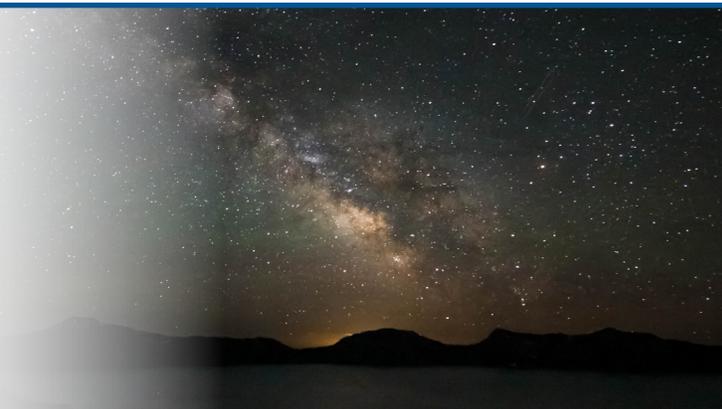


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Oregon paternity establishment percentage results

2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Once a year, we take time to remind you of the importance of paternity establishment and provide an update on our progress towards meeting benchmarks for facility and statewide paternity establishment percentages.

Paternity establishment is an important issue in Oregon and has implications for both the children and their parents. Additionally, meeting the paternity establishment percentage requirement of 90 percent, set by the federal government, protects benefit dollars for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

For the 2015-2016 fiscal year (October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016), Oregon exceeded the federal requirement with an overall paternity establishment of **91.9** percent. We could not have done this without all your hard work. **Thank you!**

Your participation is essential. More than 75 percent of the paternities established in Oregon started at the hospital with an acknowledgment of paternity. Oregon needs facility acknowledgments of paternity to be above 80 percent for births to unwed mothers in order to be confident that, when combined with data for married mothers, we can continue to meet the federal requirement.

We would like to recognize the facilities that met or exceeded the 80 percent goal during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Congratulations!

Facilities with **more than 500 births** to unwed mothers during the fiscal year:

- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
- St. Charles Medical Center - Bend

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Facilities with **100 to 499** births to unwed mothers during the fiscal year:

- Bay Area Hospital
- Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
- Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Westside
- Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center
- Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital
- Providence Newberg Medical Center
- St. Anthony Hospital
- St. Charles Medical Center - Redmond
- Tuality Community Hospital - Hillsboro

Facilities with **fewer than 100** births to unwed mothers during the fiscal year:

- Alma Midwifery Services
- Andaluz Birth Center - Portland
- Andaluz Birth Center - Tualatin
- Aurora Birth Center
- Blue Mountain Hospital District
- Bright Eyes Midwifery and Wild Rivers Women's Health
- Canyon Medical Center
- Growing Family Birth Center
- Home Sweet Home Birth
- Peace Harbor Medical Center
- PeaceHealth Medical Group Nurse Midwifery Birth Center
- Providence Seaside Hospital
- Sacred Waters - A Community Birthing Center
- Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital
- Tillamook Regional Medical Center
- Trillium Birth Center - Medford
- Wallowa Memorial Hospital

To see how your facility did this past year, we've included a table at the end of this article reporting the paternity establishment percentages by facility.

Keep up the good work!

If you are looking for ways to increase the number of paternities at your facility, please feel free to contact us. We'd be happy to talk with you about how we can work together to establish paternities more effectively. You can also find information online at the [Public Health Division](#) as well as at the [Division of Child Support](#).

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Paternity establishment by birth facility for unwed mothers		Births to unwed mothers	Was acknowledgment of paternity signed?	
County	Facility	Total	Yes	%
Baker	St. Alphonsus Medical Center - Baker City	54	34	63.00%
Benton	Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center	249	211	84.70%
Clackamas	Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center	698	557	79.80%
	Legacy Meridian Park Hospital	251	191	76.10%
	Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center	333	264	79.30%
Clatsop	Columbia Memorial Hospital	155	123	79.40%
	Providence Seaside Hospital	43	35	81.40%
Coos	Bay Area Hospital	334	272	81.40%
Crook	St. Charles - Prineville	1	0	0.00%
Curry	Bright Eyes Midwifery and Wild Rivers Women's Health	3	3	100.00%
	Curry General Hospital	16	12	75.00%
Deschutes	Bend Birth Center	6	3	50.00%
	St. Charles Medical Center - Bend	528	429	81.30%
	St. Charles Medical Center - Redmond	214	178	83.20%
Douglas	Mercy Medical Center	420	307	73.10%
Grant	Blue Mountain Hospital District	16	14	87.50%
Harney	Harney District Hospital	23	17	73.90%
Hood River	Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital	154	124	80.50%
Jackson	Asante Ashland Community Hospital	74	58	78.40%
	Asante Rogue Valley Medical Center	725	575	79.30%
	Kalista Birth Sanctuary	8	0	0.00%
	Providence Medford Medical Center	204	163	79.90%
	Trillium Birth Center - Medford	5	5	100.00%
Jefferson	St. Charles - Madras	66	46	69.70%
Josephine	Asante Three Rivers Medical Center	405	313	77.30%
	Trillium Waterbirth Center - Redwood Clinic	9	6	66.70%
Klamath	Baby Catchers & Company	3	2	66.70%
	Klamath Women's Clinic & Birth Center	9	7	77.80%
	Sky Lakes Medical Center	391	302	77.20%
Lake	Lake District Hospital	16	11	68.80%
Lane	McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center	450	359	79.80%
	Peace Harbor Medical Center	43	35	81.40%
	PeaceHealth Medical Group Nurse Midwifery Birth Ctr	26	23	88.50%
	Sacred Heart Medical Center - RiverBend	989	777	78.60%
	Sacred Waters - A Community Birthing Center	5	5	100.00%

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Paternity establishment by birth facility for unwed mothers		Births to unwed mothers	Was acknowledgment of paternity signed?	
County	Facility	Total	Yes	%
Lincoln	Home Sweet Home Birth	1	1	100.00%
	Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital	89	78	87.60%
	Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital	100	69	69.00%
Linn	Growing Family Birth Center	10	9	90.00%
	Samaritan Albany General Hospital	268	207	77.20%
	Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital	157	112	71.30%
Malheur	St. Alphonsus Medical Center - Ontario	256	184	71.90%
Marion	Aurora Birth Center	5	5	100.00%
	Salem Hospital	1438	1135	78.90%
	Santiam Memorial Hospital	33	23	69.70%
	Silverton Hospital	641	499	77.80%
Multnomah	Adventist Medical Center	321	234	72.90%
	Alma Midwifery Services	11	10	90.90%
	Andaluz Birth Center - Portland	22	19	86.40%
	Legacy Emanuel Medical Center	868	604	69.60%
	Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center	219	166	75.80%
	Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center	421	340	80.80%
	OHSU Hospitals and Clinics	762	588	77.20%
	Providence Portland Medical Center	978	714	73.00%
Tillamook	Tillamook Regional Medical Center	97	81	83.50%
Umatilla	Good Shepherd Medical Center	239	186	77.80%
	St. Anthony Hospital	179	145	81.00%
Union	Grande Ronde Hospital, Inc	110	80	72.70%
Wallowa	Wallowa Memorial Hospital	10	8	80.00%
Wasco	Mid-Columbia Medical Center	122	90	73.80%
Washington	Andaluz Birth Center - Tualatin	4	4	100.00%
	Canyon Medical Center	5	5	100.00%
	Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Westside	274	220	80.30%
	Providence St. Vincent Medical Center	981	802	81.80%
	Tuality Community Hospital - Hillsboro	356	286	80.30%
Yamhill	Andaluz - Dundee	3	2	66.70%
	Bella Vie Gentle Birth Center	4	3	75.00%
	Providence Newberg Medical Center	157	129	82.20%
	Willamette Valley Medical Center	235	173	73.60%

* Statewide total includes 221 out-of-facility births

New Amendment Guide

Occasionally corrections need to be made to a birth or fetal death record after it has been registered at the State. When amending a record via OVERS, multiple corrections can be submitted in one request. This can significantly shorten the processing time necessary to change a birth certificate after registration.

Instructions can be found in the new Amendment Guide located under the Birth Facility User Guides section of our website: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/RegisterVitalRecords/overs/Pages/UserGuides.aspx>

If you have questions about completing an electronic amendment through OVERS, please contact Krystalyn Salyer at 971-673-1197 or at krystalyn.salyer@state.or.us.

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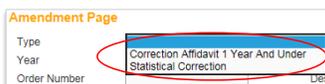
OVERS Amendments Guide for Birth Certifiers

Note: To complete an amendment for a fetal death record, please call our office for assistance.

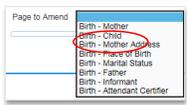
- Navigating to the record**
 - Login at: <https://or-vitalevents.hr.state.or.us/overs>
 - Navigate to the record that needs correction

 - Click on the **Name** to open the record.

- Initiating the Amendment**
 - To access Amendments for a birth record, navigate to **Other Links** → **Amendments from the Birth Registration Menu**

 - You will be taken to the **Amendment Page**. Select the **Amendment Type** from the dropdown.


Amendment Types:

 - Correction Affidavit 1 Year and Under:** To correct information on the birth record within the first year of the child's date of birth. Pages that can be amended: Mother, Child, Mother Address, Place of Birth, Marital Status, Father, Informant, and Attendant Certifier.
 - Statistical Correction:** To correct statistical information. Pages that can be amended: Mother, Child, Mother Attributes, Mother Health, Father, Father Attributes, Prenatal, Pregnancy Factors, Labor, Delivery, Newborn, Newborn Factors.
- Select the Page to Amend**
 - Select the **Page to Amend** from the dropdown. Which pages appear depends on the type of amendment selected. Leave the Order Number and Description fields blank.

- Make the necessary changes to the record**
 - Once you select the page you wish to amend, the page will appear in view, below the Amendment Page. Make the necessary changes and click **Validate Amendment**, which will check the changes for potential errors (error messages will appear at the bottom of the page).
 - Once errors are fixed or overridden, click **Save**.
 - If any additional changes are needed, select the **Page to Amend** and repeat the above steps.
- Amendment Affirmation**
 - Once all changes are made, select **Amendment Affirmation** from the Amendments Menu.

 - Read the affirmation statement, then select the box, and click **Affirm**. Place your finger on the biometric device until you see "Authentication successful".
 - Click **Return**. Then select **Registrar Information** → **Amendment List**, where you will see a listing of each amendment and their status:
 - Keved (Requires Affirmation):** you have not affirmed the amendment yet.
 - Pending:** you have certified the amendment and it is awaiting approval by the State office.
 - Complete:** the State office has approved the amendment. The record is now updated with the amendment.

Making Corrections Before the Record is Registered:

- Click on **Certify**, then click the **Uncertify** button.
- Make the necessary changes, then click **Validate Amendment Page**.
- If no errors, click on the **Certify** page. Read the affirmation statement, select the box, and click **Affirm**. Place your finger on the biometric device until you see "Authentication successful".

OVERS Help Desk: 971-673-0279 M - F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

New national study on causes of fetal death

A fetal death is the death of a fetus before the complete extraction from the mother, regardless of the length of gestation. Induced terminations are not considered fetal deaths. Fetal deaths must be reported to the Center for Health Statistics when the fetus weighs 350 grams or more or, if weight is unknown, when gestation is 20 weeks or more.

Your accurate reporting of fetal deaths provides important data for research aimed at understanding and preventing them. Fetal deaths are rare, and their reporting is often not as consistent or detailed as the reporting of a birth or death. This makes it hard to accumulate enough data to support the kind of research we see using data from birth and death records. The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) recently published a study – the first of its kind – looking at the causes of fetal death.ⁱ The study used data from 15,840 fetal deaths occurring in 2014 across 35 states and the District of Columbia. This article shares the findings of the study, and looks at how Oregon compared with the rest of the country.ⁱⁱ

Five causes accounted for 94 percent of fetal deaths in Oregon, and 90 percent nationally. These causes, and the percent of fetal deaths they comprise, are shown in the table below. Unspecified cause was the leading cause in both groups, accounting for 42 percent of the fetal deaths in Oregon and 30 percent nationally. The range of percentages among the states in the national sample was 18 percent to 75 percent. Complications of the placenta, cord and membranes ranked second. The third leading cause in Oregon was congenital malformations, but nationally this cause ranked fourth behind Fetus affected by maternal complications of the pregnancy.

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Table 1. Rank of the five leading causes of fetal deaths, and percentage of total fetal deaths, Oregon (2015) and the U.S. (2014)*

Rank OR (US)	Cause of death	Percent of total fetal deaths	
		Oregon	U.S.
1 (1)	Unspecified cause	42%	30%
2 (2)	Complications of placenta, cord and membranes	27%	28%
3 (4)	Congenital malformations	12%	10%
4 (3)	Fetus affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	8%	14%
5 (5)	Fetus affected by maternal conditions unrelated to pregnancy	6%	8%

* U.S. sample of fetal deaths accounts for 66% of all fetal deaths nationally. Oregon is not included in the U.S. sample. 2014 is the most recent national fetal death data that is available.

The NCHS study noted that more attention is typically paid to infant deaths, rather than fetal deaths, in part due to less knowledge on what causes fetal deaths and how to prevent them. This lack of knowledge is linked to the generally lower quality of data reported on fetal death certificates, compared to the reporting of other deaths. This is true even though, nationally, the fetal death rate is higher than the infant death rate (6.0 vs. 5.8 per 1,000 live births). This emphasizes the need for high quality, complete reporting of fetal deaths.

NCHS offers a free, web-based training on the reporting of births and fetal deaths, which includes a section devoted to reporting cause of fetal death: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/training/BirthCertificateElearning/>.

Our website also has forms, instructions, and other information about when and how to complete a fetal death record: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/RegisterVitalRecords/Pages/InstructionsFetalDeath.aspx>

If you would like to see the latest statistics on fetal and infant deaths in Oregon, visit our statistics page at the address below. The data tables for the most recent annual report have been posted, and the complete annual report will be published soon. <http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/VitalStatistics/Pages/index.aspx>

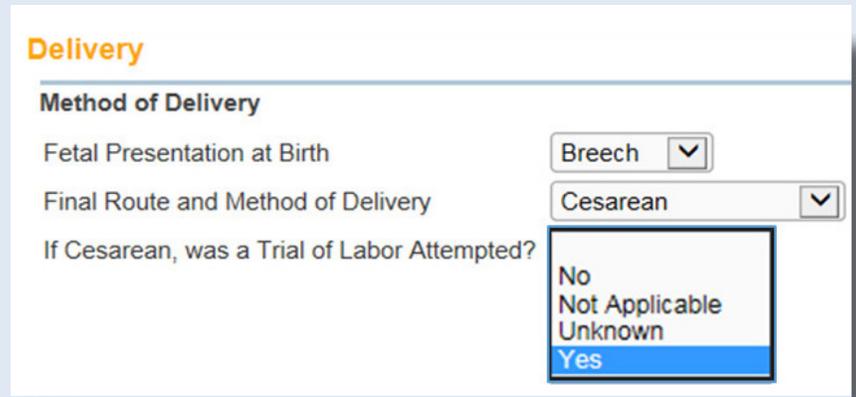
If you have any questions about fetal deaths or fetal death reporting, contact JoAnn Jackson, Registration Manager, at 971-673-1160 or at joann.jackson@state.or.us.

ⁱ Hoyert DL, Gregory, ECW. Cause of fetal death: Data from the fetal death report, 2014. National Vital Statistics Reports; 65(7). Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics 2016. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr65/nvsr65_07.pdf

ⁱⁱ The most recent (2015) Oregon fetal death data was used for comparisons.

Trial of labor

There continues to be confusion on how to answer the trial of labor question in OVERS. **Any time the method of delivery is cesarean section, the trial of labor question must be answered with either a “Yes” or a “No”.** Answering “Not Applicable” is never acceptable. The instructions previously outlined in the July 2016 Birth Newsletter are being provided again below for your reference:



Delivery

Method of Delivery

Fetal Presentation at Birth: Breech

Final Route and Method of Delivery: Cesarean

If Cesarean, was a Trial of Labor Attempted?

- No
- Not Applicable
- Unknown
- Yes

For all cesarean deliveries, you must report whether labor was attempted. This article will clarify how to answer the “Trial of Labor” question on the birth record.

In OVERS, the trial of labor question (“If cesarean, was a Trial of Labor Attempted?”) is found on the “Delivery” page just under “Final Route and Method of Delivery.” The question is locked as “Not Applicable” until “cesarean” is selected as the final method of delivery. Once cesarean is selected, in all but the rarest of cases, you will answer the trial of labor question in one of two ways:

“Yes,” when a woman goes into labor with the plan to deliver vaginally; or

“No,” when a woman has an elective cesarean section.

You may be asking, “If only yes and no are acceptable, why have these other two choices of ‘not applicable’ and ‘unknown?’”

“Unknown” is used in only the most extreme cases where it is known that a cesarean section was performed, but it is unknown if a trial-of-labor was attempted.

“Not applicable” is only a valid answer for non-cesarean deliveries. Most births occur vaginally, so the trial of labor field is automatically filled as “Not applicable” in every new OVERS record. Due to limitations in the OVERS system, “Not applicable” remains as a possible answer, even after cesarean is selected as the delivery method. Remember: “Not applicable” should never be selected for the trial of labor for a cesarean delivery.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Roeser at 971-673-0478 or by email at cynthia.r.roeser@state.or.us.

How to open secure emails from state agencies

The Public Health Division and the Center for Health Statistics are strongly committed to protecting the privacy and security of all the people we serve. By sending emails securely we can help ensure the protection of confidential information. Our office sends you the Center for Health Statistics birth edit report every two weeks via secure email. This article will explain how to open secure emails, set up an account and change your password within our secure site called “Proofpoint Encryption.” See below for an example of what you will see when you receive a secure email:

Click on the blue hyperlink in the attachment. Select “Save” and then “Open”. A new web browser window will appear. After clicking the button that reads “Click to read message,” you will be directed to the “Proofpoint Encryption” site. If this is your first time exchanging secure emails with DHS or OHA you will be prompted to set up an account. Returning users will be asked to simply log in. All you need to set up a new account is your email address, name and a password. Your password must be 8 to 20 characters long and contain numbers and both uppercase and lowercase letters. Once you have entered all the fields, select “Continue.” You can now read your secure email!

Your password will expire after 90 days. You can change your password by clicking on the link next to the expiration message. If your password expires, you will be prompted to change it the next time you open a secure email. If you forget your password, use the “Forgot Password” link to receive an email with instructions for how to change your password.

If you need any further assistance please contact the OVERS Helpdesk at 971-673-0279 or Cynthia Roeser, Data Entry Supervisor, at 971-673-0478 or at cynthia.r.roeser@state.or.us.



The Training Corner — Canadian province

This article provides direction on what to enter in the “Birthplace State” field when one or both parents were born in Canada. When Canada is entered in the “Birthplace Country” field, then you will need to enter the name of the Canadian province in “Birthplace State” field.

There are several reasons why you need to enter the Canadian province:

- The parent’s place of birth on a birth record is legally required information.
- It is used for statistical purposes.
- The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has an interjurisdictional agreement to report Canadian Provinces on birth records.
- It is used by genealogists when tracing family history.

A list of the Canadian provinces is provided below:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon Territory



If you have any questions, please contact
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New e-Learning tool for Birth Information Specialists

A new e-Learning tool on completing the medical and health information for the certificate of live birth is now available. This training is designed for birth information specialists, and others who are responsible for gathering birth record information, including doctors, nurses, and office staff, or anyone with an interest in the subject.

This training is available for free on the web and is estimated to take approximately 90 minutes to complete. Developed by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and local partners, this e-Learning package is designed to help us all better understand and improve the quality of birth data. The information is aimed at a national audience and provides a great overview for reporting this information.

Since the training provides awareness of the importance of quality data, it should be helpful for existing staff as well as new employees. This e-Learning session is well laid-out, educational, and continuing education units (CEUs) are available.

To access the training follow this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/training/BirthCertificateElearning/>. If you are interested in taking the free training, feel free to do so or to share the link with others. Please let us know what you think if you do take it. Feedback can be sent to Krystalyn Salyer at krystalyn.salyer@state.or.us or by calling her at 971-673-1197.

We are currently working to develop a full orientation and training package for new birth information specialists, which will include an Oregon Vital Events Registration System training as well as this great new e-training from NCHS.

Stay tuned for more information!



Birth Clerks to Birth Information Specialists

Please note a new change in how we address you in communications. Instead of “birth clerks”, we are now referring to your titles as “Birth Information Specialists”. We appreciate the important role you play in collecting information for the legal record of birth, and we want that to be reflected in your title. Let us know if you have any questions, and as always, thank you for being strong partners in the birth reporting system.

Wanted – newsletter topics

Have a question or idea for a future newsletter article? Contact Judy Shioishi, at 971-673-1166 or judy.shioishi@state.or.us. Judy collects ideas for articles and then shares them with the writing team.

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