

MIDWIVES REPORT

Western Australia

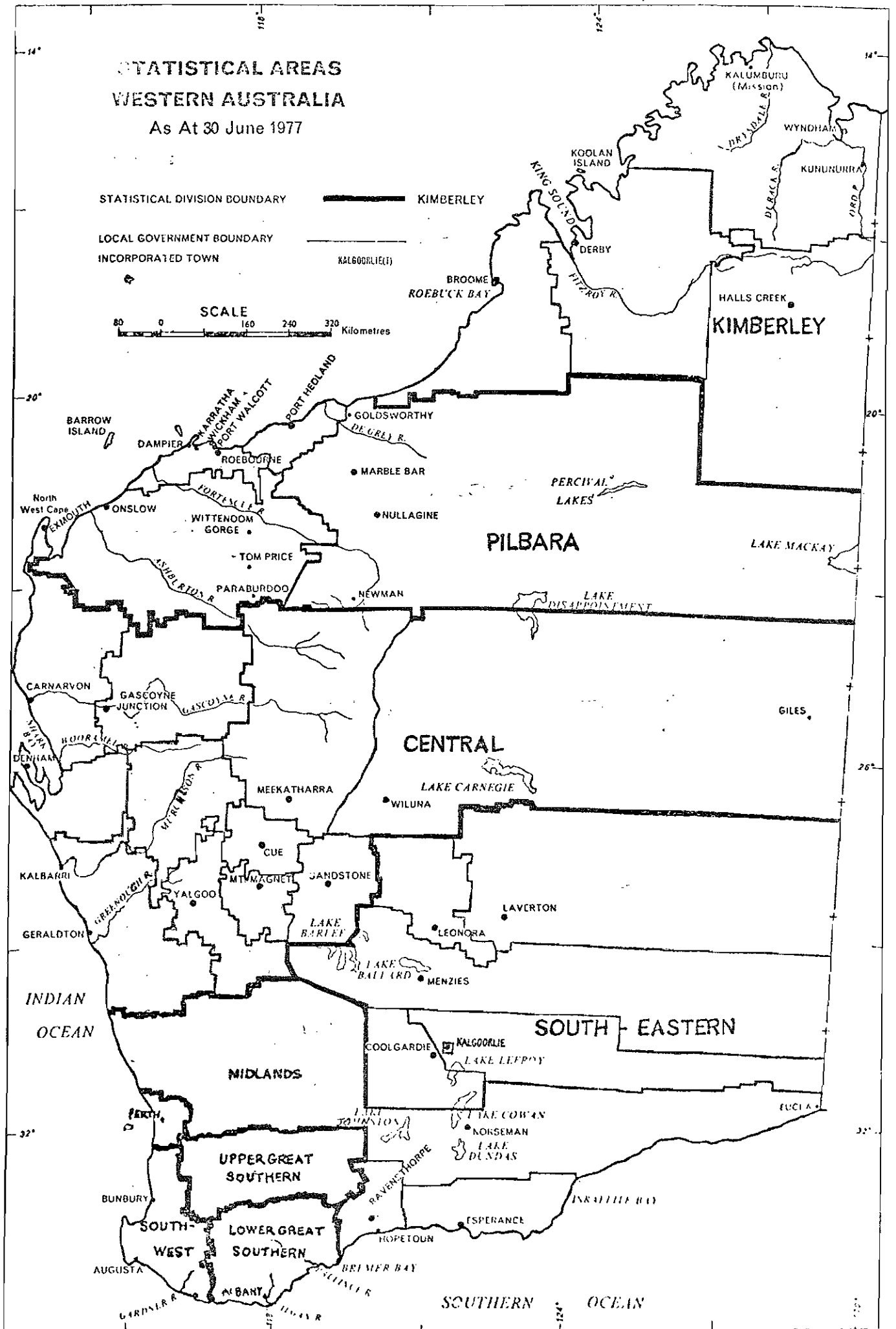
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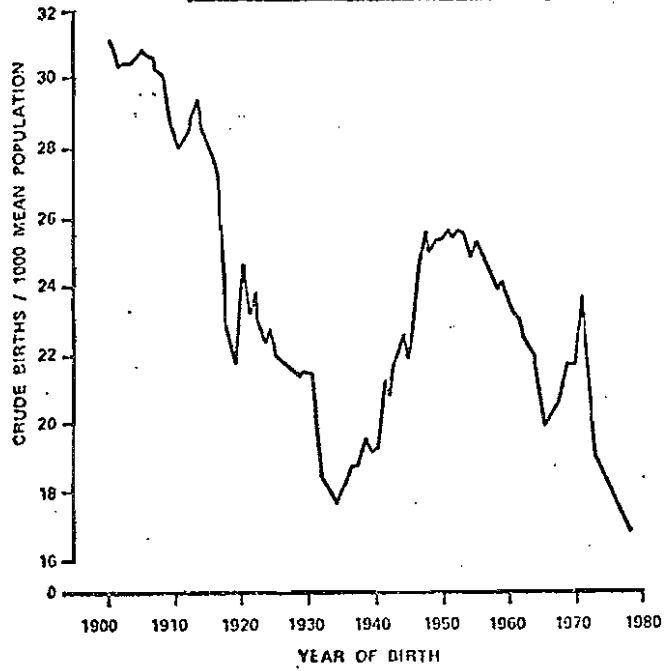
STATISTICAL AREAS WESTERN AUSTRALIA As At 30 June 1977

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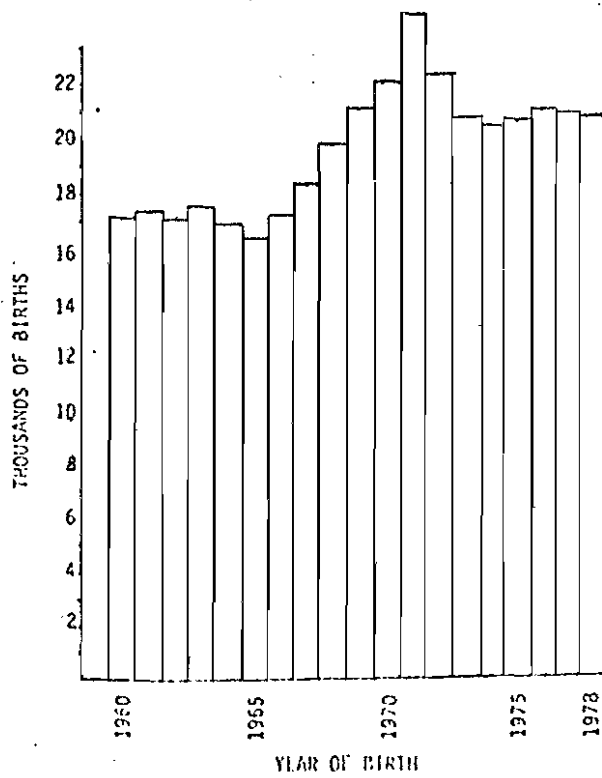
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MIDWIVES REPORT -

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1975 - 1978

PART REPORT .

(Includes data for all statistical
divisions and the total state.)

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INTRODUCTION

The Midwives Notification of Case Attended (Form 2) exists in Western Australia as a statutory document, required to be completed by the attending midwife for all births occurring in the State

It is a triplicate form, an example of which can be found in Appendix A. The top copy is forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Health within 48 hours of the birth, with as much data completed as can be in that time. The middle copy is forwarded to the Commissioner, along with the mother's HA22 (Hospital Morbidity Form), at the time of discharge of mother and/or baby, whichever comes last. The bottom copy is retained by the hospital (or midwife, if the baby was born outside of hospital) for their records.

Once the two copies have been forwarded to the Commissioner, the data are coded and transferred to the computer.

The present form was introduced in July, 1974, and data are currently available on all babies born from that time to December 31, 1978. The data for 1974 are incomplete as only the last six months' births were collected, and not all the data were punched. Thus, they are not analysed in this report.

This Midwives Report covers the years 1975-78 (inclusive) and is the first of such reports to be produced. The purpose of these reports in future will be:

- (a) to provide summary tabulations of confinements and their outcomes,
- (b) to define service utilisation for the purpose of confinement by geographic areas and/or categories of population, and
- (c) to assist in ongoing planning and evaluation of obstetrical and neonatal care services.

Tables for this first report have been produced for:

- (a) (i) each hospital conducting deliveries,
- (ii) births occurring at home,
- (b) each Statistical Division (grouped by place of birth and not mother's place of residence), and
- (c) total Western Australia.

The reports are compiled uniquely for each hospital, containing tables for the hospital, the Statistical Division in which it is located, and W.A. total. Tables and remarks for other Statistical Divisions are made available as Appendix 1. Where hospitals have a small number of confinements, or few or no confinements falling into a specific category, tables and calculations were not produced. Some hospital tables do not include percentages of all livebirths for certain variables for caesarean sections as stillbirths by that variable were not always available. Subsequent reports will cover each year's data and will include tabulations of all the major data items collected by the Midwives system. This first brief report has been produced quickly to provide feedback of information to the hospitals and midwives.

DEFINITIONS

Livebirth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, which after separation breathes or shows other evidence of life.

Stillbirth (foetal death) is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception of at least 20 weeks' gestation or 400 grams in weight, which did not breathe after birth or show any other sign of life.

Birthweight is the first weight of the foetus or newborn, usually obtained within the first hour.

Low Birthweight is a birthweight below 2500 grams.

Rates have been calculated per thousand total (live and still) or livebirths for a single year.

Stillbirth rate is the number of stillbirths per thousand total (live and still) births.

Maternal Age is the age of mother at parturition.

Maternal Parity (previous issue) is the total number of live and stillbirths of the mother, prior to the parturition under consideration.

Race is the group into which the mother indicates and/or is considered to belong; viz - White includes exclusively caucasoid groups

Aboriginal includes persons with acknowledged and/or identifiable Australoid heritage

Other includes persons with acknowledged and/or identifiable heritage which is neither Australoid nor exclusively caucasoid.

Length of Stay is the number of days the newborn remains in the hospital of birth (or to which it was first admitted in the case of a "birth before arrival").

Multiple Birth is the expulsion or extraction from the mother of more than one foetus (live or stillborn) at one parturition.

Caesarean Section is the surgical removal of the uterine contents, via the abdominal route, after foetal viability (20 weeks' gestation or 400 grams).

Time to Spontaneous Respirations (T.S.R.) is the minimum number of minutes by which a newborn breathes spontaneously.

Apgar Score is the numerical scoring system applied after birth to evaluate the condition of the baby, based on the heart rate, respiration, muscle tone, reflexes and colour. Only the score at five minutes after birth is recorded by the midwives.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Source of Data

The Midwives File has been compiled by the W.A. Branch of the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the W.A. Health Services. Data for this file are received from Midwives and hospitals via the Midwives Notification Form 2 and the Hospital Morbidity Form HA22; both these forms are shown in the Appendix. They have since been revised.

Limitation of the Data

Most of the limitations of the Midwives data in 1976-78 pertained to the morbidity variables which have not been analysed in this report. These have been described fully by W.B.G. MacDonald and F.J. Stanley, Community and Child Health Services, Public Health Department, in the "Midwives Validation Study 1977". Other specific comments on the data will be made throughout this report.

WEST AUSTRALIA - STATE TOTAL.

Trends

The number of live births have remained fairly steady between 1975 and 1978. The stillbirth rate has fallen steadily amongst both birthweight groups. The percentage of infants under 2500 grams birthweight was low (approximately 5.2%) in all years but surprisingly, rose in 1978. The reasons for this are not known. About 1% of all births did not have their birthweight recorded; this number is unacceptably high. It is important for the subsequent care of the infant that he/she is weighed.

The stillbirth rate fell in all racial groups, as much amongst Aborigines and other minority groups as amongst caucasians. There were no real differences between racial groups in 1978.

The percentage of multiple births has remained steady at around 2%. There was a trend to a shorter length of stay of babies in hospital. Mothers now wish to go home earlier and there has been more transfer of sick babies from hospital of delivery for special care. However, the percent staying for more than 2 weeks remained constant.

There was a slight shift to more optimal maternal ages (i.e. to 25-34 years) overtime, from both the 16-24 year and the over 35 year groups. The percent births to younger teenagers (<16 years) did not fall - the numbers were rising.

The parity distribution of livebirths remained fairly steady, with the majority of births occurring to women of parities 0, 1 and 2.

Caesarean Sections

Both the number and percentage of caesarean births increased steadily over the period. Stillbirth rates fell at a greater rate than for all live births, although these were based on small numbers. The percentage of unrecorded birthweights was similar to that for all births and is unacceptable. There was a greater percentage increase of caesarean section births amongst low birth weight infants than amongst bigger babies.

The percentage of caesarean sections performed for non-caucasian mothers was higher than for caucasians and showed greater increases over the period. The unknown times to spontaneous respiration were consistently at a level of 7%. This may be due to both a lack of recording and the use of artificial respirators,

about which no differentiation was made in these data. A similar percentage of "unknown" appears for all births.

Times to spontaneous respirations of caesarean born infants were longer than for live births generally. The pattern did not change over time.

Apgar scores tended to be lower in infants born by caesarean section. There was some improvement over time. Again the level of unknown apgars was consistent at a level of 1-2% and reduction of this would be helpful.

Younger (<16 year and 16-19 year) and older (>30) mothers were over represented in the group of caesarean section mothers, although some increase in the percentage of 25-29 year olds was evident.

There was an increased percentage of caesarean sections to mothers of parity 1 and 2 with reduction in other groups. Nulliparous mothers were over represented amongst caesarian sections throughout the period.

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION,

Trends

As expected, the pattern of metropolitan births was similar to the total for Western Australia as 70% of the latter occurred in the metropolitan area. There was evidence of increasing referral of high risk mothers into metropolitan hospitals for delivery - more twins and low birthweight babies were born in the metropolitan area more recently. Despite this the stillbirth rate in both birthweight categories fell.

The high stillbirth rates amongst non-caucasians should be cause for concern, although their rates fell more rapidly than those for caucasians.

The patterns of length of stay of the babies and of the maternal age and parity were similar to the total Western Australia distribution.

Caesarean Sections

The percentage births by caesarean section reflected the state's increase, but were at a higher level. This would have been due to the selective referral of high risk pregnancies for specialist delivery. The stillbirth rate of deliveries by caesarean section was lower than the whole state but with a smaller fall over the period. The percentage caesarean sections increased in both birthweight categories. The higher percentage of deliveries by caesarean section was evident in all racial groups with a much greater rise in the Aboriginal and to a lesser extent in the 'other' minority groups. There may have been an increase in the referral of high risk Aboriginal mothers over the period.

The times to spontaneous respirations generally were either slightly shorter and longer than for caesarean deliveries for the whole state.

Apgar scores reflect the state and indicated no real change over the period. The distribution of caesarean births throughout the maternal age groups was similar to the whole state with a slight shift over time to the older age groups.

SOUTH WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION,

Trends

The stillbirth rate fell in both birthweight groups. The percent of live births under 2500 grams was low compared with Western Australia as a whole. The percent of multiple births was low, perhaps reflecting referral of these to the metropolitan area for delivery.

The length of stay of babies in hospital was similar to that for the total state with increasing numbers of shorter stays.

The maternal age and parity distribution of live births were similar to those for the state as a whole. There was a shift from the younger and older to the more optimum (25-35 years) age groups.

Caesarean Sections

The percentage of caesarean sections were lower than that for the state as a whole and did not rise over time, in either birthweight category. Although the number of stillbirths were small, the rate amongst caesarean births was high. The percent caesarean sections amongst non-caucasians was higher and rose more than amongst caucasians.

The onset of spontaneous respirations and Apgar scores for caesarean births were less favourable than for livebirths, however both improved over time. Caesarean sections occurred in all maternal ages and parities without any real differences in patterns occurring over time. There was an over representation of younger mothers in the caesarean section group.

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION.

Trends

The number of births has increased marginally. There was no improvement in the stillbirth rates for either birthweight groups. The percentage of low birthweight infants continued throughout the period at a level lower than that for the whole state. The absence of change in the stillbirth rate cannot be attributed to higher stillbirth rates in the non-caucasian racial groups.

The length of hospital stay of babies is similar to the state pattern with tendency towards shorter stays.

Mothers tend to be younger than is general in W.A., with evidence of a shift towards the more optimal maternal age groups. Little change in the maternal parity pattern occurred with a higher percentage of grand multiparas than for the state as a whole.

Caesarean Sections

The percentage of caesarean deliveries has risen to a level similar to that of the state and the rise evident in both birthweight categories. The distribution of caesarean sections across the racial groups contrasted to that of the state, with a rise seen in the caucasian group.

Times to spontaneous respirations for caesarean deliveries have shortened over the period, however, continuing to be longer than for the state's caesarean deliveries as a whole. Significant differences were noted between the times for caesarean deliveries and births as a whole.

The Apgar scores for caesarean deliveries though remaining lower than for the whole state showed improvement throughout the period.

An increase in the over represented 16-19 year olds was noted, along with a shift from the 25-29 year olds in 1975 and 1976 to the 30-35 year olds in 1977 and 1978, and a similar shift was seen between the parity groups. The practice of repeating caesarean deliveries may have contributed to such a shift.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION,

Trends

The stillbirth rate improved, based however on very small numbers.

The numbers of births fell - suggesting referral of mothers out of the area for delivery. As the percentage low birthweight and multiple births fell more, it may have been a selective referral of high risk mothers. There may also be a decline in overall birthrate (declining fertility). The percentage low birthweight fell and was lower than that for Western Australia as a whole.

The length of stay of babies fell more than for the total state and included falls in those staying longer than 2 weeks - particularly in 1978. There were proportionately more younger mothers and fewer older mothers than for the state, whereas the parity distribution was similar.

Caesarean Sections

More live births were delivered by caesarean section than for W.A. as a whole. There was 1 caesarean stillbirth throughout the period. Distribution over the racial groups was similar to that of the state, although based on small numbers.

Amongst caesarean births, times to spontaneous respirations were longer and apgar scores were lower than for W.A. as a whole.

Caesarean deliveries were scattered throughout the maternal age groups. Caesarean deliveries in nulliparous women were higher than for the state with an increase over time, and there was under representation of maternal parity groups 1 and 2.

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION,

Trends

The falling stillbirth rate was evident, perhaps due in part to selective referral of high risk mothers for delivery (the percent low birthweight babies has fallen). There is an encouraging fall in the low birthweight stillbirth rate.

The percent low birthweight was much lower than for the state as a whole. There was a fall in the percentage of young mothers, and higher proportions of grand multiparas compared with the state.

Caesarean Sections

The number and percentage of deliveries by caesarean section increased, however the level continued to be lower than for the state as a whole. No change in the percent low birthweight rate was observed. A greater increase in caesarean births to Aboriginal mothers occurred, although these were small numbers.

Times to spontaneous respirations were generally longer than for caesarean births in the state and for all births in the division, and a reduction over time was noted. The increased percent times to spontaneous respirations recorded as "unknown" is cause for concern. Apgars were lower than for the state's caesarean sections, with some improvement over time.

The 20-24 year age group was over represented in the caesarean birth group and some shift to the 25-29 year age group was evident. Caesarean deliveries in these age groups were generally higher and in other age groups significantly lower than for the state as a whole.

Distributing over the parity groups varied, with most caesarean sections to women of parity 0, 1 and 2.

SOUTH EAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

Trends

The fall in the number of births suggests that there was an increase in antenatal referral from the division.

The fall in stillbirth rate was contributed to largely by the fall in low birthweight stillbirths.

Reduction in the percentage low birthweight births was observed, and though at a higher level than for the southern divisions generally, this fall is encouraging in an area where more than 10% of its births were to Aboriginal mothers.

Stillbirth rates were higher for Aboriginals, but the numbers were always small.

The percentage of babies staying in hospital more than 2 weeks remained constant and there was a shift to shorter stays by the remainder of infants.

The percentage of teenagers and younger mothers continued to be high, and a shift from the older maternal age groups was evident.

There was a high percentage of grand multiparous women compared with the whole state.

Caesarean Sections

The level of caesarean births was higher than for the state and rose over the period at a rate similar to the State. No babies under 2500 grams were delivered by caesarean section in 1977 and 1978.

Caesarean sections for all racial groups were higher than for the state as a whole with a greater increase over the period in the Aboriginal group. Aborigines had the highest percentage caesarean sections.

A shift to longer times to spontaneous respirations was observed, with times significantly longer than the times for births generally in the division.

Apgar score patterns showed little change, and were similar to the state with the exception that caesarean sections resulted in more infants being born with

with apgars 0-3.

Maternal age was generally lower than for the state with an over representation of the under 25 year old mothers in the caesarean section group.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

Trends

The stillbirth rate was high and remained high in both birthweight groups. There was a low percentage of live births under 2500 grams, considering that nearly 20% were to Aborigines. The stillbirth rates were high in all racial groups.

The length of stay of babies in hospital was similar to the state as a whole with shorter stays becoming more popular.

There were higher proportions of young mothers (16-24 years) and more grand multiparous than in W.A. as a whole.

Caesarean Section

The caesarean section rate did not rise much in either birthweight group which contrasted with the rising trends seen in most areas. Although based on small numbers, there appeared to be a trend to rising caesarean section rates amongst non-caucasians. The rates of caesarean section amongst this group were also higher than for caucasians in all years, particularly recently.

There were marked delays in the onset of spontaneous respirations and a higher percent with low apgar scores in caesarean section births compared with the total live births in that area. The percent with times to spontaneous respirations not recorded was high. There were improvements in both times to spontaneous respirations and apgar scores in caesarean births over the time. Caesarean sections were more common amongst younger mothers and grand multiparous in this division compared with the state as a whole.

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION.

Trends

The fall in stillbirth rate was contributed to mostly by the fall in low birthweight stillbirths. The percent of babies in the low birthweight group has fallen and was comparable to proportions elsewhere.

The high stillbirth rates in non-caucasian racial groups show no real change while improvement was evident in the caucasian group.

The length of hospital stay of babies shows no change over the period and was consistently shorter than for Western Australia as a whole.

The maternal age distribution was similar to that for the whole state while the shift in parity distribution to the parity 1 and 2 group, though not marked, was greater than for the state as a whole.

Caesarean Sections

The percentage of deliveries by caesarean section increased markedly in 1978 to levels greater than the state as a whole. The availability of 'specialist' medical staff in the area and increased referral of antenatal emergencies from areas further north may be reasons for some of this increase.

Three stillbirth caesarean deliveries occurred, none of them in 1977 or 1978.

A small percentage of 2500 gram babies were born by caesarean section.

The rise (4.2% - 18.3%) for caesarean deliveries in the non-caucasian group was greater than the increase for the state (1.4% - 12.2%), while only a small rise occurred in the caucasian group.

Times to spontaneous respirations were generally longer than for the whole state with indication of improvement over time. Similar improvement in apgar scores occurred and the 1977 and 1978 pattern was similar to that for all live births. The 16-19 year maternal age group continued to be over represented in caesarean births, though to a lesser extent over the time. Likewise a high percentage of caesarean births occurred in the 30-35 age group which continued to account for a smaller percentage of deliveries in this division than in the whole state. Caesarean deliveries to nulliparous and grand

multiparous women continued to be higher than for the state with those groups being over represented in the caesarean section group.

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

Trends

The stillbirth rate fell, which reflects increasing referral of some high risk mothers out of the area for delivery. The number of caucasian births in the area fell in 1978.

There were no stillbirths amongst heavy babies, with the encouraging fall amongst low birthweight babies. The percent of livebirths under 2500 grams was high and remained high due mainly to the large proportion of births which were Aboriginal.

In 1977 and 1978, there were 2 caucasian stillbirths and only 1 in Aborigines although there were many more Aboriginal births.

The low percentage of multiple births suggests referral of these mothers prior to delivery.

The length of babies stay in hospital is generally shorter and shortening, but stays of longer than 2 weeks were more common than for the whole state. The small fall in the latter group suggests that transportation arrangements may have contributed.

Very young and grand multiparous women accounted for a higher percentage of births than in the state as a whole.

Caesarean Sections

The number of deliveries by caesarean section varied, over the period possibly due to the changing availability of surgical and obstetric medical staff.

No stillbirths occurred by caesarean section in the period. The percent caesarean deliveries for all racial groups and in both birthweight categories showed little change. Aboriginal mothers delivered by caesarean section at a rate higher than than in other racial groups in the division. Some pattern change occurred in the time to spontaneous respiration probably due to the increase of unknown times, rather than to a shift across the time groups. Times continue to be longer than for all live births but were more favourable than for caesarean births over the whole state.

Apgar scores varied over the time, tending to be lower than the divisions live births.

The majority of caesarean sections were for women under 25 years, with the 16-19 year age group being over represented thoughhough the period.

Nulliparous mothers were over represented in the caesarean sections group and were a higher percentage than occurred in the state as a whole.

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.

Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Armadale - Kelmscott District Memorial Hospital.

Attadale Hospital.

Bentley Hospital.

Glengarry Hospital.

Kalamunda Community District Hospital.

King Edward Memorial Hospital.

Osborne Park Hospital.

Rockingham - Kwinana District Hospital.

St. Anne's Maternity Hospital, Mt. Lawley.

St. John of God Hospital, Subiaco.

South Perth Community Centre Hospital.

Swan Districts Hospital.

Woodside Maternity Hospital.

Devonleigh Hospital (Closed at time of reporting.)

SOUTH WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION.

Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Augusta District Hospital.

Boyup Brook and District Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

Bridgetown District Hospital.

Bunbury Regional Hospital.

Busselton District Hospital.

Collie District Hospital.

Donnybrook District Hospital.

Harvey District Hospital.

Margaret River District Hospital.

Murray District Hospital, Pinjarra.

Nannup District Hospital.

Pemberton District Hospital

St. John of God Hospital, Bunbury.

Warren District Hospital, Manjimup.

Yarloop District Hospital.

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Albany Regional Hospital.

Denmark District Hospital.

Gnowangerup District Hospital.

Katanning District Hospital.

Kojonup District Hospital.

Plantagenet District Hospital, Mt. Barker.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Boddington District Hospital.

Corrigin District Hospital.

Dumbleyung District Memorial Hospital.

Kondinin District Hospital.

Lake Grace District Hospital.

Narrogin Regional Hospital.

Pingelly District Hospital.

Wagin District Hospital.

Williams District Hospital.

MIDLANDS STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Beverley District Hospital.
Bruce Rock War Memorial Hospital.
Cunderdin District Hospital.
Dalwallinu District Hospital.
Goomalling District Hospital.
Kellerberrin Memorial Hospital.
Kununoppin District Hospital.
Merredin District Hospital.
Moora District Hospital.
Narembeen District Hospital.
Northam Regional Hospital.
Quairading District Hospital.
Southern Cross District Hospital.
Wongan Hills District Hospital.
Wyalkatchem - Koorda District Hospital.
York District Hospital.

SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Esperance District Hospital.

Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital.

Laverton District Hospital.

Leonora District Hospital.

Norseman District Hospital.

Ravensthorpe District Hospital.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The Hospitals included in this division are listed below :-

Carnarvon District Hospital.

Exmouth District Hospital.

Geraldton Regional Hospital.

Meekatharra District Hospital.

Morawa District Hospital.

Mullewa District Hospital .

Northampton District Hospital.

North Midlands District Hospital, Three Springs.

St. John of God Hospital, Geraldton.

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Dampier District Hospital.

Marble Bar District Hospital.

Newman District Hospital.

Onslow District Hospital.

Paraburdoo District Hospital.

Port Hedland Regional Hospital.

Roebourne District Hospital.

Tom Price Hospital.

Wickham District Hospital.

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION.

The Hospitals included in this division are listed below:-

Broome District Hospital.

Derby Regional Hospital.

A.I.M. Fitzroy Crossing Hospital.

A.I.M. Hall's Creek Hospital.

Kununurra District Hospital.

Wyndham District Hospital.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - STATE

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	20061	236	11.6
1976	20204	236	11.5
1977	20374	201	9.8
1978	20566	194	9.3

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	1022	18761	278	168	54	14	141.2	2.9
1976	1044	18812	348	160	63	13	132.9	3.3
1977	1044	19149	181	140	56	5	118.2	2.9
1978	1173	19190	203	145	45	4	110.0	2.3

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	19783	1022	5.2
1976	19856	1044	5.3
1977	20193	1044	5.2
1978	20566	1173	5.7

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	14,239	179	12.4
1976	14,247	167	11.6
1977	14,544	152	10.3
1978	14,682	154	10.4

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	726	13,313	200	135	35	9	156.8	2.6
1976	759	13,197	291	117	44	6	133.6	3.3
1977	779	13,656	109	109	39	4	122.7	2.8
1978	919	13,680	83	121	29	4	116.3	2.1

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	14,239	726	5.1
1976	14,247	759	5.3
1977	14,544	779	5.4
1978	14,682	919	6.3

SOUTHWEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	1305	11	8.4
1976	1323	13	9.7
1977	1297	12	9.2
1978	1388	6	4.3

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	51	1232	22	5	6	0	89.3	4.9
1976	42	1271	10	10	3	0	192.3	2.4
1977	47	1236	14	8	4	0	145.5	3.2
1978	46	1319	23	3	3	0	61.2	2.3

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	1305	51	3.9
1976	1323	42	3.2
1977	1297	47	3.6
1978	1388	46	3.3

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	671	3	4.5
1976	718	9	12.6
1977	692	10	14.2
1978	768	5	6.5

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	21	647	3	1	2	0	45.5	3.1
1976	24	688	6	6	2	1	200.0	2.9
1977	33	654	5	3	7	0	83.3	10.6
1978	29	725	14	4	1	0	121.2	1.4

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	671	21	3.1
1976	718	24	3.3
1977	692	33	4.8
1978	768	29	3.8

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	436	5	11.3
1976	415	0	-
1977	398	2	5.0
1978	383	2	5.2

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	19	411	6	3	2	0	136.4	4.8
1976	18	392	5	0	0	0	-	-
1977	11	383	4	2	0	0	153.8	-
1978	12	356	15	1	1	0	76.9	2.8

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	436	19	4.4
1976	415	18	4.3
1977	398	11	2.8
1978	383	12	3.1

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	693	9	12.8
1976	759	9	11.7
1977	734	7	9.4
1978	701	1	1.4

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	21	655	17	4	2	3	160.0	3.0
1976	32	722	5	6	3	0	157.9	4.1
1977	20	700	14	5	2	0	200.0	2.8
1978	17	667	17	1	0	0	55.6	-

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	693	21	3.0
1976	759	32	4.2
1977	734	20	2.7
1978	701	17	2.4

SOUTHEAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	773	9	11.5
1976	795	10	12.4
1977	711	1	1.4
1978	665	5	7.5

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	50	717	6	8	1	0	137.9	1.4
1976	32	756	7	5	5	0	135.1	6.6
1977	35	663	13	1	0	0	27.8	-
1978	28	624	13	3	2	0	107.1	3.2

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	773	50	6.5
1976	795	32	4.0
1977	711	35	4.9
1978	665	28	4.2

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	831	7	8.4
1976	751	12	15.7
1977	766	5	6.5
1978	749	14	18.3

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	48	779	4	3	4	0	58.8	5.1
1976	43	703	5	9	3	0	173.1	4.2
1977	38	724	4	3	1	1	73.2	1.4
1978	36	707	6	8	6	0	181.8	8.4

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	831	48	5.8
1976	751	43	5.7
1977	766	38	5.0
1978	749	36	4.8

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	724	9	12.3
1976	772	9	11.5
1977	842	10	11.7
1978	834	6	7.4

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	46	669	9	6	2	1	115.4	3.0
1976	49	710	13	5	2	2	92.6	2.8
1977	48	788	6	7	3	0	127.3	3.8
1978	39	773	22	3	3	0	73.2	3.9

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	724	46	6.4
1976	772	49	6.3
1977	842	48	5.7
1978	834	39	4.7

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	365	4	10.8
1976	375	5	13.2
1977	364	2	5.5
1978	324	1	3.1

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	30	325	10	3	0	1	90.9	0
1976	43	326	6	2	0	3	44.4	0
1977	31	327	6	2	0	0	60.6	0
1978	37	281	6	1	0	0	26.3	0

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	365	30	8.2
1976	375	43	11.5
1977	364	31	8.5
1978	324	37	11.4

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TABLE 1 TOTAL BIRTHS - LIVE AND STILL

YEAR	LIVEBIRTHS	STILLBIRTHS	STILLBIRTH RATE
1975	17	0	0
1976	49	1	20
1977	25	0	0
1978	72	0	0

TABLE 2 TOTAL BIRTHS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN			STILLBORN			STILLBIRTH RATES	
	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g	Unkn	<2500g	>2500g
1975	3	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
1976	2	47	0	0	1	1	0	20.8
1977	2	17	6	0	0	0	0	0
1978	10	58	4	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE 3 LIVEBIRTHS - PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	LIVEBORN	<2500g	PERCENT
1975	17	3	17.6
1976	49	2	4.1
1977	25	2	8.0
1978	72	10	13.9

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TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	18487	210	11.2	1061	17	15.8	506	9	17.5
1976	18626	207	11.0	1009	19	18.5	567	10	17.3
1977	18768	174	9.2	989	18	17.9	616	9	14.4
1978	18764	176	9.3	1064	11	10.2	738	7	9.4

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	427	2.1
1976	357	1.8
1977	377	1.8
1978	459	2.2

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	6601	33	12749	64	711	4	0	-
1976	7388	37	12149	60	650	3	0	-
1977	8965	44	10844	53	552	3	0	-
1978	8631	42	11329	55	591	3	15	0.1

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TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER			UNKNOWN	
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL
1975	13,518	166	12.1	275	6	21.4	441	7	15.6	5	0
1976	13,539	158	11.5	251	1	4.0	456	8	17.2	1	0
1977	13,788	140	10.1	260	5	18.9	495	7	13.9	1	0
1978	13,784	146	10.5	303	4	13.0	595	4	6.7	0	0

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	328	2.3
1976	275	1.9
1977	303	2.1
1978	373	2.5

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	4,556	32.0	9,149	64.2	534	3.8	0	0
1976	5,071	35.6	8,679	60.9	486	3.4	11	0.1
1977	6,216	42.7	7,908	54.4	412	2.8	8	0.1
1978	5,995	40.8	8,211	55.9	465	3.2	11	0.1

SOUTHWEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	1259	11	8.7	35	0	-	11	0	-
1976	1281	12	9.3	30	1	32.3	12	0	-
1977	1253	11	8.7	32	1	30.3	12	0	-
1978	1349	6	4.4	29	0	-	10	0	-

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	20	1.5
1976	22	1.7
1977	8	0.6
1978	14	1.0

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	295	22.6	974	74.6	36	2.8	0	0
1976	361	27.3	925	69.9	35	2.6	2	0.2
1977	464	35.8	800	61.7	33	2.5	0	-
1978	446	32.1	916	66.0	24	1.7	2	0.1

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	631	1	1.6	42	2	45.5	5	0	-
1976	659	9	13.5	49	0	-	10	0	-
1977	647	7	10.7	36	3	76.9	9	0	-
1978	710	4	5.6	48	0	-	10	1	90.9

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	10	1.5
1976	8	1.1
1977	24	3.5
1978	14	1.8

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	127	18.7	543	80.1	8	1.2	0	-
1976	165	23.0	543	75.6	10	1.4	0	-
1977	244	35.3	430	62.1	17	2.5	1	0.1
1978	249	32.4	505	65.8	14	1.8	0	-

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER			UNKNOWN	
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL
1975	395	4	10.0	40	1	24.4	1	0	-	1	0
1976	375	0	-	37	0	-	2	0	-	0	0
1977	368	0	-	27	2	69.0	3	0	-	0	0
1978	343	1	2.9	36	1	27.0	4	0	-	0	0

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	9	2.1
1976	10	2.4
1977	0	-
1978	6	1.6

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	89	20.4	336	77.1	11	2.5	0	-
1976	112	27.0	287	69.2	14	3.4	2	0.5
1977	133	33.4	260	65.3	4	1.0	1	0.3
1978	160	41.8	219	57.2	4	1.0	0	-

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	637	9	13.9	55	0	-	1	0	-
1976	698	7	9.9	54	2	37.0	7	0	-
1977	676	6	8.8	51	1	19.2	7	0	-
1978	636	1	1.6	64	0	-	1	0	-

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	6	0.9
1976	6	0.8
1977	2	0.3
1978	4	0.6

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	219	31.6	460	66.4	14	2.0	0	-
1976	233	30.7	506	66.7	20	2.6	0	-
1977	264	36.0	453	61.7	17	2.3	0	-
1978	231	33.0	461	65.8	9	1.3	0	-

SOUTHEAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER			UNKNOWN	
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL
1975	701	7	9.9	65	1	15.2	5	1	166.7	2	0
1976	690	8	11.5	96	2	20.4	9	0	-	-	-
1977	609	0	-	93	1	10.6	9	0	-	-	-
1978	563	3	5.3	84	2	23.3	18	0	-	-	-

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	12	1.6
1976	8	1.0
1977	8	1.1
1978	14	2.1

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	354	45.8	404	52.3	15	1.9	0	-
1976	458	57.6	321	40.4	16	2.0	0	-
1977	468	65.8	234	32.9	8	1.1	1	0.1
1978	417	62.7	239	35.9	8	1.2	1	0.2

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	652	5	7.6	173	1	5.7	6	1	142.9
1976	606	8	13.0	131	4	29.6	14	0	-
1977	605	3	4.9	140	2	14.1	21	0	-
1978	594	10	16.6	139	4	28.0	16	0	-

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	18	2.2
1976	22	2.9
1977	12	1.6
1978	14	1.9

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	327	39.4	479	57.6	25	3.0	0	-
1976	264	35.2	466	62.1	19	2.5	2	0.3
1977	387	50.5	370	48.3	9	1.2	0	-
1978	359	47.9	376	50.2	14	1.9	0	-

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	583	7	11.9	116	2	16.9	25	0	-
1976	649	4	6.1	87	3	33.3	36	2	52.6
1977	685	6	8.7	102	2	19.2	55	2	35.1
1978	647	4	6.1	115	0	-	72	2	27.0

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	12	1.7
1976	4	0.5
1977	18	2.1
1978	16	1.9

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	458	63.3	245	33.8	21	2.9	0	-
1976	505	65.4	255	33.0	12	1.6	0	-
1977	562	66.7	262	31.1	18	2.1	0	-
1978	537	64.4	278	33.3	18	2.2	1	0.1

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	108	0	-	246	4	16.0	11	0	-
1976	113	1	8.8	242	4	16.3	20	0	-
1977	115	1	8.6	244	1	4.1	5	0	-
1978	89	1	11.1	225	0	-	10	0	-

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	12	3.3
1976	0	-
1977	0	-
1978	2	0.6

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	162	44.4	158	43.3	45	12.3	0	-
1976	170	45.3	167	44.5	38	10.1	0	-
1977	205	56.3	124	34.1	33	9.1	2	0.5
1978	180	55.6	113	34.9	31	9.6	0	-

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TABLE 4 TOTAL BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE			ABORIGINAL			OTHER		
	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE	LIVE	STILL	RATE
1975	3	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
1976	16	0	0	32	2	58.8	1	0	0
1977	21	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
1978	49	0	0	21	0	0	2	0	0

TABLE 5 LIVEBIRTHS BY PERCENT MULTIPLES

YEAR	NUMBER OF BABIES	PERCENT OF ALL LIVEBORN
1975	2	5.9
1976	0	0
1977	0	0
1978	2	2.8

TABLE 6 LIVEBIRTHS BY BABY'S LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPITAL

YEAR	<7 DAYS		7-14 DAYS		15+ DAYS		UNKNOWN	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975	14	82.4	1	5.9	2	11.8		
1976	49	100.0	0	0	0	0		
1977	21	84.0	3	12.0	1	4.0		
1978	57	79.2	11	15.3	4	5.6		

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TABLE 7

LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	43	0.2	36	0.2	40	0.2	50	0.2
16-19	1734	8.6	1580	7.8	1471	7.2	1384	6.7
20-24	6805	33.9	6760	33.5	6592	32.4	6435	31.3
25-29	7488	37.3	7616	37.7	7680	37.7	7956	38.7
30-35	3135	15.7	3433	17.0	3838	18.8	3961	19.3
>35	801	4.0	759	3.8	747	3.7	767	3.7
Unknown	55	0.3	20	0.1	6	0.0	13	0.1
All	20061		20204		20374		20566	

TABLE 8

LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	7417	37.0	7341	36.3	7662	37.6	7617	37.0
1 + 2	10305	51.4	10673	52.8	10567	51.9	10603	51.6
3	1277	6.4	1330	6.6	1319	6.5	1421	6.9
4+	1009	5.0	826	4.1	822	4.0	895	4.4
Unknown	53	0.3	34	0.2	4	0.0	30	0.1
All	20061		20204		20374		20566	

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TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	27	0.2	18	0.1	20	0.1	26	0.2
16-19	1067	7.5	955	6.7	877	6.0	830	5.7
20-24	4533	31.8	4463	31.3	4330	29.8	4217	28.7
25-29	5613	39.4	5632	39.5	5738	39.5	5922	40.3
30-35	2396	16.8	2605	18.3	3010	20.7	3085	21.0
>35	594	4.2	571	4.0	569	3.9	597	4.1
Unknown	9	0.1	3	0.0	0	-	5	0.0
All	14239		14247		14544		14682	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	5495	38.6	5455	38.3	5698	39.2	5684	38.7
1 + 2	7286	51.2	7501	52.6	7543	51.9	7561	51.5
3	858	6.0	839	5.9	855	5.9	925	6.3
4+	557	3.9	439	3.1	446	3.1	498	3.4
Unknown	43	0.3	13	0.1	2	0.0	14	0.1
All	14239		14247		14544		14682	

SOUTHWEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	2	0.2	6	0.5	1	0.1	4	0.3
16-19	138	10.6	115	8.7	126	9.7	108	7.8
20-24	538	41.2	524	39.6	500	38.6	541	39.0
25-29	427	32.7	454	34.3	465	35.9	504	36.3
30-35	151	11.6	184	13.9	173	13.3	202	14.6
>35	42	3.2	39	2.9	30	2.3	28	2.0
Unknown	7	0.5	1	0.1	2	0.3	1	0.1
All	1305		1323		1297		1388	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	444	34.0	434	32.8	474	36.5	473	34.1
1 + 2	711	54.5	730	55.2	687	53.0	749	54.0
3	87	6.7	93	7.0	79	6.1	109	7.9
4+	61	4.7	58	4.4	56	4.3	54	3.9
Unknown	2	0.2	8	0.6	1	0.1	3	0.2
All	1305		1323		1297		1388	

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	3	0.4	0	-	1	0.1	2	0.3
16-19	61	9.0	70	9.7	63	9.1	66	8.6
20-24	260	38.3	269	37.5	255	36.8	263	34.2
25-29	221	32.6	243	33.8	238	34.4	273	35.5
30-35	106	15.6	103	14.3	109	15.8	128	16.7
>35	27	4.0	33	4.6	26	3.8	36	4.7
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
All	678		718		692		768	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	240	35.4	199	27.7	249	36.0	250	32.6
1 + 2	348	51.3	426	59.3	354	51.2	403	52.5
3	44	6.5	50	7.0	51	7.4	66	8.6
4+	45	6.6	42	5.8	38	5.5	47	6.1
Unknown	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	-	2	0.3
All	678		718		692		768	

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	1	-	1	0.2	3	0.8	1	0.3
16-19	38	8.7	34	8.2	22	5.5	34	8.9
20-24	168	38.5	169	40.7	193	48.5	160	41.8
25-29	157	36.0	160	38.6	115	28.9	120	31.3
30-35	56	12.8	45	10.8	56	14.1	64	16.7
>35	13	3.0	5	1.2	9	2.3	3	0.8
Unknown	4	0.9	1	0.2	0	-	1	0.3
All	436		415		398		383	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	134	30.7	140	33.7	145	36.4	120	31.3
1 + 2	238	54.6	220	53.0	207	52.0	212	55.4
3	25	5.7	33	8.0	33	8.3	28	7.3
4+	39	8.9	21	5.1	13	3.3	22	5.7
Unknown	0	-	1	0.2	0	-	1	0.3
All	436		415		398		383	

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	2	0.3	0	-	0	-	2	0.3
16-19	79	11.4	66	8.7	67	9.1	57	8.1
20-24	292	42.1	295	38.9	301	41.0	284	40.5
25-29	234	33.8	253	33.3	249	33.9	255	36.4
30-35	65	9.4	125	16.5	99	13.5	87	12.4
>35	17	2.5	20	2.6	17	2.3	15	2.1
Unknown	4	0.6	0	-	1	0.1	1	0.1
All	693		759		734		701	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	238	34.3	236	31.1	241	32.8	237	33.8
1 + 2	347	50.1	405	53.4	386	52.6	364	51.9
3	58	8.4	59	7.8	67	9.1	53	7.6
4+	50	7.2	59	7.8	40	5.4	45	6.4
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	0.3
All	693		759		734		701	

SOUTHEAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	1	0.1	2	0.3	2	0.3	3	0.5
16-19	102	13.2	111	14.0	89	12.5	75	11.3
20-24	308	39.8	324	40.8	297	41.8	288	43.3
25-29	237	30.7	225	28.3	200	28.1	196	29.5
30-35	97	12.7	115	14.5	96	13.5	90	13.5
>35	24	3.1	17	2.1	27	3.8	12	1.8
Unknown	4	0.5	1	0.1	0	-	1	0.2
All	773		795		711		665	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	247	32.0	245	30.8	230	32.3	209	31.4
1 + 2	404	52.3	433	54.5	362	50.9	356	53.5
3	55	7.1	69	8.7	68	9.6	53	8.0
4+	67	8.7	48	6.0	51	7.2	47	7.1
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
All	773		795		711		665	

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	5	0.6	0	-	1	0.1	5	0.7
16-19	116	14.0	82	10.9	84	11.0	91	12.1
20-24	316	38.0	295	39.3	295	38.5	270	36.0
25-29	239	28.8	254	33.8	245	32.0	263	35.1
30-35	121	14.6	91	12.1	111	14.5	90	12.0
>35	26	3.1	27	3.6	28	3.7	29	3.9
Unknown	8	1.0	2	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.1
All	831		751		766		749	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	267	31.9	268	35.7	233	30.4	267	35.6
1 + 2	424	51.0	365	48.6	402	52.5	364	48.6
3	74	8.9	69	9.2	75	9.8	62	8.3
4+	65	7.8	47	6.3	56	7.3	55	7.3
Unknown	3	0.4	2	0.3	0	-	1	0.1
All	831		751		766		749	

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	2	0.3	2	0.3	3	0.4	2	0.2
16-19	63	8.7	62	8.0	70	8.3	63	7.6
20-24	276	38.1	288	37.3	288	34.2	281	33.7
25-29	268	37.0	293	38.0	327	38.8	315	37.8
30-35	84	11.6	112	14.5	132	15.7	149	17.9
>35	25	3.5	15	1.9	22	2.6	24	2.9
Unknown	6	0.8	0	-	0	-	0	-
All	724		772		842		834	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	251	34.7	241	31.2	277	32.9	284	34.1
1 + 2	387	53.5	427	55.3	462	54.9	427	51.2
3	38	5.2	63	8.2	52	6.2	77	9.2
4+	46	6.4	39	5.1	51	6.1	44	5.3
Unknown	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	-	2	0.2
All	724		772		842		834	

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	1	0.3	6	1.6	9	2.5	5	1.5
16-19	66	18.1	75	20.0	72	19.8	55	17.0
20-24	110	30.1	122	32.5	120	33.0	106	32.7
25-29	89	24.4	91	24.3	96	26.4	91	28.1
30-35	55	15.1	48	12.8	49	13.5	46	14.2
>35	32	8.8	31	8.3	18	4.9	21	6.5
Unknown	12	3.3	2	0.5	0	-	0	-
All	365		375		364		324	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	97	26.6	110	29.3	104	28.6	77	23.8
1 + 2	155	42.5	143	38.1	150	41.2	125	38.6
3	35	9.6	47	12.5	39	10.7	45	13.9
4+	76	20.8	68	18.1	70	19.2	77	22.5
Unknown	2	0.5	7	1.9	1	0.3	4	1.2
All	365		375		364		324	

TABLE 7 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE (Years)	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	0	1	2.0	0	0	0	0
16-19	4	23.5	10	20.4	11	4.0	5	6.9
20-24	4	23.5	11	22.4	12	48.0	25	34.7
25-29	3	17.6	11	22.4	7	28.0	17	23.6
30-35	4	23.5	5	10.2	3	12.0	20	27.8
>35	1	5.9	1	2.0	1	4.0	2	2.8
Unknown	1	5.9	10	20.4	1	4.0	3	4.2
All	17		49		25		72	

TABLE 8 LIVEBIRTHS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975		1976		1977		1978	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	6	35.3	13	26.5	11	44.0	16	22.2
1 + 2	5	29.4	23	46.9	13	52.0	42	58.3
3	3	17.6	8	16.3	0	0	3	4.2
4+	3	17.6	5	10.2	1	4.0	10	13.9
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.4
All	17		49		25		72	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - STATE

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	965	4.8
1976	1181	5.8
1977	1305	6.3
1978	1477	7.1

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	956	9	9.3	11.6
1976	1173	8	6.8	11.5
1977	1297	8	6.1	9.8
1978	1473	4	2.7	9.3

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	717	5.0
1976	898	6.2
1977	1019	6.9
1978	1123	7.6

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	715	2	2.8	12.4
1976	894	4	4.5	11.6
1977	1013	6	5.9	10.3
1978	1121	2	1.8	10.4

SOUTH WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	68	5.2
1976	64	4.8
1977	52	4.0
1978	71	5.1

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	67	1	14.7	8.4
1976	63	1	15.6	9.7
1977	52	0	-	9.2
1978	69	2	28.2	4.3

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	30	4.5
1976	36	5.0
1977	63	9.0
1978	57	7.4

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	30	0	-	4.5
1976	36	0	-	12.6
1977	61	2	31.7	14.2
1978	57	0	-	6.5

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	28	6.3
1976	27	6.5
1977	15	3.8
1978	32	8.4

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	27	1	35.7	11.3
1976	27	0	-	-
1977	15	0	-	5.0
1978	32	0	-	5.2

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	16	2.3
1976	26	3.4
1977	24	3.3
1978	29	4.1

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	14	2	125	12.8
1976	26	0	-	11.7
1977	24	0	-	9.4
1978	29	0	-	1.4

SOUTHEAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	45	5.8
1976	52	6.5
1977	50	7.0
1978	56	8.4

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	44	1	22.2	11.5
1976	52	0	-	12.4
1977	50	0	-	1.4
1978	56	0	-	7.5

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	19	2.3
1976	23	3.0
1977	26	3.4
1978	27	3.6

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	18	1	52.6	8.4
1976	22	1	43.5	15.7
1977	26	0	-	6.5
1978	27	0	-	18.3

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	25	3.4
1976	25	3.2
1977	36	4.3
1978	68	8.2

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	24	1	40.0	12.3
1976	23	2	80.0	11.5
1977	36	0	-	11.7
1978	68	0	-	7.4

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 9 CAESAREAN SECTIONS

YEAR	NUMBER	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	17	4.7
1976	30	8.0
1977	20	5.5
1978	14	4.3

TABLE 10 CAESAREAN SECTIONS - STILLBIRTH RATES

YEAR	LIVEBORN	STILLBORN	STILLBIRTH RATES	
	No.	No.	C.S.	ALL BIRTHS
1975	17	0	-	10.8
1976	30	0	-	13.2
1977	20	0	-	5.5
1978	14	0	-	3.1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - STATE

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.
1975	86	9	72.3	859	89	45.7	20
1976	93	8	77.2	1072	91	56.8	16
1977	113	9	95.4	1176	90	61.2	16
1978	156	11	118.4	1305	88	67.8	16

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.
 ** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	868	4.6	59	5.5	38	7.4
1976	1064	5.6	75	7.3	42	7.3
1977	1160	6.1	82	8.1	63	10.1
1978	1297	6.8	105	9.8	75	10.1

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	65	9.1	75.5	637	88.8	47.7	15	2.1
1976	82	9.1	93.6	802	89.3	60.6	14	1.6
1977	99	9.7	111.5	907	89.0	66.2	13	1.3
1978	136	12.1	130.8	981	87.4	71.6	6	0.5

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.
 ** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	659	4.8	22	7.8	36	8.0
1976	837	6.1	26	10.3	35	7.5
1977	923	6.6	29	10.9	58	11.6
1978	1023	7.3	38	12.4	62	10.4

SOUTHWEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	5	7.4	89.3	62	91.2	50.1	1	1.5
1976	1	1.6	19.2	63	98.4	49.5	0	0
1977	1	1.9	18.2	51	98.1	41.1	0	0
1978	3	4.2	61.2	65	91.5	49.2	3	4.2

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.

** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	67	5.3	1	2.9	0	-
1976	61	4.7	2	6.5	1	8.3
1977	49	3.9	3	9.1	0	-
1978	67	4.9	3	10.3	1	10.0

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	2	6.7	90.9	28	93.3	43.1	0	0
1976	0	-	-	35	97.2	50.7	1	2.8
1977	3	4.8	83.3	60	95.2	90.8	0	0
1978	4	7.0	121.2	53	93.0	73.0	0	0

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.
 ** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	26	4.1	3	6.8	1	20.0
1976	34	5.1	1	2.0	1	10.0
1977	60	9.2	2	5.1	1	11.0
1978	55	7.7	2	4.2	0	-

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	2	7.1	90.9	26	92.9	63.0	0	0
1976	2	7.4	111.1	25	92.6	63.8	0	0
1977	0	-	-	15	100.0	39.2	0	0
1978	2	6.3	153.8	29	90.6	81.2	1	3.1

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.
 ** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	26	6.5	2	4.9	0	-
1976	25	6.7	2	5.4	0	-
1977	14	3.8	0	-	1	33.3
1978	28	8.1	4	10.8	0	-

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	1	6.3	40.0	14	87.5	21.3	1	6.3
1976	1	3.8	26.3	25	96.2	34.5	0	0
1977	0	-	-	23	95.8	32.8	1	4.2
1978	2	6.9	111.1	24	82.8	36.0	3	10.3

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.

** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	14	2.2	2	3.6	0	-
1976	24	3.4	2	3.6	0	-
1977	20	2.9	4	7.7	0	-
1978	24	3.8	5	7.8	0	-

SOUTHEAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	5	11.1	86.2	40	88.9	55.7	0	0
1976	2	3.8	54.1	49	94.2	64.4	1	1.9
1977	0	-	-	48	96.0	72.4	2	4.0
1978	0	-	-	56	100.0	89.5	0	0

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.

** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	42	5.9	3	4.5	0	-
1976	42	6.0	9	9.2	1	11.1
1977	40	6.6	9	9.6	1	11.1
1978	44	7.8	11	12.8	1	5.6

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.
1975	3	15.8	58.8	16	84.2	20.4	0
1976	0	-	-	23	100.0	32.6	0
1977	4	15.4	97.6	22	84.6	30.3	0
1978	5	18.5	113.6	22	81.5	30.9	0

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.

** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	13	2.0	6	3.4	0	-
1976	14	2.3	8	5.9	1	7.1
1977	16	2.6	6	4.2	1	4.8
1978	16	2.6	9	6.3	2	12.5

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	3	12.0	57.7	19	76.0	28.3	3	12.0
1976	3	12.0	55.6	22	88.0	30.9	0	0
1977	3	8.3	54.5	33	91.7	41.7	0	0
1978	2	2.9	47.6	64	94.1	82.5	2	2.9

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.
 ** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	19	3.2	5	4.2	1	4.0
1976	22	3.4	1	1.1	2	5.3
1977	23	3.3	12	11.5	1	1.8
1978	38	5.8	21	18.3	9	12.2

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 11 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BIRTHWEIGHT

YEAR	<2500g			>2500g			Unknown	
	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%*	Rate**	No.	%
1975	0	-	-	17	100.0	52.3	0	0
1976	2	6.7	44.4	28	93.3	85.9	0	0
1977	3	15.0	90.9	17	85.0	52.0	0	0
1978	2	14.3	52.6	11	78.6	39.1	1	7.1

* Percent of all caesarean sections for that year.

** Rate per 1000 births in that birthweight category.

TABLE 12 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S RACE

YEAR	WHITE		ABORIGINAL		OTHER	
	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS	C.S.	PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1975	2	1.9	15	6.0	0	-
1976	5	4.4	24	9.8	1	5.0
1977	3	2.6	17	6.9	0	-
1978	2	2.2	12	5.3	0	-

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - STATE

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	582	61	243	25	63	7	68	7
% All Livebirths		79		13		2		6
1976 C. Sections	715	61	299	25	72	6	87	7
% All Livebirths		80		11		2		7
1977 C. Sections	807	62	321	25	86	7	83	6
% All Livebirths		80		12		2		7
1978 C. Sections	871	59	406	27	110	7	86	6
% All Livebirths		80		13		2		5

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	15	0	150	16	770	81	21	2
% All Livebirths		1		5		93		1
1976 C. Sections	28	3	146	12	976	83	23	2
% All Livebirths		1		4		93		2
1977 C. Sections	25	3	143	11	1116	86	13	1
% All Livebirths		1		4		94		1
1978 C. Sections	23	2	175	12	1243	84	32	2
% All Livebirths		1		4		93		1

* Livebirths only

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	448	62.7	190	26.6	43	6.0	34	4.8
% All Livebirths		81.8		12.8		1.6		3.7
1976 C. Sections	546	61.1	247	27.6	41	4.6	60	6.7
% All Livebirths		81.8		11.7		1.4		5.1
1977 C. Sections	636	62.8	263	26.0	57	5.6	57	5.6
% All Livebirths		82.4		12.1		1.4		4.1
1978 C. Sections	669	59.7	316	28.2	87	7.8	49	4.4
% All Livebirths		82.0		13.8		1.9		2.3

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	12	1.7	98	13.7	595	83.2	10	1.4
% All Livebirths		0.8		3.8		94.3		1.1
1976 C. Sections	9	1.0	97	10.9	768	85.9	20	2.2
% All Livebirths		0.7		4.0		93.8		1.5
1977 C. Sections	14	1.4	94	9.3	894	88.3	11	1.1
% All Livebirths		0.7		3.5		94.6		1.1
1978 C. Sections	16	1.4	123	11.0	965	86.1	17	1.5
% All Livebirths		0.6		4.2		94.0		1.2

* Livebirths only

SOUTH WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	42	62.7	8	11.9	5	7.5	12	17.9
% All Livebirths		64.1		13.0		7.5		15.5
1976 C. Sections	46	73.0	11	17.5	1	1.6	5	7.9
% All Livebirths		73.9		11.0		1.4		13.8
1977 C. Sections	32	61.5	7	13.5	5	9.6	8	15.4
% All Livebirths		71.4		9.3		1.6		17.7
1978 C. Sections	50	72.5	7	10.1	5	7.2	7	10.1
% All Livebirths		77.2		8.2		1.4		13.2

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	19	28.4	44	65.7	4	6.0
% All Livebirths		0.4		16.5		79.9		3.2
1976 C. Sections	2	3.2	8	12.7	53	84.1	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.1		6.6		89.6		2.7
1977 C. Sections	5	9.6	3	5.8	44	84.6	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.6		5.5		92.1		1.8
1978 C. Sections	0	-	6	8.7	59	85.5	4	5.8
% All Livebirths		1.1		3.5		93.7		1.8

* Livebirths only

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	12	40.0	6	20.0	6	20.0	6	20.0
% All Livebirths		83.2		11.7		1.9		3.2
1976 C. Sections	17	47.2	8	22.2	7	19.4	4	11.1
% All Livebirths		84.1		9.6		2.2		4.0
1977 C. Sections	41	67.2	11	18.0	6	9.8	3	4.9
% All Livebirths		82.7		8.5		5.1		3.8
1978 C. Sections	37	64.9	12	21.1	4	7.0	4	7.0
% All Livebirths		83.3		11.8		1.7		3.1

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	3	10.0	10	33.3	17	56.7	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.8		6.2		91.0		1.0
1976 C. Sections	5	13.9	9	25.0	22	61.1	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.5		5.0		93.0		0.4
1977 C. Sections	1	1.6	9	14.8	51	83.6	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.3		5.2		92.5		1.0
1978 C. Sections	3	5.3	9	15.8	43	75.4	2	3.5
% All Livebirths		1.3		5.1		91.7		2.0

* Livebirths only

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	22	81.5	4	14.8	0	-	1	3.7
% All Livebirths		78.4		15.1		1.1		5.3
1976 C. Sections	18	66.7	5	18.5	3	11.1	1	3.7
% All Livebirths		82.9		9.6		1.2		6.3
1977 C. Sections	13	86.7	1	6.7	1	6.7	0	-
% All Livebirths		80.9		11.1		1.5		6.5
1978 C. Sections	15	46.9	12	37.5	1	3.1	4	12.5
% All Livebirths		80.7		10.7		0.5		8.1

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	4	14.8	22	81.5	1	3.7
% All Livebirths		0.9		8.9		88.5		1.6
1976 C. Sections	0	-	5	18.5	21	77.8	1	3.7
% All Livebirths		1.2		8.0		88.4		2.4
1977 C. Sections	0	-	3	20.0	12	80.0	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.5		6.0		91.7		1.8
1978 C. Sections	0	-	8	25.0	20	62.5	4	12.5
% All Livebirths		0.5		7.3		88.0		4.2

* Livebirths only

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	6	42.9	2	14.3	2	14.3	4	28.6
% All Livebirths		79.4		6.3		1.6		12.7
1976 C. Sections	18	69.2	3	11.5	0	-	5	19.2
% All Livebirths		8.4		6.7		1.7		10.1
1977 C. Sections	16	66.7	3	12.5	2	8.3	3	12.5
% All Livebirths		78.6		5.3		1.4		14.7
1978 C. Sections	15	51.7	2	6.9	2	6.9	10	34.5
% All Livebirths		69.3		6.7		2.6		21.4

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	3	21.4	10	71.4	1	7.1
% All Livebirths		0.3		4.3		93.9		1.4
1976 C. Sections	0	-	5	19.2	20	76.9	1	3.8
% All Livebirths		0.7		3.2		94.9		1.3
1977 C. Sections	0	-	9	37.5	15	62.5	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.3		4.6		93.9		1.2
1978 C. Sections	1	3.4	4	13.8	21	72.4	3	10.3
% All Livebirths		0.7		4.1		92.4		2.7

* Livebirths only

SOUTH EAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	25	56.8	14	31.8	2	4.5	3	6.8
% All Livebirths		72.2		18.5		2.3		7.0
1976 C. Sections	30	57.7	13	25.0	7	13.5	2	3.8
% All Livebirths		73.1		14.7		3.9		8.3
1977 C. Sections	23	46.0	17	34.0	6	12.0	4	8.0
% All Livebirths		74.3		16.3		1.8		7.6
1978 C. Sections	28	50.0	18	32.1	6	10.7	4	7.1
% All Livebirths		77.0		15.5		2.4		5.1

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	4	9.1	39	88.6	1	2.3
% All Livebirths		0.9		6.1		91.5		1.6
1976 C. Sections	3	5.8	6	11.5	43	82.7	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.6		6.0		90.0		1.8
1977 C. Sections	3	6.0	8	16.0	38	76.0	1	2.0
% All Livebirths		0.8		5.5		92.8		0.8
1978 C. Sections	1	1.8	9	16.1	46	82.1	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.6		6.0		92.5		2.7

* Livebirths only

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	9	50.0	2	11.1	3	16.7	4	22.2
% All Livebirths		62.0		12.3		2.2		23.6
1976 C. Sections	8	36.4	5	22.7	5	22.7	4	18.2
% All Livebirths		64.8		15.6		1.9		17.7
1977 C. Sections	8	30.8	9	34.6	3	11.5	6	23.1
% All Livebirths		57.7		18.3		1.4		22.6
1978 C. Sections	9	33.3	13	48.1	2	7.4	3	11.1
% All Livebirths		72.1		14.6		1.7		11.6

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	3	16.7	3	16.7	12	66.7	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.8		4.6		92.8		1.8
1976 C. Sections	2	9.1	5	22.7	15	68.2	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.1		5.7		92.1		1.1
1977 C. Sections	0	-	9	34.6	16	61.5	1	3.8
% All Livebirths		1.3		5.5		92.0		1.2
1978 C. Sections	2	7.4	4	14.8	21	77.8	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.3		6.4		90.7		1.6

* Livebirths only

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	5	20.8	14	58.3	1	4.2	4	16.7
% All Livebirths		70.6		12.8		3.0		13.5
1976 C. Sections	11	47.8	3	13.0	6	26.1	3	13.0
% All Livebirths		82.3		8.5		2.2		7.0
1977 C. Sections	22	61.1	8	22.2	5	13.9	1	2.8
% All Livebirths		77.6		11.4		1.5		9.5
1978 C. Sections	41	60.3	23	33.8	3	4.4	1	1.5
% All Livebirths		78.2		13.4		1.6		6.8

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	6	25.0	17	70.8	1	4.2
% All Livebirths		1.4		7.5		89.6		1.5
1976 C. Sections	4	17.4	6	26.1	12	52.2	1	4.3
% All Livebirths		1.7		4.7		91.6		2.1
1977 C. Sections	1	2.8	7	19.4	22	77.8	0	-
% All Livebirths		0.8		4.6		92.5		2.0
1978 C. Sections	1	1.5	8	11.8	59	86.8	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.1		3.5		94.1		1.3

* Livebirths only

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 13

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S
TIME TO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATIONS*

YEAR	Time to Spontaneous Respirations (Minutes)							
	<2		2-5		>5		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	13	76.5	3	17.6	1	5.9	0	-
% All Livebirths		73.2		6.0		1.4		19.5
1976 C. Sections	21	70.0	4	13.3	2	6.7	3	10.0
% All Livebirths		71.7		6.9		1.3		20.0
1977 C. Sections	16	80.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
% All Livebirths		72.0		8.2		1.9		17.9
1978 C. Sections	7	50.0	3	21.4	0	-	4	28.6
% All Livebirths		66.0		11.1		0.9		21.9

* Livebirths only

TABLE 14 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY BABY'S 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE*

YEAR	Apgar Score							
	0-3		4-7		8-10		Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1975 C. Sections	0	-	3	17.6	14	82.4	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.9		4.9		86.8		6.3
1976 C. Sections	3	10.0	5	16.7	22	73.3	0	-
% All Livebirths		2.9		4.8		89.6		2.7
1977 C. Sections	1	5.0	1	5.0	18	90.0	0	-
% All Livebirths		1.9		4.9		90.1		3.0
1978 C. Sections	0	-	4	28.6	9	64.3	1	7.1
% All Livebirths		0.3		6.5		89.2		4.0

* Livebirths only

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TABLE 15

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	3	0.3	4	0.3	6	0.5	5	0.3
% All LB		0.2		0.2		0.2		0.2
16-19	76	7.9	95	8.0	97	7.4	100	6.8
% All LB		8.6		7.8		7.2		6.7
20-24	298	30.9	339	28.7	346	26.5	434	29.4
% All LB		33.9		33.5		32.4		31.3
25-29	328	34.0	410	34.7	450	34.5	540	36.6
% All LB		37.3		37.7		37.7		38.7
30-35	172	17.8	240	20.3	309	23.7	307	20.8
% All LB		15.7		17.0		18.8		19.3
>35	87	9.0	92	7.8	97	7.4	91	6.2
% All LB		4.0		3.8		3.7		3.7
Unknown	7	0.7	7	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
% All LB		0.3		0.1		0.0		0.1
All	965		1181		1305		1477	

TABLE 16

CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	437	45.3	474	40.1	562	43.1	602	40.8
% All LB		37.6		36.3		37.6		37.0
1 + 2	424	43.9	596	50.5	624	47.8	737	49.9
% All LB		51.4		52.8		51.9		51.6
3	55	5.7	64	5.4	63	4.8	75	5.1
% All LB		6.4		6.6		6.5		6.9
4+	48	5.0	47	4.0	55	4.2	58	3.9
% All LB		5.0		4.1		4.0		4.4
Unknown	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	5	0.3
% All LB		0.3		0.2		0.0		0.1
All	965		1181		1305		1477	

PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	2	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.3	3	0.3
% All LB		0.2		0.1		0.1		0.2
16-19	48	6.7	48	5.3	53	5.2	51	4.5
% All LB		7.5		6.7		6.0		5.7
20-24	200	27.9	246	27.4	248	24.3	301	26.8
% All LB		31.8		31.3		29.8		28.7
25-29	254	35.4	321	35.7	369	36.2	436	38.8
% All LB		39.4		39.5		39.5		40.3
30-35	140	19.5	206	22.9	263	25.8	254	22.6
% All LB		16.8		18.3		20.7		21.0
>35	73	10.2	76	8.5	83	8.1	78	6.9
% All LB		4.2		4.0		3.9		4.0
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.1		-		-		-
All	717		898		1019		1123	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	320	44.6	352	39.2	443	43.5	445	39.6
% All LB		38.6		38.3		39.2		38.7
1 + 2	321	44.8	465	51.8	487	47.8	577	51.4
% All LB		51.2		52.6		51.9		51.5
3	42	5.9	53	5.9	50	4.9	55	4.9
% All LB		6.0		5.9		5.9		6.3
4+	33	4.6	28	3.1	38	3.7	44	3.9
% All LB		3.9		3.1		3.1		3.4
Unknown	1	0.1	0	-	1	0.1	2	0.2
% All LB		0.3		0.1		0.0		0.1
All	717		898		1019		1123	

SOUTH WEST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	1	1.6	1	1.9	1	1.4
% All LB		0.2		0.5		0.1		0.3
16-19	4	5.9	8	12.5	7	13.5	7	9.9
% All LB		10.6		8.7		9.7		7.8
20-24	29	42.6	18	28.1	12	23.1	32	45.1
% All LB		41.2		39.6		38.6		39.0
25-29	24	35.3	26	40.6	20	38.5	19	26.8
% All LB		32.7		34.3		35.9		36.3
30-35	7	10.3	8	12.5	11	21.2	10	14.1
% All LB		11.6		13.9		13.3		14.6
>35	3	4.4	2	3.1	1	1.9	2	2.8
% All LB		3.2		2.9		2.3		2.0
Unknown	1	1.5	1	1.6	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.5		0.1		0.3		0.1
All	68		64		52		71	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	28	41.2	27	42.2	16	30.8	34	47.9
% All LB		34.0		32.8		36.5		34.1
1 + 2	36	52.9	35	54.7	32	61.5	30	42.3
% All LB		54.5		55.2		53.0		54.0
3	2	2.9	1	1.6	2	3.8	6	8.5
% All LB		6.7		7.0		6.1		7.9
4+	2	2.9	1	1.6	2	3.8	1	1.4
% All LB		4.7		4.4		4.3		3.9
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.2		0.6		0.1		0.2
All	68		64		52		71	

LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.4		-		0.1		0.3
16-19	3	10.0	5	13.9	10	15.9	6	10.5
% All LB		9.0		9.7		9.1		8.6
20-24	10	33.3	12	33.3	24	38.1	19	33.3
% All LB		38.3		37.9		36.8		34.2
25-29	12	40.0	11	30.6	11	17.5	13	22.8
% All LB		32.6		33.8		34.4		35.5
30-35	4	13.3	3	8.3	15	23.8	16	28.1
% All LB		15.6		14.3		15.8		16.7
>35	1	3.3	5	13.9	3	4.8	3	5.3
% All LB		4.0		4.6		3.8		4.7
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		-		-		-		-
All	30		36		63		57	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	15	50.0	13	36.1	30	47.6	21	36.8
% All LB		35.4		27.7		36.0		32.6
1 + 2	14	46.7	18	50.0	25	39.7	29	50.9
% All LB		51.3		59.3		51.2		52.5
3	1	3.3	2	5.6	3	4.8	4	7.0
% All LB		6.5		7.0		7.4		8.6
4+	0	-	3	8.3	5	7.9	3	5.3
% All LB		6.6		5.8		5.5		6.1
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.1		0.1		-		0.3
All	30		36		63		57	

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		-		0.2		0.8		0.3
16-19	1	3.6	3	11.1	0	-	3	9.4
% All LB		8.7		8.2		5.5		8.9
20-24	12	42.9	10	37.0	6	40.0	13	40.6
% All LB		38.5		40.7		48.5		41.8
25-29	8	28.6	9	33.3	6	40.0	10	31.3
% All LB		36.0		38.6		28.9		31.3
30-35	5	17.9	5	18.5	1	6.7	6	18.8
% All LB		12.8		10.8		14.1		16.7
>35	2	7.1	0	-	2	13.3	0	-
% All LB		3.0		1.2		2.3		0.8
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.9		0.2		-		0.3
All	28		27		15		32	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	10	35.7	10	37.0	7	46.7	17	53.1
% All LB		30.7		33.7		36.4		31.3
1 + 2	13	46.4	17	63.0	7	46.7	14	43.8
% All LB		54.6		53.0		52.0		55.4
3	1	3.6	0	-	1	6.7	0	-
% All LB		5.7		8.0		8.3		7.3
4+	4	14.3	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		8.9		5.1		3.3		5.7
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	3.1
% All LB		-		0.2		-		0.3
All	28		27		15		32	

MIDLAND STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.3		-		-		0.3
16-19	0	-	2	7.7	1	4.2	2	6.9
% All LB		11.4		8.7		9.1		8.1
20-24	10	62.5	11	42.3	11	45.8	10	34.5
% All LB		42.1		38.9		41.0		40.5
25-29	5	31.3	8	30.8	11	45.8	16	55.2
% All LB		33.8		33.3		33.9		36.4
30-35	1	6.3	3	11.5	0	-	1	3.4
% All LB		9.4		16.5		13.5		12.4
>35	0	-	2	7.7	1	4.2	0	-
% All LB		2.5		2.6		2.3		2.1
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.6		-		0.1		0.1
All	16		26		24		29	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	7	43.8	15	57.7	8	33.3	15	51.7
% All LB		34.3		31.1		32.8		33.8
1 + 2	7	43.8	9	34.6	14	58.3	10	34.5
% All LB		50.1		53.4		52.6		51.9
3	1	6.3	0	-	1	4.2	3	10.3
% All LB		8.4		7.8		9.1		7.6
4+	1	6.3	2	7.7	1	4.2	0	-
% All LB		7.2		7.8		5.4		6.4
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	3.4
% All LB		-		-		-		0.3
All	16		26		24		29	

SOUTH EAST STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	1.8
% All LB		0.1		0.3		0.3		0.5
16-19	8	17.8	14	26.7	10	20.0	11	19.6
% All LB		13.2		14.0		12.5		11.3
20-24	22	48.9	23	44.2	18	36.0	29	51.8
% All LB		39.8		40.8		41.8		43.3
25-29	9	20.0	9	17.3	13	26.0	12	21.4
% All LB		30.7		28.3		28.1		29.5
30-35	4	8.9	4	7.7	6	12.0	3	5.4
% All LB		12.7		14.5		13.5		13.5
>35	2	4.4	2	3.8	3	6.0	0	-
% All LB		3.1		2.1		3.8		1.8
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.5		0.1		-		0.2
All	45		52		50		56	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	26	57.8	24	46.2	23	46.0	25	44.6
% All LB		32.0		30.8		32.3		31.4
1 + 2	16	35.6	24	46.2	24	48.0	30	53.6
% All LB		52.3		54.5		50.9		53.5
3	1	2.2	2	3.8	2	4.0	1	1.8
% All LB		7.1		8.7		9.6		8.0
4+	2	4.4	2	3.8	1	2.0	0	-
% All LB		8.7		6.0		7.2		7.1
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		-		-		-		-
All	45		52		50		56	

CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	1	5.3	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.6		-		0.1		0.7
16-19	4	21.1	3	13.0	1	3.8	8	29.6
% All LB		14.0		10.9		11.0		12.1
20-24	2	10.5	7	30.4	9	34.6	6	22.2
% All LB		38.0		39.3		38.5		36.0
25-29	5	26.3	7	30.4	10	38.5	5	18.5
% All LB		28.8		33.8		32.0		35.1
30-35	5	26.3	5	21.7	6	23.1	7	25.9
% All LB		14.6		12.1		14.5		12.0
>35	2	10.5	1	4.3	0	-	1	3.7
% All LB		3.1		3.6		3.7		3.9
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		1.0		0.3		0.3		0.1
All	19		23		26		27	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	7	36.8	8	34.8	8	30.8	10	37.0
% All LB		31.9		35.7		30.4		35.6
1 + 2	6	31.6	10	43.5	13	50.0	14	51.9
% All LB		51.0		48.6		52.5		48.6
3	5	26.3	2	8.7	2	7.7	1	3.7
% All LB		8.9		9.2		9.8		8.3
4+	1	5.3	3	13.0	3	11.5	2	7.4
% All LB		7.8		6.3		7.3		7.3
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.4		0.3		-		0.1
All	19		23		26		27	

PILBARA STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.3		0.3		0.4		0.2
16-19	4	16.0	3	12.0	8	22.2	7	10.3
% All LB		8.7		8.0		8.3		7.6
20-24	8	32.0	5	20.0	12	33.3	20	29.4
% All LB		38.1		37.3		34.2		33.7
25-29	9	36.0	13	52.0	8	22.2	26	38.2
% All LB		37.0		38.0		38.8		37.8
30-35	2	8.0	3	12.0	5	13.9	9	13.2
% All LB		11.6		14.5		15.7		17.9
>35	2	8.0	1	4.0	3	8.3	6	8.8
% All LB		3.5		1.9		2.6		2.9
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.8		-		-		-
All	25		25		36		68	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	16	64.0	11	44.0	18	50.0	29	42.6
% All LB		34.7		31.2		32.9		34.1
1 + 2	6	24.0	9	36.0	14	38.9	29	42.6
% All LB		53.7		55.3		54.9		51.2
3	0	-	3	12.0	1	2.8	4	5.9
% All LB		5.2		8.2		6.2		9.2
4+	3	12.0	2	8.0	3	8.3	6	8.8
% All LB		6.4		5.2		6.1		5.3
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		0.3		0.3		-		0.2
All	25		25		36		68	

KIMBERLEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

TABLE 15 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S AGE

AGE	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<16	0	-	2	6.7	2	10.0	0	-
% All LB		0.3		1.6		2.5		1.5
16-19	4	23.5	9	30.0	7	35.0	5	35.7
% All LB		18.1		20.0		19.8		17.0
20-24	5	29.4	7	23.3	6	30.0	4	28.6
% All LB		30.1		32.5		33.0		32.7
25-29	2	11.8	6	20.0	2	10.0	3	21.4
% All LB		24.4		24.3		26.4		28.1
30-35	4	23.5	3	10.0	2	10.0	1	7.1
% All LB		15.1		12.8		13.5		14.2
>35	2	11.8	3	10.0	1	5.0	1	7.1
% All LB		8.1		8.3		4.9		6.5
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
% All LB		3.3		0.5		-		-
All	17		30		20		14	

TABLE 16 CAESAREAN SECTIONS BY MOTHER'S PARITY

PARITY	1975 C.S.		1976 C.S.		1977 C.S.		1978 C.S.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	8	47.1	14	46.7	9	45.0	6	42.9
% All LB		26.6		29.3		28.6		23.8
1 + 2	5	29.4	9	30.0	8	40.0	4	28.6
% All LB		42.5		38.1		41.2		38.6
3	2	11.8	1	3.3	1	5.0	1	7.1
% All LB		9.6		12.5		10.7		13.9
4+	2	11.8	6	20.0	2	10.0	2	14.3
% All LB		20.8		18.1		19.2		22.5
Unknown	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	7.1
% All LB		0.5		1.9		0.3		1.2
All	17		30		20		14	

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MIDWIVES REGULATIONS (HEALTH ACT) FORM 2

NOTIFICATION OF CASE ATTENDED

Hospital.....

[To be forwarded to Commissioner of Public Health within 48 hours of birth]

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOTHER

Name.....Record Number

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Address.....Postcode

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Marital State:
 1. Single 4. Separated
 2. Married 5. Divorced
 3. De facto 6. Widowed

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Race: 1. White
 2. Aboriginal Full Blood
 3. Aboriginal Caste
 4. Other

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Number of:
 Previous pregnancies

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Date of birth

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Weight (kg)

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Previous children --
 Now living

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Date of L.M.P.

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Height (cm)

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Born alive, now deceased

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Date of admission

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Duration of labour (hrs)

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Stillborn

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Date of discharge

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Type of discharge.....

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Morbid conditions and obstetrical complications

Not related to pregnancy

Previous pregnancies

Current pregnancy

Congenital abnormalities of previous children

Operations – Antenatal

Postnatal

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BABY (Separate details on another form where more than one baby)

Name.....

Date of birth

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Sex: 1. Male
 2. Female

Race (codes 1-4 as defined above)

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Time of birth

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Condition:
 1. Live
 2. Stillborn

Plurality

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Date commence special care

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Birthweight (g)

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Date commence normal care

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Length (cm)

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Date of discharge

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T.S.R. (minutes)

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Apgar (5 min.)

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Presentation.....

Position.....

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Birth trauma

Congenital anomalies

Other morbid conditions

Operations

Type of discharge.....

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 For adoption: Yes No

NAME OF DOCTOR..... NAME OF MIDWIFE

Signature of midwife..... Registration Number..... Date.....

MIDWIVES REGULATIONS (HEALTH ACT) FORM 2

NOTIFICATION OF CASE ATTENDED

[Hospital Morbidity Statistics forwarded with form HA 22]

Hospital.....

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOTHER

Name..... Record Number

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Address..... Postcode

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 1. Single 4. Separated
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 2. Aboriginal Full Blood
 3. Aboriginal Caste
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Number of:
 Previous pregnancies

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Date of birth

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Weight (kg)

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Previous children --
 Now living

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Date of L.M.P.

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Height (cm)

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Born alive, now deceased

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Date of admission

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Duration of labour (hrs)

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Stillborn

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Date of discharge

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Type of discharge.....

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Morbid conditions and obstetrical complications

Not related to pregnancy

Previous pregnancies

Current pregnancy

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Operations – Antenatal

Postnatal

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BABY (Separate details on another form where more than one baby)

Name.....

Date of birth

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Sex: 1. Male
 2. Female

Race (codes 1-4 as defined above)

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Time of birth

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Condition:
 1. Live
 2. Stillborn

Plurality

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Date commence special care

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Birthweight (g)

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Date commence normal care

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Length (cm)

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Date of discharge

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T.S.R. (minutes)

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Apgar (5 min.)

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Presentation.....

Position.....

Birth trauma

Congenital anomalies

Other morbid conditions

Operations

Type of discharge.....

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 For adoption: Yes No

NAME OF DOCTOR..... NAME OF MIDWIFE.....

Signature of midwife..... Registration Number..... Date.....

PATIENT ADMISSION AND STATISTICS

HOSPITAL..... WARD SIZE..... UNIT No.....

SURNAME..... FORENAMES.....

ADDRESS..... POSTCODE.....

AGE..... DATE OF BIRTH..... SEX (M/F)..... MARITAL STATE.....

COUNTRY OF BIRTH..... RACE.....

OCCUPATION..... RELIGION.....

DATE OF ADMISSION..... TIME OF ADMISSION.....

DOCTOR..... SOURCE OF ADMISSION.....

CLASSIFICATION OF PATIENT..... TYPE OF ADMISSION.....

INSURANCE..... HOSP. BENEFIT FUND.....

PENSIONER ENT..... No..... DATE OF DISCHARGE.....

TYPE OF DISCHARGE..... WHERE DISCHARGED TO.....

NAME & ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR FRIEND.....

PHONE.....

*Enter here the disease, condition, operation or cause of accident which best characterizes the period of hospitalization.

EXTERNAL CAUSE OF ACCIDENT, POISONING OR VIOLENCE *.....

OPERATIONS: PRINCIPAL *.....

OTHERS.....

DIAGNOSIS AT SEPARATION (Discharge, Transfer or Death).....

1. (a) PRINCIPAL CONDITION TREATED *.....

(b) UNDERLYING CAUSE WHERE DIFFERENT.....

2. PRINCIPAL COMPLICATIONS OF 1 (a) & (b).....

3. OTHER CONDITIONS PRESENT.....

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: SURNAME..... FORENAMES.....

ADDRESS..... PHONE.....

OCCUPATION..... RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT.....

STATUTE CASES.....

RESPONSIBLE PARTY : NAME.....

ADDRESS..... PHONE.....

REG. No..... RANK..... UNIT.....

VEHICLE REG. No. OTHER VEHICLE..... OWN VEHICLE.....