



2010-11 Maternity Statistics for England

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Caesarean Rate	24.6%	24.8%	24.8%
Elective	9.8%	10%	10.1%
Emergency	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%
Instrumental Delivery Rate	12.2%	12.3%	12.5%
Forceps	5.5%	6.0%	6.3%
Ventouse	6.6%	6.3%	6.2%
Induction Rate	20.2%	20.8%	21.3%

Key Points

The **caesarean rate** has stayed the same at 24.8%, with a rise in the numbers of elective caesareans (0.1%) and the number of emergency caesareans remaining stable (inconsistencies caused by rounding). This continues the trend of increasing elective caesarean rates and stable emergency caesarean rates.

The **instrumental delivery rate** has increased by 0.2% to 12.5%, with a rise in the forceps rate from 6.0% to 6.3% while the use of ventouse decreased by 0.1%. This continues the trend of increasing instrumental rates.

The **induction rate** is up 0.5% to 21.3%. This continues the recent upward trend. Since 1999-2000 there had been an overall downward trend, with a low in 2005 but the rate has subsequently risen again.

67.1% of women had a **spontaneous onset of labour**, 0.6% lower than the previous year which was 67.7%. [Note: this calculation uses a different source for caesarean as method of onset of labour, which is shown as 11.7%, rather than the 10.1% shown as method of delivery]

62.6% of women had a **spontaneous delivery**, lower than in 2009-10 when it was 62.8%. This is at an all-time low.

Caesarean rate – Trust with highest rates

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	36.3%
Newham University Hospital NHS Trust	34.2%
University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	32.3%
Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust	31.2%

Caesarean rate – Trusts with lowest Rates

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	15.3%
Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust	15.4%
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	17.1%
South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust	17.6%

The NHS Maternity Statistics, England: 2010-11 can be found on the Information Centre website at <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/hospital-care/maternity/nhs-maternity-statistics-england-2010-11>

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