

## Summary of home birth rates 2010

England	All Births	Home Births	HB Rate
2009	663490	17834	2.69%
2010	679638	16919	2.49%
% Increase	2.4%	-5.1%	
% Increase since 2000	19.7%	39.7%	

Highest	
West Somerset	11.4%
Lowest	
Wansbeck	0.1%

Wales	All Births	Home Births	HB Rate
2009	34574	1325	3.83%
2010	35617	1236	3.47%
% Increase	3.0%	-6.7%	
% Increase since 2000	15.1%	78.9%	

Highest	
Bridgend	10.7%
Lowest	
Merthyr Tydfil	1.4%

Scotland	All Births	Home Births	HB rate
2009	59363	873	1.47%
2010	59082	824	1.39%
% Increase	-0.5%	-5.6%	
% Increase since 2000	10.7%	63.5%	

Highest	
Argyll & Bute 3.7%	3.7%
Lowest	
Inverclyde 0.5%	0.5%

N. Ireland	All Births	Home Births	HB rate
2009	24910	91	0.37%
2010	tba	tba	0.38%
% Increase	n/a	n/a	
% Increase since 2000	n/a	n/a	

Highest	
Lowest	

UK*	All Births	Home Births	HB rate
2009	782337	20123	2.57%
2010	~799640	~19070	~2.4%
% Increase			
% Increase since 2000			


Sources:

England, Wales: ONS Characteristics of Births 2 (<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/vsob1/characteristics-of-birth-2--england-and-wales/2010/index.html>)

Scotland: General Register Office Scotland – unpublished data provided to BirthChoiceUK by the Vital Events Business Manager.

Northern Ireland: NISRA Registrar General Annual Report 2000, Table 3.20 (<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp98.htm>). 2010 data will be available at the end of November 2011.

\*The UK home birth rate is an estimated figure as they are an amalgamation of data collected in different ways, using slightly differing definitions. For this reason the home birth rates for England and Wales cannot be directly compared with those of Scotland or Northern Ireland, nor can Scotland and Northern Ireland be directly with each other.