
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 duration 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.
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 based on the International Classification of Diseases 10 th Edition.
NS	Information is unavailable and therefore is Not Stated.