

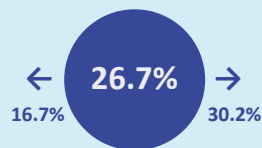
Results at a glance

The National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA) uses information collected routinely as part of NHS maternity care, combined with information collected when women and birthing people and their babies are admitted to hospital, to report on a range of care process and outcome measures. Summarised here are results based on NMPA data relating NHS births in 2023.

The average rate for NHS maternity care providers across Great Britain appears in the blue spot. The blue arrows represent the middle half (interquartile range) of maternity care providers. A full description of the measures including results for each country can be found in the [summary results tables](#).

Late booking

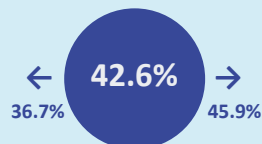
Women and birthing people who attended their first appointment with a midwife (booking) after 10th weeks of gestation.



The **interquartile range** is the spread of the middle half of the results, it gives a sense of the data values around the median. Viewing the whole range of values from lowest to highest can be affected by a small number of providers with very low rates or very high rates

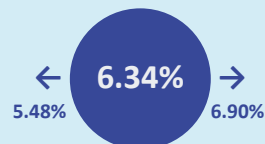
Small for gestational age

Babies born small for gestational age who were born at or after their estimated due date (40 weeks of gestation).



Preterm birth

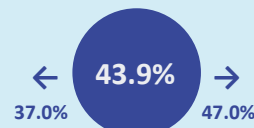
Women and birthing people whose baby was born preterm between 24th and 36th weeks.



Of those, the proportion whose birth is recorded as:

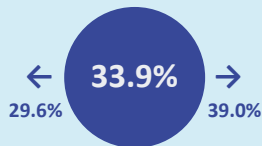
Spontaneous

Clinician Recommended (iatrogenic)



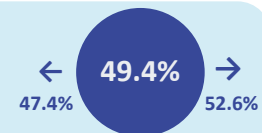
Induction of labour

Women and birthing people who had an induction of labour.

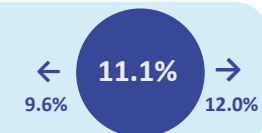


Mode of birth

Vaginal birth without the use of instruments

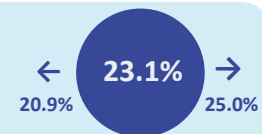


Vaginal birth with the use of instruments



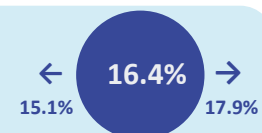
Unplanned caesarean birth

Women and birthing people who had a caesarean birth that was unplanned (emergency).



Planned caesarean birth

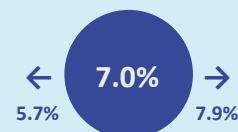
Women and birthing people who had a caesarean birth that was planned (elective).



Vaginal birth with the use of instruments, by type

Vaginal birth with the use of **forceps**.

Vaginal birth with the use of **ventouse**.



Vaginal Birth After Caesarean

Women and birthing people who had a vaginal birth for their second baby, after having had a caesarean birth for their first baby.

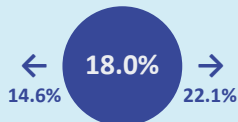


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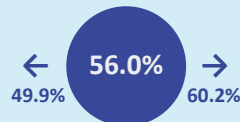
Caesarean birth by selected Robson Group Classification

Of the women and birthing people who meet the selected **Robson Group Classification**, the proportion who had a caesarean birth:

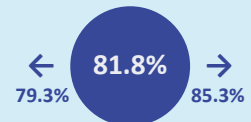
Robson Group 1: Nulliparous, single cephalic pregnancy, ≥ 37 weeks gestation, in spontaneous labour.



Robson Group 2: Nulliparous, single cephalic pregnancy, ≥ 37 weeks gestation, with either induction of labour or pre-labour caesarean birth.



Robson Group 5: Multiparous, single cephalic pregnancy, ≥ 37 weeks gestation, with at least one previous caesarean scar.



Perineal tears

Women and birthing people who gave birth vaginally who experienced a 3rd or 4th degree perineal tear.



Episiotomy

Women and birthing people who gave birth vaginally who had an episiotomy.



PPH ≥ 1500 ml

Women and birthing people who had a postpartum haemorrhage of ≥ 1500 ml.



Unplanned maternal readmission

Women and birthing people who had an unplanned overnight readmission to hospital within 42 days of birth.



Measures of care for the newborn baby

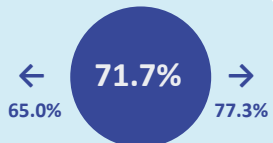
Apgar score at 5 minutes

Babies who were assigned an Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes of age.



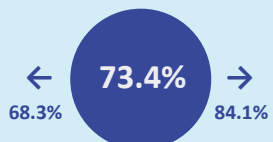
Breast milk

Babies who received any breast milk at first feed.



Skin-to-skin contact

Babies who received skin-to-skin contact within one hour of birth.



This is the first report published by the NMPA since the **2022 clinical report** on births occurring between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

This State of the Nation report is the first time the NMPA have used the updated MSDS version 2.0. Information on the methods used and summary results tables can be found **online**.

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