



"Just the Facts"

# Births and Babies in 2009

- ▶ **380,863** The number of live births in Canada
- ▶ **1.67** The fertility rate of Canadian women – total fertility rate is the average number of children per woman
- ▶ **2.1** The number of children Canadian women would need to have to replace the current population in the absence of migration
- ▶ **3.24** The fertility rate of women in Nunavut – the highest in the country
- ▶ **1.5** The fertility rate of women in British Columbia and Nova Scotia – the lowest in the country
- ▶ **31.7%** The proportion of babies born to women aged 30 to 34 years – the highest among all age groups
- ▶ **51.3% and 48.3%** The proportion of male and female babies born, respectively
- ▶ **34,225** The number of babies born in July – the peak birth month in a calendar year
- ▶ **60.1%** The proportion of babies born to mothers who were married (27.2% to single/never married women, 0.9% to divorced women, 0.4% to separated women and 11.3% to women whose marital status was not stated)
- ▶ **91.7%** The proportion of babies born between 37 and 41 weeks gestation
- ▶ **3.9** The fertility rate of women in 1959, at the height of the baby boom

Source: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/84f0210x/84f0210x2009000-eng.pdf>