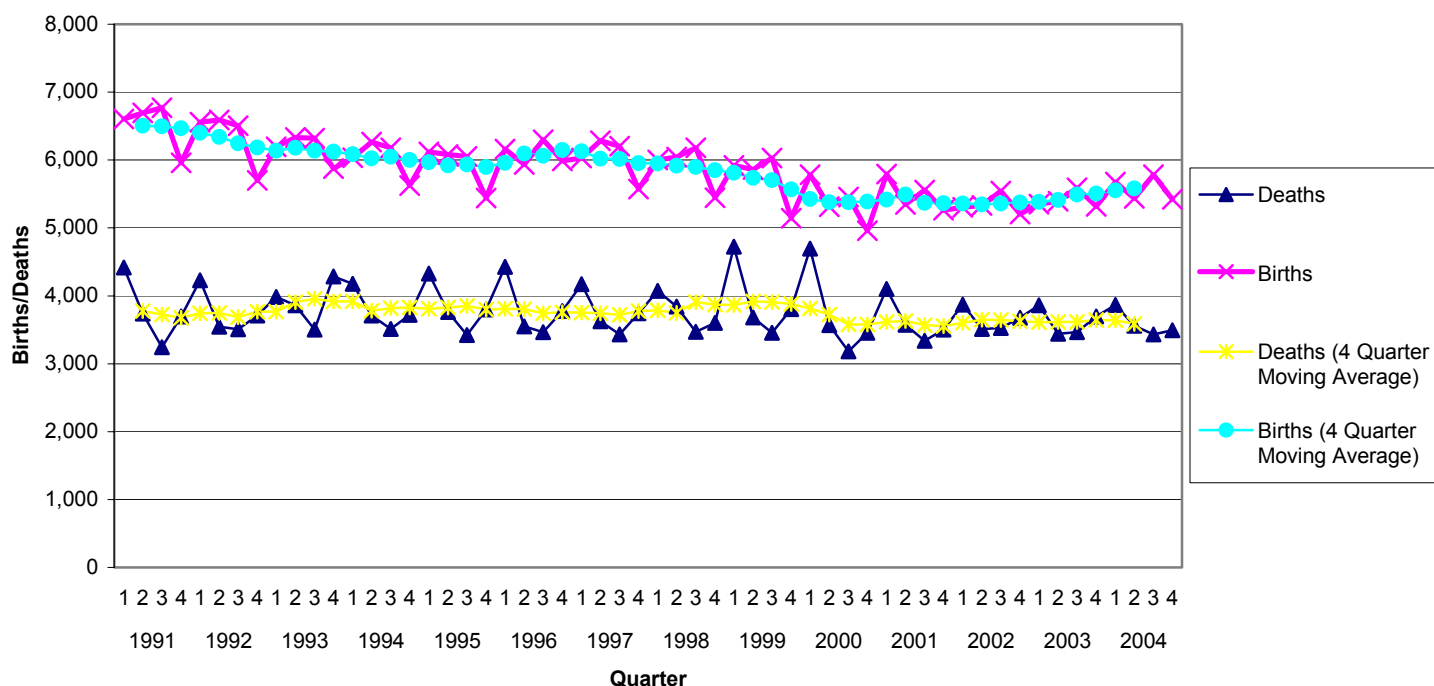


Table 1. VITAL STATISTICS BY QUARTER FROM 1 JANUARY 2001

YEAR	QUARTER	BIRTHS	% OUTSIDE MARRIAGE	STILLBIRTHS	DEATHS		
					ALL CAUSES	CANCER	ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE
2001	1st	5796	33.2	32	4102	941	887
	2nd	5348	31.1	26	3573	910	771
	3rd	5557	31.7	27	3336	905	755
	4th	5261	34.1	27	3501	940	735
2002	1st	5304	33.7	23	3871	877	790
	2nd	5334	33.1	30	3511	887	707
	3rd	5542	33.5	32	3527	944	717
	4th	5205	33.6	37	3677	944	734
2003	1st	5350	34.4	29	3860	906	786
	2nd	5392	33.1	27	3442	889	723
	3rd	5590	34.1	25	3464	989	644
	4th	5316	35.9	27	3696	973	690
2004	1st	5677	35.2	27	3867	935	761
	2nd	5435	33.7	33	3558	921	660
	3rd	5786	33.9	26	3434	939	663
	4th	5420	35.3	27	3495	962	697

Table 2. VITAL STATISTICS BY MONTH FROM JANUARY 2002

YEAR	REGISTRATION MONTH	BIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	DEATHS
2002	January	2103	12	1419
	February	1524	6	1250
	March	1677	5	1202
	April	1817	10	1237
	May	1898	11	1234
	June	1619	9	1040
	July	1850	11	1243
	August	1821	9	1111
	September	1871	12	1173
	October	1943	8	1263
	November	1733	11	1203
	December	1529	18	1211
2003	January	2109	9	1432
	February	1546	9	1236
	March	1695	11	1192
	April	1799	9	1149
	May	1795	7	1133
	June	1798	11	1160
	July	1982	10	1190
	August	1729	8	1063
	September	1879	7	1211
	October	2032	10	1266
	November	1705	9	1222
	December	1579	8	1208
2004	January	2145	13	1405
	February	1614	6	1200
	March	1918	8	1262
	April	1827	10	1236
	May	1719	13	1117
	June	1889	10	1205
	July	1846	7	1153
	August	1885	7	1140
	September	2055	12	1141
	October	1884	6	1160
	November	1978	12	1243
	December	1558	9	1092

Table 3. VITAL STATISTICS BY AREA (QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004)

AREA ¹	ESTIMATED POPULATION 30 JUNE 2003	EVENTS REGISTERED									
		BIRTHS				STILL BIRTHS	DEATHS BY AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	
		LIVE BIRTHS	BIRTH RATE	OUTSIDE MARRIAGE			ALL AGES	DEATH RATE	UNDER 1 YEAR	CANCER	ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE
Number	%										
Northern Ireland	1,702,600	5,420	12.7	1,914	35	27	3,495	8.2	24	962	697
Eastern Board	663,900	2,021	12.2	877	43	8	1,532	9.2	12	422	264
Ards	74,400	209	11.2	60	29	0	174	9.4	1	47	24
Belfast	271,600	832	12.3	460	55	3	672	9.9	5	188	103
Castlereagh	66,100	180	10.9	55	31	1	148	9.0	1	42	25
Down	65,200	223	13.7	86	39	2	129	7.9	0	37	31
Lisburn	109,600	365	13.3	141	39	2	197	7.2	2	50	41
North Down	77,100	212	11.0	75	35	0	212	11.0	3	58	40
Northern Board	432,800	1,361	12.6	450	33	8	885	8.2	2	259	186
Antrim	49,300	190	15.4	61	32	1	90	7.3	1	20	19
Ballymena	59,500	186	12.5	67	36	0	115	7.7	0	32	26
Ballymoney	27,800	100	14.4	32	32	1	70	10.1	0	29	13
Carrickfergus	38,500	101	10.5	39	39	0	91	9.5	0	32	20
Coleraine	56,000	158	11.3	57	36	2	113	8.1	0	40	23
Cookstown	33,400	120	14.4	37	31	0	61	7.3	0	22	8
Larne	30,900	75	9.7	29	39	0	78	10.1	0	24	15
Magherafelt	40,800	130	12.7	28	22	1	61	6.0	0	13	14
Moyle	16,300	49	12.0	19	39	1	32	7.9	0	6	7
Newtownabbey	80,300	252	12.6	81	32	2	174	8.7	1	41	41
Southern Board	319,000	1,146	14.4	297	26	5	615	7.7	6	153	143
Armagh	55,400	179	12.9	43	24	1	113	8.2	0	31	29
Banbridge	43,100	142	13.2	38	27	0	81	7.5	0	16	12
Craigavon	82,200	310	15.1	97	31	2	155	7.5	1	35	46
Dungannon	48,700	193	15.9	48	25	1	84	6.9	2	16	19
Newry & Mourne	89,600	322	14.4	71	22	1	182	8.1	3	55	37
Western Board	286,900	892	12.4	290	33	6	463	6.5	4	128	104
Fermanagh	58,700	174	11.9	42	24	0	121	8.2	2	35	32
Limavady	33,600	74	8.8	20	27	2	44	5.2	0	11	7
Derry	106,500	370	13.9	164	44	2	172	6.5	2	51	38
Omagh	49,600	164	13.2	28	17	1	70	5.6	0	13	13
Strabane	38,600	110	11.4	36	33	1	56	5.8	0	18	14

¹ Figures may not add due to rounding.

Table 4. DEATHS REGISTERED DURING QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, GENDER, HEALTH BOARD AND AGE GROUP

ICD10 Code	Cause of death	Gender		Health Board				Age Group								
		Males	Females	Eastern	Northern	Southern	Western	0	1-14	15-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85 +
A00-Y98	All Causes of Death	1,715	1,780	1,532	885	615	463	24	8	69	81	171	366	655	1,178	943
A00-B99	Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	16	13	15	3	4	7	1	0	0	0	2	2	9	7	8
C00-D48	Neoplasms	513	465	427	264	157	130	0	2	9	21	62	155	265	332	132
C00-C97	Malignant Neoplasms	507	455	422	259	153	128	0	2	8	21	62	153	262	325	129
D50-D89	All Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs and Certain Disorders Involving the Immune Mechanism	3	5	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	2
E00-E90	Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases	37	28	28	10	19	8	0	0	1	2	4	2	13	22	21
F00-F99	Mental and Behavioural Disorders	40	66	61	15	23	7	0	0	0	9	10	9	5	25	48
G00-H95	Diseases of the Nervous System and the Sense Organs	42	56	46	28	13	11	1	1	1	1	5	10	17	39	23
I00-I99	Disease of the Circulatory System	624	661	554	321	246	164	0	0	5	12	46	111	229	494	388
I20-I25	Ischaemic Heart Disease	385	312	264	186	143	104	0	0	2	10	28	74	134	257	192
I60-I69	Cerebrovascular Disease	136	213	171	81	63	34	0	0	1	0	6	19	50	148	125
J00-J99	Diseases of the Respiratory System	214	245	198	129	68	64	1	1	1	4	8	26	67	161	190
K00-K93	Diseases of the Digestive System	64	91	76	27	25	27	0	0	4	12	14	25	27	38	35
L00-M99	All Diseases of Skin, Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue	4	10	6	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	5
N00-N99	Diseases of the Genitourinary System	31	63	30	30	15	19	1	0	2	1	0	1	7	34	48
O00-O99	Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P00-P96	Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	8	4	7	0	3	2	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q00-Q99	Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities	10	2	5	2	3	2	7	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
R00-R99	Signs, Symptoms and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings, N.E.C.	6	18	16	6	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	19
V01-Y98	All External Causes of Morbidity and Mortality	103	53	61	42	36	17	0	2	45	17	18	20	11	19	24
V01-V99	Transport Accidents	30	9	10	15	10	4	0	2	22	3	1	7	2	1	1
X60-X84, Y87.0	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injury	23	6	16	2	7	4	0	0	11	6	6	5	1	0	0

GENERAL NOTES

The figures on births and deaths in this report are provisional. The final figures for each year will be published in the relevant Registrar General's Annual Report.

Births, stillbirths and deaths

Figures relate to those registered during the quarter under review. A birth or stillbirth is assigned to the usual place of residence of mother and excludes births and stillbirths to non-Northern Ireland residents. Deaths are assigned to the usual residence of the deceased, if such residence is within Northern Ireland; otherwise to the place of occurrence and non-resident deaths are included in the figures.

Birth, stillbirth and death rates

Rates for 2003 and 2004 data are calculated on the estimated home population as at 30th June 2003. All quarter rates have been annualised by multiplying the rates by 4.

Stillbirth

Refers to a child which has been issued from its mother after the 24th week of pregnancy and which did not breathe or show any other sign of life.

Infant mortality

Refers to all deaths in the first year of life.

Cancer

Refers to all malignant neoplasms of the lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues, including Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia and aleukaemia.

Cause of death coding

Each death registered in Northern Ireland is attributed to a single cause and coded in accordance with the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (ICD). The General Register Office in Northern Ireland changed from the ninth (ICD9) to the tenth (ICD10) edition from January 2001. Data in this bulletin prior to 2001 will be based on ICD9 and after 2001 will be based on ICD10. The ICD codes used for the causes of death in Tables 1 and 3 are as follows:

Cancer	ICD9 140-208	ICD10 C00-C97
Ischaemic Heart Disease	ICD9 410-414	ICD10 I20-I25

Seasonality

This short report presents selected information that illustrates seasonal variations in birth and deaths in Northern Ireland.

Further information on the statistics provided in this publication can be obtained from Customer Services at:

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