



# preface

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the launch of “Health Situation in the Americas: Basic Indicators,” a publication that has updated—annually and without interruption—the available information for a set of basic health indicators for the Region of the Americas. During this period, the publication has been dynamically consolidated with the inclusion of new indicators that reflect the current health context.

As part of that consolidation and in order to strengthen national Health Information Systems, the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in 2005, established a baseline for birth and death coverage in 25 countries of the Region, making it possible to adopt a strategy and a Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics (CD48.R6).

It is important to recognize the extensive efforts that the health statistics bureaus in the countries have made to implement the regional plan. Well aware of the importance of producing reliable, timely, valid, and accurate data, these bureaus have established processes to collect the best possible information for policy-making and monitoring, despite the various limitations they encounter.

Highlighting these efforts, this publication focuses on the analysis of two demographic phenomena—births and deaths—for which the data production involves at least two institutions that respond to different social demands. On one hand, health systems certify both events and help to provide evidence on the epidemiological and social characteristics of persons who are born and who die, as well as reporting these events for the legal record. On the other, civil registries are responsible for recording these events from a legal perspective and, in many cases, for forwarding this information to the statistics bureaus that then produce official data.

Furthermore, the information provided on these events is derived from numerous social agents, each with its own idiosyncrasies and cultural and educational models: nurses, delivery room staff, medical professionals in different health areas, civil registrars, and family members or acquaintances who do not always give an adequate report of the event and its circumstances.

This publication presents a map of the percent coverage of deaths for the last available three-year period (2010–2012), as well as a comparative analysis of the progress made in birth and death coverage between 2000–2005 and 2005–2010, reflecting the joint efforts made by PAHO/WHO and the countries.

The information presented in this pamphlet has been compiled, processed, and reviewed by the PAHO/WHO technical team in collaboration with the staff of the ministries of health and the statistics bureaus in the Hemisphere.



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# demographic indicators

	1 total population (thousands)		2 crude birth rate (1,000 pop)		3 annual births average (thousands)		4 annual deaths average (thousands)		5 annual pop growth (%)		6 total fertility rate (child/woman)		7 urban population (%)		8 dependency ratio (100 pop)		9T life expectancy at birth (years)		9M male		9F female		
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	
<b>The Americas</b>	981,557	15.9	15,597.6	6,632.8	1.0	2.1	81.0	51.3	76.7	73.9	79.5												
<b>North America</b>	358,178	13.0	4,643.6	2,941.7	0.8	1.9	82.9	50.6	79.3	77.0	81.7												
Bermuda	70	11.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	2.0	100.0	51.3	81.0	77.8	84.3												
Canada	35,525	11.3	400.4	270.2	1.0	1.7	81.0	47.2	81.6	79.5	83.7												
United States of America	322,583	13.1	4,242.4	2,670.9	0.8	2.0	83.1	51.0	79.1	76.7	81.4												
<b>Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</b>	623,380	17.5	10,954.0	3,691.2	1.1	2.1	79.7	51.4	74.9	71.8	78.0												
<b>Latin America</b>	616,063	17.6	10,834.3	3,635.8	1.1	2.1	80.3	51.7	75.2	72.1	78.3												
Mexico	123,799	18.1	2,235.2	562.5	1.2	2.2	78.9	52.7	77.7	75.3	80.0												
<b>Central American Isthmus</b>	45,877	24.4	1,117.9	231.2	1.8	2.9	58.5	65.3	74.5	71.3	77.6												
Belize	340	23.1	7.8	1.5	2.3	2.6	44.2	59.7	74.1	71.1	77.3												
Costa Rica	4,938	14.9	73.6	21.0	1.3	1.8	66.0	43.6	80.1	78.0	82.4												
El Salvador	6,384	20.0	127.6	41.7	0.7	2.2	66.2	57.6	72.8	68.0	77.3												
Guatemala	15,860	30.6	485.8	80.9	2.5	3.7	51.1	80.7	72.4	68.9	75.9												
Honduras	8,261	25.4	210.1	38.6	2.0	3.0	53.9	64.7	74.1	71.9	76.5												
Nicaragua	6,169	22.3	137.6	27.9	1.4	2.5	58.5	58.8	75.2	72.1	78.2												
Panama	3,926	19.2	75.3	19.4	1.6	2.4	77.0	54.7	74.7	75.0	80.7												
<b>Latin Caribbean</b>	37,061	17.4	646.2	277.3	0.7	2.2	71.9	53.7	73.3	70.8	75.8												
Cuba	11,259	9.4	105.9	88.1	0.1	1.4	71.9	79.4	77.5	81.4													
Dominican Republic	7,259	20.5	63.3	1.2	2.5	71.3	57.1	73.6	70.6	76.9													
French Guiana	10,523	18.1	232.6	6.0	0.9	2.4	3.0	76.9	58.3	77.4	81.1												
Guadeloupe	468	13.1	6.1	3.2	0.5	2.1	98.4	53.6	81.2	77.8	84.3												
Haiti	10,461	25.3	264.3	88.7	1.4	3.1	57.3	64.2	63.4	61.5	65.3												
Martinique	3,055	11.0	4.5	3.2	0.2	1.8	89.0	53.5	81.6	78.2	84.8												
Puerto Rico	4,464	11.9	44.0	29.9	-0.1	1.6	99.1	50.1	79.0	75.3	82.7												
<b>Andean Area</b>	137,380	19.7	2,705.1	756.4	1.4	2.4	79.2	53.8	74.3	71.3	77.4												
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	10,848	25.5	276.4	76.3	1.6	3.2	68.0	65.3	67.5	65.3	69.8												
Colombia	48,990	18.5	903.0	274.6	1.2	2.3	76.1	50.9	74.2	70.6	77.9												
Ecuador	15,983	20.5	327.6	78.4	1.5	2.5	69.1	56.9	76.7	74.0	79.6												
Peru	30,769	19.4	597.9	162.4	1.3	2.4	78.2	53.7	75.1	72.5	77.9												
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	30,851	19.5	600.2	164.5	1.4	2.4	94.1	52.9	74.8	71.9	77.8												
<b>Brazil</b>	202,034	14.7	2,979.5	1,315.7	0.8	1.8	85.4	45.8	74.2	70.6	77.8												
<b>Southern Cone</b>	69,912	16.5	1,150.4	492.8	0.9	2.1	89.2	52.5	77.1	73.8	80.3												
Argentina	41,803	16.6	693.5	322.0	0.8	2.2	92.9	54.1	76.5	72.8	80.1												
Chile	17,773	13.8	245.1	99.1	0.9	1.8	89.8	45.1	80.2	77.4	82.9												
Paraguay	6,918	23.5	162.7	39.7	1.7	2.8	63.5	60.5	72.3	70.1	74.7												
Uruguay	3,419	14.4	49.1	31.9	0.3	2.0	92.8	59.9	77.4	73.9	80.7												
<b>Non-Latin Caribbean</b>	7,316	16.4	119.7	55.4	0.6	2.1	45.6	49.9	72.7	69.9	75.6												
Anguilla	16	12.7	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.7	100.0	46.1	81.0	78.6	83.9												
Antigua & Barbuda	91	15.9	1.5	0.5	1.2	2.0	29.9	46.4	76.1	74.0	78.3												
Aruba	111	12.7	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.8	47.2	43.0	71.8	73.3	79.5												
Bahamas	383	15.2	5.8	2.4	1.3	1.9	84.8	40.9	75.4	72.3	78.3												
Barbados	290	12.0	3.5	2.4	0.3	1.7	45.9	40.8	75.0	72.6	77.4												
Cayman Islands	55	12.1	0.7	0.3	2.1	1.9	100.0	41.9	81.0	78.3	83.8												
Curacao	148	13.7	2.0	1.2	0.5	2.1	51.6	78.0	75.7	80.4													
Dominica	73	15.5	1.1	0.6	0.2	2.0	67.5	48.4	76.6	73.6	79.7												
Grenada	110	16.3	1.8	0.9	0.5	2.1	40.2	51.4	73.8	71.2	76.6												
Guyana	804	19.9	16.0	5.3	0.5	2.5	28.7	63.5	66.5	63.8	69.1												
Jamaica	2,799	17.9	50.0	20.0	0.5	2.2	52.3	52.6	73.7	71.2	76.2												
Montserrat	5	11.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	1.3	14.7	31.1	73.9	75.5	72.2												
Saint Kitts & Nevis	52	13.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.8	32.3	41.5	75.3	72.9	77.8												
Saint Lucia	163	13.9	2.3	1.2	0.4	1.8	15.6	46.4	77.4	74.7	80.3												
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	103	13.9	1.4	0.7	-0.3	1.8	50.5	45.8	74.9	72.9	76.9												
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	40	13.0	0.5	0.2	1.5	2.1	90.0	34.7	71.8	75.5	80.2												
Suriname	544	17.5	9.5	4.0	0.8	2.2	70.9	50.7	71.2	68.2	74.5												
Trinidad & Tobago	1,344	14.1	19.0	13.1	0.2	1.8	14.5	43.1	70.0	66.5	73.8												
Turks & Caicos Islands	49	16.6	0.8	0.2	2.6	1.7	94.9	35.7	79.6	76.8	82.4												
Virgin Islands (UK)	33	10.8	0.4	0.2	2.4	1.3	41.3	33.6	78.3	77.0	79.7												
Virgin Islands (US)	104	10.5	1.1	0.9	-0.6	1.8	95.9	57.3	79.8	76.7	83.0												

For this publication: Latin America includes Mexico, the Central American Isthmus, the Latin Caribbean, the Andean Area, Brazil, and Southern Cone. Latin America and the Caribbean comprise Latin America and Non-Latin Caribbean. Brazil and Mexico are being shown separately due to their population size.

# mortality indicators

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