

**Table 7.5 Perinatal mortality**

Number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, and perinatal mortality rates for the five-year period preceding the survey, by background characteristics, India, 2015-16

Background characteristic	Number of stillbirths <sup>1</sup>	Number of early neonatal deaths <sup>2</sup>	Perinatal mortality rate <sup>3</sup>	Number of pregnancies of 7 or more months <sup>4</sup> duration
<b>Mother's age at birth</b>				
<20	461	1,086	45.0	34,341
20-29	2,116	4,027	33.4	183,688
30-39	484	795	39.2	32,575
40-49	44	90	62.4	2,143
<b>Previous pregnancy interval in months<sup>4</sup></b>				
First pregnancy	1,346	2,531	42.4	91,417
<15	507	1,275	41.8	42,617
15-26	453	930	31.2	44,335
27-38	288	527	27.3	29,921
39 or more	510	734	28.0	44,457
<b>Residence</b>				
Urban	738	1,127	26.3	70,810
Rural	2,367	4,870	39.8	181,936
<b>Schooling</b>				
No schooling	1,159	2,277	44.9	76,516
<5 years complete	214	461	44.3	15,251
5-7 years complete	529	1,128	40.2	41,260
8-9 years complete	525	944	35.2	41,702
10-11 years complete	277	486	25.3	30,126
12 or more years complete	400	699	23.0	47,891
<b>Religion</b>				
Hindu	2,412	4,850	36.5	198,768
Muslim	567	962	36.5	41,905
Christian	51	60	21.6	5,155
Sikh	35	49	27.2	3,095
Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist	16	32	25.0	1,944
Jain	1	2	12.8	266
Other	22	40	38.5	1,614
<b>Caste/tribe</b>				
Scheduled caste	751	1,451	40.4	54,552
Scheduled tribe	296	665	36.1	26,590
Other backward class	1,362	2,758	36.9	111,610
Other	663	1,075	30.1	57,783
Don't know	32	48	36.0	2,212
<b>Wealth index</b>				
Lowest	956	2,098	47.6	64,215
Second	774	1,531	41.4	55,629
Middle	608	1,143	34.9	50,130
Fourth	439	791	26.9	45,703
Highest	327	433	20.5	37,069

Total	3,104	5,997	36.0	252,746
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Note: Total includes cases with missing information on ..., which are not shown separately.

<sup>1</sup> Stillbirths are foetal deaths in pregnancies lasting seven or more months.

<sup>2</sup> Early neonatal deaths are deaths at age 0-6 days among live-born children.

<sup>3</sup> The sum of the number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths divided by the number of pregnancies of seven or more months' duration, expressed per 1,000.

<sup>4</sup> Categories correspond to birth intervals of <24 months, 24-35 months, 36-47 months, and 48+ months

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