

MEDIA STATEMENT

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FINAL 2025 NEW YEAR BABIES

Pretoria: The Department of Health is pleased to announce that the country's public health facilities have recorded a total number of **1448** births on the first day of the year 2025. This is a decline compared to **1703** deliveries recorded last year this time.

Though the number of teen mothers has also decreased from **190** recorded last year to just over **80** recorded this year, the Department calls upon all sectors of society, especially families to join hands with government and other non-governmental organisations to address the scourge of teenage pregnancy.

Teenage pregnancy often leads to irregular school attendance, poor performance and ultimately school dropout, especially for mothers who lack family support structures to take care of the babies when the mothers go to school. The Department of Health, working together with sister Departments of Social Development and Basic Education will continue to support all mothers through existing programmes to ensure their babies survive and thrive.

Breakdown of births per province

Province	Boy child	Girl Child	Total
Eastern Cape	106	113	219
Gauteng	195	192	387
Free State	33	52	85
Limpopo	104	87	191
KwaZulu-Natal	72	113	185
Mpumalanga	78	76	154
North West	49	40	89
Northern Cape	18	19	37
Western Cape	58	43	101

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