



The Irish Stillbirths Registration Act, defines a stillbirth as a child born weighing 500 grammes or more or having a gestational age of 24 weeks or more who shows no sign of life.

Stillbirth rate: Number of stillbirths per 1,000 total births (live births and stillbirths from 24 weeks gestation or weighing >500g).



The stillbirth rate was **3.91** per 1,000 total births



60,841 Total Births



357 Total Perinatal Deaths
Includes stillbirths and neonatal deaths

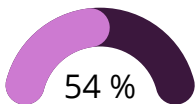


238 Stillbirths

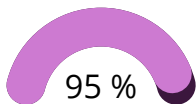


Stillbirth accounted for 66.7% of the perinatal deaths in 2021

Investigations to determine the cause of death

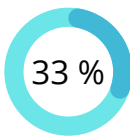


An **autopsy** was undertaken following 53.8% of stillbirths.

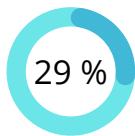


Placental histology examinations were conducted for almost all stillbirths.

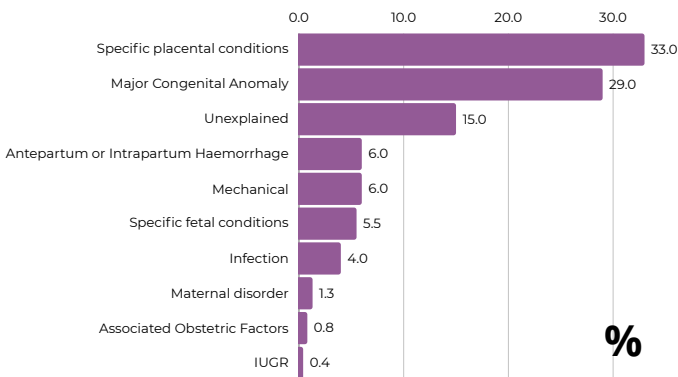
Cause of death in stillbirths



Specific placental conditions were the most common cause of death in stillbirths in 2021

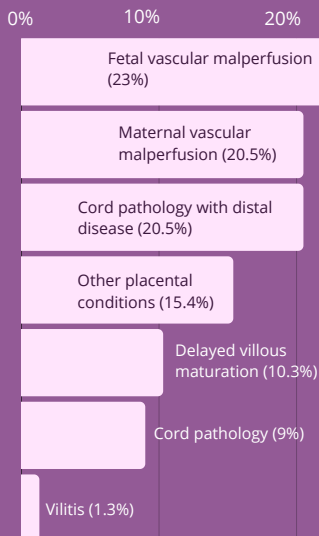


Major congenital anomaly was the second most common cause of death in stillbirths in 2021.

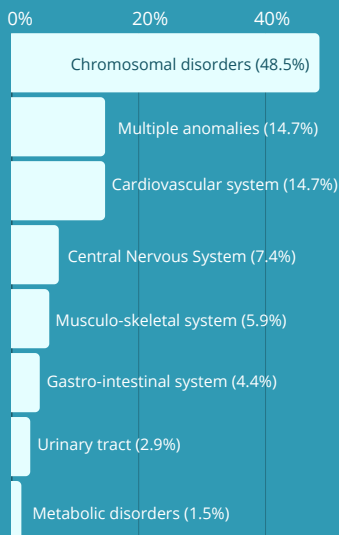


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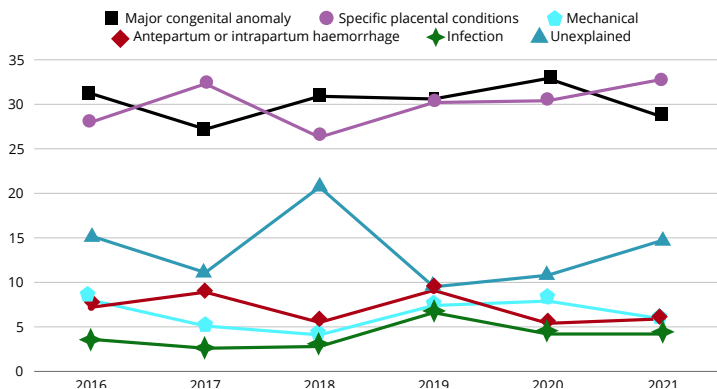
Placental conditions



Major congenital anomalies




Cause of death in stillbirths: trends over the years



In 2021, nine stillbirths were due to SARS-CoV-2 placentitis



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Intrapartum deaths accounted for 5.9% (n = 14) of stillbirths in the Republic of Ireland in 2021

Associated obstetric factors (n = 1)
Antepartum or intrapartum haemorrhage (n = 1)
Mechanical (n = 1)
Specific fetal condition (n = 1)

