

Naming your baby and birth certificate information

Please use this worksheet to give your baby's name and your demographic information to the hospital birth registry staff. *The information you provide will be used to create your child's birth certificate.* The birth certificate is a document that proves your child's age, citizenship and parentage. This document will be used by your child throughout his/her life. State laws provide protection against unauthorized release of identifying information from birth certificates to protect the privacy of the parents and their child.

It is very important that you provide complete and accurate information to all of the questions. In addition to information used for legal purposes, other information from the birth record is used by health and medical researchers to study and improve the health of mothers and newborn infants. Items such as parents' education, race, and lifestyle factors will be studied, but will not appear on the birth certificate issued to you or your child.

Birth records must be filed within 5 days of the birth. If you do not name your child within five (5) days, the record will be filed as "baby boy" or "baby girl" and no automatic Social Security Number can be issued, but you can change the name free of charge within 45 days of the birth.

Baby

You can give your baby any first, middle and last name you choose. Legally, it is permissible to give your child the last name of the mother, the father, a combination of the names or another last name of your choosing. Please keep in mind that names print on the birth certificates in capital letters. Apostrophes (') and hyphens (-) can only be placed between two letters, not at the beginning or end of a name. No other special characters are permitted.

Minnesota statute requires that all births be registered within 5 days. The hospital or your homebirth midwife must submit the birth registration at that time. If a name has not yet been selected, the registration will be filed with a generic name like "baby boy" or "baby girl" and your last name. You can change your baby's name any time within 45 days using the Parent Notice you will receive from the county.

How would you like your baby's legal name to appear on the birth certificate?

Baby's name – first

middle

last

Do you wish to apply for a free **Social Security Number for your baby** now? Checking the box below authorizes the State to provide the Social Security Administration with the information from this form which is needed to assign a number. *Parent Social Security Numbers must be completed.* **Yes** **No**

If you do not wish to get one now, you can still apply for a free Social Security Number by bringing your baby's birth certificate to a Social Security Administration office. Social Security Numbers are always free, contact the Social Security Administration for more information.

How many babies in this birth? (single, twin, etc.)

If not a single birth, what was birth order of this baby?

Contact information in case the birth registrar has any questions about information contained in this form.

Phone (1) _____ Phone (2) _____.

Both parents' demographics

Education – check the box that best describes your highest level of school completed at the time of this baby's birth

Mother Father

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 th grade or less |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 th -12 th grade, no diploma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | High school graduate or GED completed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Some college credit, but no degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate degree (e.g. AA, AS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, AB, BS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Doctorate (e.g. PhD, EdD) or Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) |

Race – check all that apply to you

Mother Father

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Black or African American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Somali |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Liberian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kenyan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nigerian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ethiopian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ghanaian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sudanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other African (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | American Indian or Alaska Native (specify name of enrolled/principal tribe) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Chinese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Filipino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Japanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Korean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hmong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cambodian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Laotian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Asian (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Pacific Islander (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Race (specify) _____ |

Hispanic origin – check all that apply

Mother Father

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, Mexican, Mexican American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, Cuban |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/Latino (e.g. Salvadoran, Dominican, Columbian) (specify) _____ |

Father <i>write current legal name below</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> _____
first	middle	last	
Date of birth / / mm/dd/yyyy	Social Security Number / / <input type="checkbox"/> No Social Security Number	Place of birth - City, State (if US), Country	
Mailing address <input type="checkbox"/> use mother's mailing address			County of Residence?

How to get a birth certificate for your baby

Birth certificates may be obtained by mail or fax from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) or in person from any Minnesota local registrar or county license center office. If you wish to order a Minnesota birth certificate by mail, please visit the MDH website at www.health.state.mn.us for order forms and more information.

Since MDH no longer handles in-person requests, you must go to a local registrar or county license center office to buy a birth certificate in person. It is no longer necessary to go to the registrar's office of the county where the birth took place. You may go to a registrar's office in any county in Minnesota. You will be asked to complete and sign an application stating that you have tangible interest (parents and guardians have tangible interest) in the certificate and show identification.

Birth certificates cost \$26.

If you need to make a change or correction to the birth certificate, you may use the Parent Notice you will receive in the mail—as long as you make the change within 45 days. To make a Parent Notice correction, simply follow the directions on the Parent Notice and return it by the deadline printed on the form.

After 45 days, amendments cost \$40 and you will be asked to complete an amendment form and provide documentation to prove the change is justified and accurate. See the MDH website for more information at www.health.state.mn.us.

Social Security Cards for babies

If you request it, the Minnesota Department of Health will electronically transmit birth data to the Social Security Administration as a service to you. Birth record changes or corrections are not communicated to SSA. If you make any changes to your baby's name, you must contact the Social Security Administration to change the Social Security Card. If you do not receive the Social Security card for any reason, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. Or, purchase the birth certificate and bring it to the Social Security office. Social Security cards cannot be forwarded or re-sent for any reason.

You cannot obtain a birth certificate or a social security card from the hospital.

Facility Worksheet – Baby

INSTRUCTIONS

Baby's birthdate		Mother's last name, Medical Record Number		
Plurality (this gestation) <i>The number of fetuses delivered live or dead at any time in the pregnancy, regardless of gestational age, or if fetuses were delivered at different dates during this pregnancy. Do not count "Reabsorbed" fetuses.</i>	Birth order of this baby <i>If not a single birth, indicate the order born in the delivery. If this is a single birth, leave blank.</i>			
Birth attendant & title <i>the individual physically present at delivery or immediately after who is responsible for the delivery. If someone delivers baby under supervision of an obstetrician who is present in the room, that obstetrician is the attendant.</i>				
Child's gender <i>Enter whether the infant is male, female or unknown</i>	Baby Transferred? <i>If baby was transferred more than once, indicate name of first facility</i>	Baby's Med record #		
Birth Weight <i>enter the weight in grams. But DO NOT convert pounds to grams if gram weight is unavailable.</i>	Gestation <i>based on the birth attendant's final estimate of gestation, or early prenatal ultrasound, <u>not</u> the neonatal exam</i>	5 min Apgar <i>Enter the Apgar score at 5 minutes of life</i>	10 min Apgar <i>If Apgar score at 5 minutes is less than 6, enter a 10 min Apgar</i>	Mom's Hep B status <i>Enter the mother's hepatitis B surface antigen status</i>
Hep B vaccine given to baby? <i>If baby received birth dose of Hep B vaccine, enter date</i>		Hep B Immune Globulin (HBIG) given? <i>If baby received HBIG, enter Date, Time</i>		
<p align="center">Abnormal conditions</p> <p>Assisted ventilation immediate <i>given manual breaths with bag & mask or bag & endotracheal tube NOT free flow O₂ or laryngoscopy for meconium aspiration</i></p> <p>Assisted ventilation >6 hours <i>includes conventional, High frequency and or continuous positive pressure(CPAP)</i></p> <p>NICU admission <i>to facility or unit staffed & equipped to provide continuous mechanical ventilatory support at any time during hospital stay</i></p> <p>Surfactant therapy <i>for treatment of respiratory distress</i></p> <p>Antibiotics for suspected neonatal sepsis <i>do NOT include antibiotics given for any other reason.</i></p> <p>Confirmed bacterial infection (blood) <i>within 1-2 days of life</i></p> <p>Seizure or neurologic dysfunction <i>excludes lethargy or hypotonia in the absence of other neurologic findings</i></p> <p>Birth injury (skeletal fracture, peripheral nerve injury, soft tissue/solid organ hemorrhage with intervention) <i>Present or immediately following delivery.</i></p> <p>Anemia (HCT <39 / HGB <13)</p>		<p align="center">Congenital anomalies</p> <p>Anencephaly <i>partial or complete absence of brain and skull</i></p> <p>Meningomyelocele/spina bifida <i>herniation of meninges and/or spinal cord tissue through bony defect of spine closure – include open & closed lesions</i></p> <p>Hypospadias <i>incomplete closure of male urethra</i></p> <p>Other urogenital anomalies</p> <p>Cyanotic congenital heart disease</p> <p>Congenital diaphragmatic hernia</p> <p>Omphalocele <i>a defect (covered by membrane) in anterior abdominal wall, with herniation of abdominal organs into umbilical stalk. NOT umbilical hernia.</i></p> <p>Gastroschisis <i>abnormality of anterior abdominal wall, lateral to umbilicus with herniation into amniotic cavity.</i></p> <p>Limb reduction defect (exclude amputation & dwarfing) <i>absence of all or a portion of an extremity, secondary to failure to develop.</i></p> <p>Polydactyly/syndactyly/adactyly <i>more than 5, fused or absence of fingers or toes</i></p> <p>Club foot <i>congenital talipes equinovarus (CTEV)</i></p> <p>Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies</p> <p>Cleft lip <i>incomplete closure of lip</i></p> <p>Cleft palate <i>incomplete fusion of palate</i></p> <p>Down syndrome <i>Trisomy 21 with Karyotype status (pending/confirmed)</i></p> <p>Suspected chromosomal disorder <i>indicate Karyotype status</i></p>		
Was baby breastfed or fed breast milk? <i>Refers to the action of breast-feeding or pumping (expressing) milk – NOT the intention to breast-feed</i>				
Is baby alive at the time of filing birth record? <i>Indicate only the KNOWN status – if baby was transferred and the status is known, indicate the known status.</i>				

Facility Worksheet - Mother's Medical

Baby's birth date		Mother's last name, Medical Record Number		
Did mother get WIC food during this pregnancy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes - Month WIC began?</i>				
Were cigarettes smoked 3 months before or during pregnancy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes – number of cigarettes or packs per day</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cigarettes <input type="checkbox"/> Packs _____ 3 mo before _____ First trimester _____ Second trimester _____ Third trimester				
Prenatal care? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of first visit	Date of last visit	Total number of visits	Month of pregnancy that care began
Mother's height	Pre-pregnancy weight	Delivery weight	Date of LMP	
# of prev. live births now living	# of prev. live births now dead	Date of last live birth	# of losses or terminations	Date of last loss or termination
Risk factors for this pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes pre-pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes gestational <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension pre-pregnancy (chronic) <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension gestational (PIH, preeclampsia) <input type="checkbox"/> Eclampsia <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatments <input type="checkbox"/> fertility drugs, artificial / intrauterine insemination <input type="checkbox"/> assisted reproductive technology (IVF) (GIFT) <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia (HCT<30 / HGB <10) <input type="checkbox"/> Previous preterm birth <input type="checkbox"/> Other prev poor outcome (include perinatal death, SGA, IUGR) <input type="checkbox"/> Previous cesarean birth <input type="checkbox"/> Other risk factors _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			Onset of labor <input type="checkbox"/> Premature rupture of membranes <input type="checkbox"/> Precipitous labor <input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged labor <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
			Characteristics of labor and delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Induction of labor <input type="checkbox"/> Augmentation of labor <input type="checkbox"/> Non-vertex presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotics received by mother during labor <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal fever (>38C) / Chorioamnionitis during labor <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/heavy meconium staining in amniotic fluid <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal intolerance of labor requiring intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
Toxicology tests performed on mother or baby? – Result?			Time of Birth	
Principal source of payment <input type="checkbox"/> Private insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Champus/tricare/other government <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Self pay			Method of birth <input type="checkbox"/> Forceps attempted Successful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum attempted Successful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Infections present and or treated this pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia <input type="checkbox"/> *Cytomegalovirus <input type="checkbox"/> Genital herpes <input type="checkbox"/> *Listeria <input type="checkbox"/> Gonorrhea <input type="checkbox"/> *Toxoplasmosis <input type="checkbox"/> Syphilis <input type="checkbox"/> *Parvovirus <input type="checkbox"/> Group B streptococcus <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C <input type="checkbox"/> HIV positive <input type="checkbox"/> Other infection (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			Fetal presentation at birth? <input type="checkbox"/> Cephalic <input type="checkbox"/> Breech <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
			Final route and method of birth <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/spontaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/forceps <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/vacuum <input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean was trial of labor attempted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> VBAC (vaginal birth after cesarean) <input type="checkbox"/> *Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	
Prenatal obstetric procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical Cerclage <input type="checkbox"/> Tocolysis <input type="checkbox"/> External cephalic version <i>Successful?</i> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			Maternal morbidity <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> Third or fourth degree perineal laceration <input type="checkbox"/> Cord prolapse <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure during labor <input type="checkbox"/> Placental abruption <input type="checkbox"/> Placenta previa <input type="checkbox"/> Ruptured uterus <input type="checkbox"/> Unplanned hysterectomy <input type="checkbox"/> Admission to intensive care unit <input type="checkbox"/> Unplanned operating room procedure following birth <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
Mother transferred prior to birth <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Where from?				

