

General figures (birth years 1981-2018)

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Number of childbirths in Northern Netherlands

Table 1 presents the numbers of live births and stillbirths after 23 weeks of gestation in the provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe. This is the 'catchment area' of Eurocat, representing approximately 10% of all births in the Netherlands. The data were obtained from Statistics Netherlands (CBS) and are used as denominators for the calculation of prevalences.

Table 1. Total number of children born in Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe by type of birth

Year of birth	Live births	Stillbirths	Total ¹⁾
1981-2012	527 487	3 093	530 580
2013	15 763	53	15 816
2014	16 026	40	16 066
2015	15 369	37	15 406
2016	15 631	41	15 672
2017	15 250	37	15 287
2018	14 704	50	14 754
Total	620 230	3 351	623 581

¹⁾ Source: Statistics Netherlands (CBS). CBS has no data concerning miscarriages and terminated pregnancies.

Number of births with a congenital anomaly

Table 2 shows the number of children registered at Eurocat, by year and type of birth. Since 2010 there is a change in procedure. From this year onward, limited data on diagnosis and birth outcome of children whose parents do not respond to requests to participate were also registered.

The decline in numbers in the most recent years is largely caused by incomplete registration of all cases for these years. This can have a number of reasons:

- 1) It can take more than a year before a child is registered with Eurocat. Hospital administrations need time to generate overviews for Eurocat
- 2) Sometimes, the diagnosis of a congenital anomaly is not made until later in life
- 3) The procedure of obtaining permission from the parents may take a long time.

Table 2. Number and proportion of children with a congenital anomaly (Eurocat) by type of birth

Year of birth	Live births		Stillbirths		Miscarriages (<24 weeks)	Terminated pregnancies	Total	Total
		% ¹⁾		% ²⁾				
1981-2012	13 348	2.5	309	10.0	221	1054	14 932	2.8
2013	502	3.2	5	9.4	13	58	578	3.6
2014	468	2.9	8	20.0	11	74	561	3.5
2015	403	2.6	7	18.9	10	74	494	3.2
2016	367	2.3	8	19.5	7	66	448	2.8
2017	341	2.2	6	16.2	11	83	441	2.9
2018	263	1.8	4	8.0	16	84	367	2.5
Total	15 692	2.5	347	10.4	289	1 493	17 821	2.9

¹⁾ Percentage of the total number of live births of the respective period

²⁾ Percentage of the total number of stillbirths of the respective period

³⁾ Percentage of the total number of live births, stillbirths, miscarriages and terminated pregnancies of the respective period