

MEDIA STATEMENT

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2025 FINAL CHRISTMAS BABIES STATISTICS

Pretoria: The Department of Health is pleased to announce that a total of **1668** babies were safely delivered on Christmas day this year across the country's public health facilities. The number is **308** more compared to **1360** babies delivered this time in 2024.

Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital is amongst the health facilities which recorded more deliveries (38 newborns) in the country, followed by Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital (35 newborns), both in Gauteng. The Department reiterates a call to mothers and families to ensure they register their bundles of joy with Home Affairs Department within 30 days of the birth. Most hospitals in the country offer this service at birth.

The number of teenage mothers has slightly increased from 90 in 2024 to just over 130 this year. This requires collaborative efforts by all stakeholders to intensify awareness campaigns on Sexual Reproductive Health which includes family planning to empower adolescent girls and young women with health education to make well informed health choices to reduce the rate of unintended pregnancies which could also reduce number of unsafe and life-threatening abortions.

Breakdown of births per province

Province	Boy child	Girl Child	Total
Eastern Cape	95	92	187
Gauteng	206	222	428
Free State	48	40	88
Limpopo	98	84	182
KwaZulu-Natal	136	166	302
Mpumalanga	79	93	172
North West	51	44	95
Northern Cape	21	22	43
Western Cape	80	91	171
TOTAL	814	854	1668

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