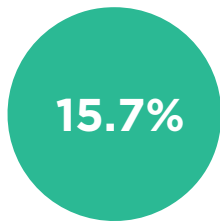


# PERINATAL LOSS IN CANADA



15.7% of couples have problems with fertility



15-25% of pregnancies end in a miscarriage



Ectopic pregnancy occurs in approximately 1-2% of diagnosed pregnancies

## IN 2014

Overall fetal mortality rate was **8.1 per 1,000** total births

Fetal mortality rate for *multiple births* (13.5 per 1,000 total births) was **much higher** than among *singleton births* (4.8 per 1,000 total births)

**Congenital anomalies** rate was for 430.5 per 10,000 live births

Preterm birth rate (<37 weeks) was **8.1 per 100** live births  
 Very preterm birth rate (<32 weeks) was **1.2 per 100** live births

## IN 2011

Infant mortality rate was **5.0 per 1,000** live births

Neonatal mortality rate was **3.6 per 1,000** live births

Post-neonatal mortality rate was **1.4 per 1,000** neonatal survivors

## THE LEADING CAUSES OF

### INFANT DEATHS:

Immaturity: **29.6%**  
 Congenital anomalies: **21.7%**  
 Other/unknown: **20.3%**

### NEONATAL DEATHS:

Immaturity: **37.6%**  
 Congenital anomalies: **21.4%**  
 Other/unknown: **20.4%**

### POST-NEONATAL DEATHS:

Congenital anomalies: **22.3%**  
 Other/unknown: **19.7%**  
 Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS): **19.6%**

## PRETERM BIRTH RATES AMONG:



Singleton was **6.3 per 100** live births



Twin was **56.7 per 100** live births



Triplet or higher order was **93.8 per 100** live births

For references consult **Chapter 7: Loss and Grief** in: Public Health Agency of Canada. Family-Centred Maternity and Newborn Care: National Guidelines. Ottawa (ON): PHAC; 2020.

For more information about the **Family-Centred Maternity and Newborn Care: National Guidelines**, or to download this document, please search “maternity and newborn care” on **CANADA.CA**.

