



# Definitions of vital events and recommended topics



## Definitions of vital events

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- Live births events proper
  - Live births
  - Deaths
  - Foetal deaths
- Dual events
  - Marriages
  - Judicial separation
  - Divorces
  - Annulments
- Vertical family events
  - Adoptions
  - Legitimation
  - Recognition



## Definitions of vital events - proper

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### Live births

- Extraction or expulsion
- Product of conception
- Breathes or shows evidence of life
- Duration of pregnancy irrelevant

### Foetal deaths

- Death prior to the complete expulsion
- “early foetal deaths” – less than 20 weeks
- “intermediate foetal deaths” – 20 – 28 weeks
- “late foetal deaths” – 28 weeks or more

### Deaths

- Permanent disappearance of life after live birth



## Definitions of dual vital events

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- Marriage
  - Act, ceremony, process
  - Legal relationship
  - Civil, religious or other
- Judicial separation
  - Disunion of married couple
- Divorce
  - Final dissolution of a marriage
- Annulment
  - Invalidation or voiding of a marriage
  - Never been married to each other



## Definitions of vertical vital events

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- ❑ Adoption
  - ❑ Legal and voluntary taking and treating a child as one's own
- ❑ Legitimation
  - ❑ Formally investing a person with the status of child born in wedlock
- ❑ Recognition
  - ❑ Legal acknowledgment of the maternity and paternity of the child



## Core topics for vital statistics

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### □ Topics

- Refer to characteristics of the:
  - event
  - persons involved (child, parents ...)
- Essentially statistical variables
- Difference between topics from civil registration and other sources
- Recommended
- Additional
- Direct
- Derived



## Recommended topics – Live births

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### Characteristics of the event

- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  - Locality of occurrence
  - Urban/rural
- Place of registration
- Type of birth (single, twin ..)
- Attendant at birth

Legend:  
Direct topic  
Derived topic



## Recommended topics – Live births (continued)

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- Characteristics of the new born
  - Sex
  - Weight at birth





## Recommended topics – Live births (continued)

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### Characteristics of the mother

- Date of birth
    - Age
  - Marital status
    - Child born in wedlock
  - Educational attainment
  - Place of usual residence
    - Locality of residence
    - Urban/rural residence
  - Duration of residence at usual place
  - Place/country of birth
    - Migrant status
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## Recommended topics – Live births (continued)

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- Characteristics of the mother (continued)
  - Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime
    - Birth order or parity
  - Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime
  - Date of last previous live birth
    - Interval since previous live birth
  - Date of marriage
    - Duration of marriage



## Recommended topics – Live births (continued)

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### Characteristics of the father

- Date of birth
  - Age
- Marital status
- Educational attainment
- Place of usual residence
  - Locality of residence
  - Urban/rural residence



## Recommended topics – Deaths

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### Characteristics of the event

- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  - Locality of occurrence
  - Urban/rural
- Place of registration
- Certifier
  - Type of certification



## Recommended topics – Deaths

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### Characteristics of the decedent

- Date of birth
  - Age
- Sex
- Marital status
- Place of usual residence
- Place of usual residence of the mother (for deaths under 1 year of age)
  - Locality of residence
  - Urban/rural residence



## Recommended topics – Foetal deaths

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- Characteristics of the event
  - Date of occurrence (of foetal delivery)
  - Date of registration
  - Place of occurrence
    - Locality of occurrence
    - Urban/rural
  - Place of registration
  - Certifier
    - Type of certification
- Characteristics of the foetus
  - Sex



## Recommended topics – Foetal deaths (continued)

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### Characteristics of the mother

- Date of birth
    - Age
  - Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime
    - Birth order or parity
  - Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime
  - Date of last previous live birth
    - Interval since previous live birth
  - Date of marriage
    - Duration of marriage
  - Place of usual residence
    - Locality of residence
    - Urban/rural residence
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## Recommended topics – Foetal deaths (continued)

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- Characteristics of the father
  - Date of birth
    - Age
  - Place of usual residence
    - Locality of residence
    - Urban/rural residence





## Recommended topics – Marriages

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### Characteristics of the event

- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  - Locality of occurrence
  - Urban/rural
- Place of registration

### Characteristics of the bride and groom (separately)

- Date of birth
    - Age
  - Place of usual residence
    - Locality of residence
    - Urban/rural residence
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## Recommended topics – Divorces

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- Characteristics of the event
  - Date of occurrence
  - Date of registration
  - Place of occurrence
    - Locality of occurrence
    - Urban/rural
  - Place of registration



## Recommended topics – Divorces (continued)

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- Characteristics of the divorcees (husband and wife (separately))
  - Date of birth
    - Age
  - Date of marriage
    - Duration of marriage
  - Place of usual residence
    - Locality of residence
    - Urban/rural residence