



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A31 National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS)

Data owner	<p>Department of Health (www.doh.ie) and the Health Service Executive (www.hse.ie).</p> <p>The National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS) is managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (www.hpo.ie)</p>
Brief description	The National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS) collects data on approximately 72,000 birth records each year from 20 Maternity Units and all registered community independent midwives. Information collected includes morbidity, mortality and socio-economic data.
Primary function of data	The provision of national statistics on perinatal events.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Age Other; County; Occupation; Nationality; Marital Status
Themes/domains	Health; Demographics
Unit of observation	A live or still birth
Start date of data collection	<p>NPRS was established in the 1980's and managed in the Department of Health. From 1999 – 2013 the Economic and Social Research Institute was contracted by the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive to oversee the collection, processing, management and reporting of data submitted to the NPRS.</p> <p>From January 1, 2014 the system is managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (www.hpo.ie).</p>
Frequency of data collection	Continuous
Data format	Separate record for each birth
Method of data collection	Part 3 of the Birth Notification Form (BNF) is submitted on paper or electronically.
Access/further information	Healthcare Pricing Office. Publications available at: www.hpo.ie
Notes	<p>Data are collected on all births and still births in Ireland each year.</p> <p>Within the Annual Reports, international comparisons allow the most recent statistics for the Republic of Ireland to be compared with those for other European countries.</p>