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Glossary of Terms

Vital Statistics Records dealing with births, marriages, stillbirths and deaths; all events which

have to do with an individual's entrance or departure from life, together with

changes in civil status.

Live Birth A complete expulsion or extraction from the mother, irrespective of the dura-

tion of the pregnancy, of a fetus in which, after expulsion or extraction, there is breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite

movement of a voluntary muscle.

Gestation Time between the conception and birth of an infant, the usual length being 40

weeks.

In-Wedlock For purpose of this report, in-wedlock means that the parents of the child are

married to each other at the time of birth, or are subsequently married and have

changed the birth registration.

Birth Order Number of live births to the mother, including this birth

Infant Death Death of a child between birth and one year of age.

Neonatal Death Death of an infant 28 days to age or less.

Natural Increase Excess of births over deaths.

Cause of Death (ICD 10) Causes of death are bases on the International Classification of Diseases 10th

Edition.

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