Data on total births from Statistics Canada for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Data on midwifery-led births and number of midwives is from the same time period if available, and if not, from as similar a time period as possible. For all questions, please contact admin@canadianmidwives.org.

Registered Midwives and Midwifery-led Births

TOTAL BIRTHS
- YT: 441
- NT: 685
- NU: 857
- BC: 42,795
- AB: 57,449
- SK: 15,517
- MB: 17,344
- ON: 139,632
- QC: 87,179
- NB: 6,715
- PEI: 1,306
- NS: 8,821
- NL: 4,409
- Canada: 383,151

Midwifery-led births as a % of total births
- 10%

Canadians: 1,547 midwives

Canada: 38,452 midwifery births

A Midwife in Canada Provides...
- Prenatal care
- Care during birth
- Postnatal care
- Primary care
- Partnership
- Informed choice
- On call 24 hours
- Evidence-based care
- Choice of birth place
**Partnership with Save the Children**

NACM’s partnership with Save the Children Canada was renewed for a second year of funding. This partnership is helping build NACM’s capacity and strengthen Indigenous Midwifery in Canada. One outcome of the partnership is the publication of three beautiful booklets to support Indigenous families looking for cultural knowledge that will help them prepare for giving birth and caring for their babies.

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**Strengthening Midwifery Services in South Sudan**

The Strengthening Midwifery Services Project (Phase 1) project, led by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and supported by the Government of Canada, began in 2012. It sent six midwives to South Sudan to support the Peer-to-Peer, Association Strengthening, and Clinical Procedures Manual components of the project. In addition, 17 newly trained midwives were recruited to work with the 317 midwives graduates in South Sudan. Many Canadian peers had a chance to meet Justine Mangwi Juma Olimpio, a South Sudanese midwife, when he visited Toronto and Ottawa in May 2017.

**Midwives Save Lives**

The Midwives Save Lives (MSL) project is a four-year project that is currently in its second year in Tanzania, and three Canadian midwives consulted with the midwifery association in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to strengthen midwifery. The MSL project, delivered in partnership with Case International and funded by the Government of Canada, is working to reduce maternal and child mortality in four countries by improving the quality of care, increasing the demand for midwifery services, and through association strengthening activities.

**More and Better Midwives**

In 2016, CAM began a partnership with Yugoslavia to develop and deliver a project entitled More and Better Midwives for Rural Tanzania. The goal is to increase the profile, quality, and availability of midwifery in Tanzania. The project is funded by the Global Affairs Canada and targets the most underserved regions of Tanzania with a focus on building capacity as the themes of mentorship and respected midwifery care.

**Midwifery a ‘Priority’ in Yukon**

A new, Liberal majority government was elected in Yukon in 2016. Minister Love lettered from the Premier to both Health Services and Social Services and indicated that it must be a priority to “regulate and fund midwifery to provide a safe and more affordable option for women in rural and northern communities.” Negotiations are expected to be completed by 2018.

**Ontario Midwives Take the Stand for Human Rights**

Hearings began in June 2016 regarding Ontario midwives’ 2015 application to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO) that alleges that midwives have experienced a gender penalty in their pay set by the government for almost two decades. Witnesses have taken the stand to describe the history of discrimination and their efforts over the years to address the wage gap with the government. Closing statements will be in June 2017 and a decision is expected by the end of the year.

**New Brunswick Hires its First Midwife!**

2017 will be remembered as the year New Brunswick became the first province in Canada to hire its first midwife. The province will hire a midwife to work in Fredericton. Midwifery was joined by three other midwives later in 2017.

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**300 Midwives will be Trained in Emergency Skills in 6 districts**

Kempinski Hotel at the Victoria Racecourse in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on April 19, 2016. The event was organized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia and supported by Sanofi. 300 midwives will be trained in emergency skills in 6 districts to improve the quality of care for women and newborns. Midwives in emergency settings will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to ensure effective care during crises and emergencies.

**Deliver Midwives to ICM Fund**

In celebration of International Day of the Midwife on May 5, Canadian midwives and stakeholders funded a total of $80,000 to bring midwives from under-resourced countries to the 2017 ICM International Triennial Congress being held in Toronto June 18-22. The funds raised will support 30 midwives to attend.

**Organizational Growth**

CAM now has its first staff member, more than doubling in one year. Photo: American Association of Midwives for Global Health (AAMGH)

**CAM Annual Conference 2016**

A record-breaking 800 midwives and other health professionals attended CAM’s 26th annual AGM Conference in Victoria in October, according to a report by BC: the Conference underway, Midwives Caring for Diverse Communities: Leadership & Collaboration, was sanctioned by engaging and interactive presentations that touched topics of clinical practice, recent research, and reflections on the profession.

**International Day of the Midwife 2017**

On May 5, 2017, midwives from 25 developing countries came together to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife. Over 1,000 people signed up to dance to live music by Parachute Club, to dance, andsing to raise awareness of the importance of having skilled midwives worldwide.

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