

Planned home birth with the HSE 2015



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of births occur at home in Ireland

In Ireland, today 0.3% of births occur at home. For 2015, there were 228 mothers who intended on having a home birth. During this same period 65,904 births were recorded in the 19 maternity units throughout the Republic of Ireland.

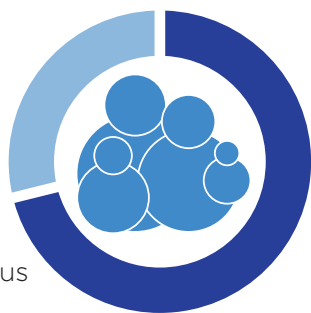


Planned Home Births

The distribution of home births by Health Service Executive (HSE) region is markedly different to the overall distribution of births with over half of all planned home births were arranged in the South home birth service.

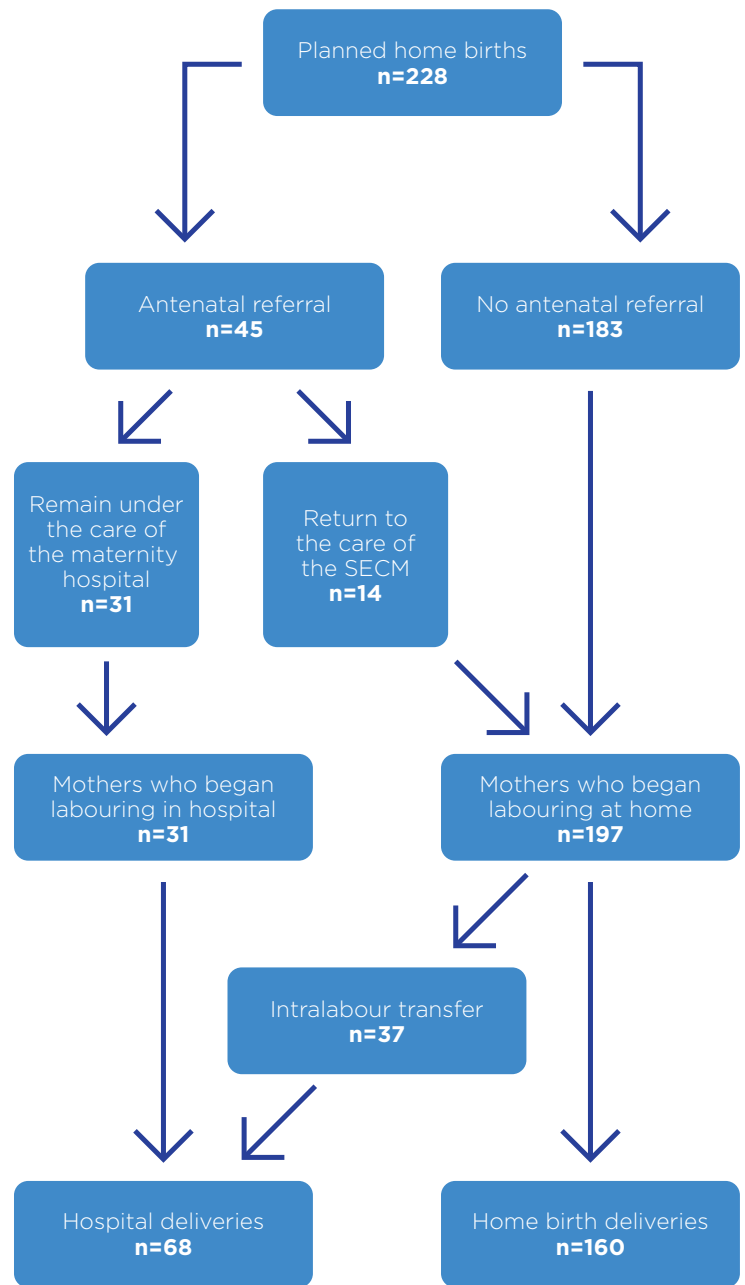
72%

Almost three quarters of the women who intended on having a home birth had a previous birth 72.4%



Average number of visits **7**

The average number of antepartum visits by the midwives to women intended on having a home birth was seven.



1-in-5

One in 5 women were transferred to a maternity hospital due to complications arising during the antenatal period.

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← 30km →



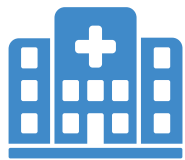
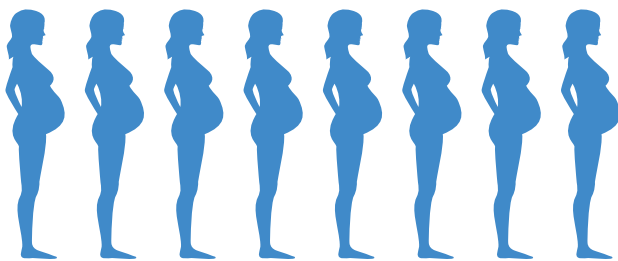
41%

Two-fifths of women were within **30 kilometres** of the SECM (40.6%).



50%

Half of women were within **30 kilometres** of the maternity hospital (50.2%).



x8

Eight mothers were transferred to a maternity hospital for postnatal care



transfers(x6)

First time mothers were **six times** more likely to transfer during labour than women who had a previous birth (50.0% versus 8.2%).



18.8% of women who began labouring at home were transferred to the maternity hospital, with the majority of these transfers during the first stage of labour (86.2%)



x7



Seven of all infants who were born at home were transferred to a maternity hospital. Of these four were admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit

6 visits

On average, the mothers received **six postnatal visits** from the Self Employed Community Midwives

98%

On the day of discharge from the Self Employed Community Midwives 98% of mothers were **breastfeeding**



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