



VITAL STATISTICS AGENCY

2015/16
ANNUAL REPORT

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Her Honour the Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M. O.M.
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Room 235, Legislative Building
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May It Please Your Honour:

I am privileged to present the Annual Report of the Vital Statistics Agency for the year ended March 31, 2016, for the information of Your Honour.

Respectfully submitted,

Honourable Heather Stefanson
Minister of Justice and Attorney General



Manitoba



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Honourable Heather Stefanson
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
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Dear Minister Stefanson:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Vital Statistics Agency for the year ended March 31, 2016.

On March 1, 2016 *The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2014* was fully proclaimed. As of that date, Manitoba will change the sex designation on a Manitoba marriage registration for eligible applicants and will issue a change of sex designation certificate to an eligible resident who is a Canadian citizen born outside of Manitoba. The third feature of the amendment was implemented February 1, 2015 when Manitoba eliminated the requirement to show proof of surgery for transgender individuals born in Manitoba wanting to change their birth documents.

The issue of medical assistance in dying led the Vital Statistics Agency to work closely with Manitoba Justice, the Department of Health, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the College of Physicians and Surgeons and other colleges to develop an appropriate system of reporting these deaths.

The Agency plays a lead role in national and provincial initiatives on identity management. In February 2016, the Agency was invited to participate in the Identity Linkages Project with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to verify all passports issued in Manitoba. This is a large national project that will take two to three years to implement.

Thank you to staff and management for continuing to provide excellent customer service while the Agency transitions from being a registrar and keeper of vital event information to a trusted identity manager.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Frederickson
Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General





Ms Julie Frederickson
Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General
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Dear Ms Frederickson:

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Vital Statistics Agency for the year ended March 31, 2016 and to highlight our achievements, challenges and opportunities.

Proclamation of the remaining sections of *The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2014* continued Manitoba's efforts to respect gender equity. As of March 1, 2016 eligible applicants will be able to change the sex designation on a Manitoba marriage registration and will be issued a change of sex designation certificate if they are Canadian citizens born outside of Manitoba. The third feature of the amendment was implemented February 1, 2015 when Manitoba eliminated the requirement to show proof of surgery for transgender individuals born in Manitoba wanting to change their birth documents.

The Agency is keenly interested in federal efforts to implement the Supreme Court of Canada *Carter* decision on physician assisted death. As implementation was delayed until June 6, 2016, the Agency collaborated with the Constitutional Law Branch within the Department of Justice and others, including the Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and College of Physicians and Surgeons on how to report court-ordered exemptions. These relationships will continue as we revise the Medical Certificate of Death to capture information on medical assistance in dying.

Accommodating customer demand has been a major challenge this year. Using LEAN principles, the Agency embarked on a strategic planning exercise to re-design processes and create greater capacity to undertake new initiatives.

High on the list of new initiatives is the validation of vital events. The Agency is the only authoritative party able to provide foundational identity documents that establish the name, age, birth in Canada and parentage of a Manitoba-born individual. The Identity Linkages Project proposes to validate all passport applications to birth registrations and other federal departments are looking to enhance their services using digital technology to confirm identity.

My sincere thanks to all staff for their diligence and commitment to the customers they serve. You demonstrate every day how much you care and the pride you take in your work.

Sincerely,

Denise Koss
Director and Chief Operating Officer

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Madame la Sous-Ministre,

J'ai le plaisir de vous présenter le rapport annuel du Bureau de l'état civil pour l'exercice terminé le 31 mars 2016, et de vous faire part de nos réalisations, de nos défis et de nos possibilités.

La proclamation du reste des articles de la Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil de 2014 poursuit les efforts du Manitoba visant le respect de l'égalité des sexes. Depuis le 1^{er} mars 2016, les demandeurs admissibles peuvent modifier la mention du sexe figurant sur le bulletin d'enregistrement du mariage du Manitoba et se verront délivrer un certificat de changement de mention du sexe s'ils sont des citoyens canadiens nés à l'extérieur du Manitoba. Le troisième élément de la modification est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} février 2015, lorsque le Manitoba a supprimé l'exigence selon laquelle les personnes transgenres nées au Manitoba voulant modifier leurs documents de naissance devaient prouver qu'elles avaient subi une intervention chirurgicale.

Le Bureau est vivement intéressé par les efforts que déploie le gouvernement fédéral pour donner suite à l'arrêt de la Cour suprême du Canada dans l'affaire Carter, qui concerne l'aide médicale à mourir. Comme la mise en œuvre de cet arrêt a été reportée au 6 juin 2016, le Bureau a collaboré avec la Direction du droit constitutionnel du ministère de la Justice et avec d'autres intervenants, dont le ministère de la Santé, le bureau du médecin légiste en chef et le Collège des médecins et chirurgiens du Manitoba, afin de savoir comment signaler les exemptions ordonnées par les tribunaux. Cette collaboration se poursuivra pendant le processus de révision du Certificat médical de décès qui vise à intégrer les renseignements concernant l'aide médicale à mourir.

Il n'a pas toujours été facile de répondre à la demande de la clientèle cette année. En s'appuyant sur les principes LEAN, le Bureau s'est lancé dans un exercice de planification stratégique visant à reformuler ses processus et à renforcer sa capacité d'entreprendre de nouvelles initiatives.

En tête de liste des nouvelles initiatives se trouve la validation des événements naturels. Le Bureau est l'unique partie ayant l'autorité de fournir des documents d'identité essentiels établissant le nom, l'âge, la naissance au Canada et la filiation d'une personne née au Manitoba. Dans le cadre du projet Identity Linkages, l'on propose de valider toutes les demandes de passeport en fonction des renseignements figurant sur les bulletins d'enregistrement de naissance. D'autres ministères fédéraux cherchent à améliorer leurs services en utilisant la technologie numérique pour confirmer l'identité.

Je remercie sincèrement tout le personnel de sa diligence et de son engagement à l'égard de nos clients. Vous démontrez chaque jour à quel point vous vous souciez d'eux et tirez fierté de votre travail.

Veuillez agréer, Madame la Sous-Ministre, l'expression de mes meilleurs sentiments.

La directrice et chef de l'exploitation,


Denise Koss

AGENCY PROFILE

HISTORY AND FUNCTION

The Vital Statistics Agency is the only authoritative:

- * Source of historic and current vital event information in Manitoba;
- * Registrar of Manitoba vital events;
- * Provider of digital vital event notification and validation services in Manitoba;
- * Issuer of Manitoba vital event documents.

The Vital Statistics Agency has a key role in provincial, national and international identity management as registration of birth in the provincial registry is the foundation to an individual's legal identity. The Agency is the only authoritative party able to assure that foundational identity is authentic, and issues the only identity document which establishes core information about a Manitoba-born person, such as age, name, birth in Canada, and parentage. All other identity documents issued to Manitoba-born individuals, including passports, identity cards, and driver's licences, rely on the foundational information provided in a Manitoba birth registration in order to link that information to a specific physical person.

The Agency is responsible for administering and enforcing *The Vital Statistics Act*, *The Marriage Act*, *The Change of Name Act*, processing disinterments under *The Public Health Act*, and protecting privacy under *The Personal Health Information Act* and *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Agency began registering Manitoba vital events in 1882, resulting in nearly four million records today. Manitoba births, stillbirths, marriages and deaths are registered at no charge. The provincial vital event registry contains information relevant to understanding cultural trends in Manitoba's population and between geographical areas. This information is used by policy makers, governments, and researchers to make decisions about socio-economic and health programs that benefit the public.

VISION

The Agency's vision is to strive for excellence through responsive and innovative delivery of vital statistics services.

MISSION

The Agency's mission is to ensure accurate and timely registration of vital events for health planning and research, and to provide the public with courteous, timely, and cost-effective services relating to these events in a manner that effectively meets all legislative and statutory requirements.

MANDATE

To fulfill this mission, the Agency maintains the provincial vital event registry; issues certificates and certified copies from vital event registrations; and provides statistical reports and services relating to *The Vital Statistics Act*.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Vital Statistics Agency's Management team consists of:

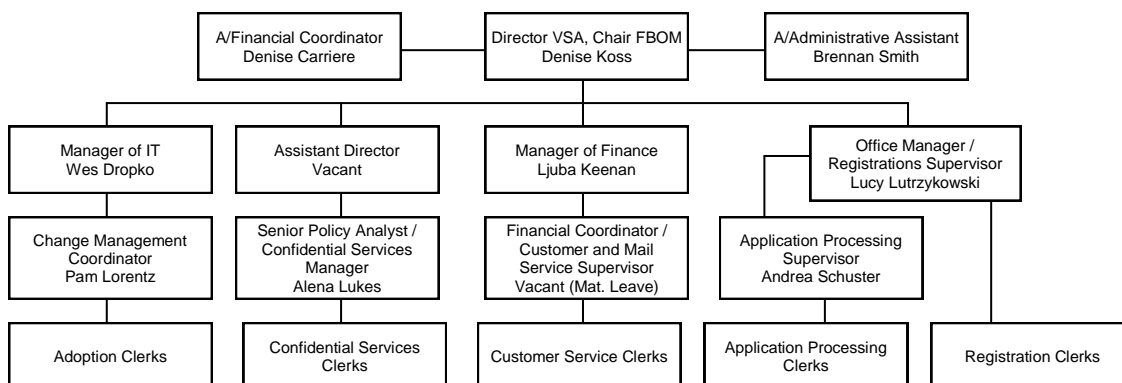
- Director and Chief Operating Officer
- Assistant Director/ Manager of Legislation, Policy, Planning and Privacy
- Manager of Information Technology
- Manager of Finance
- Senior Policy Analyst and Confidential Services Manager
- Office Manager and Registrations Supervisor
- Application Processing Supervisor
- Customer and Mail Service Supervisor
- Change Management Coordinator
- Acting Financial Coordinator

The Director and Chief Operating Officer reports to the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Consumer Protection Division. The Agency currently has 37 regular and 6 term positions.

The Vital Statistics Agency is organized into five main operational units: the Customer Service Unit is a first point of contact for the general public and incoming requests; the Registration Unit enters vital event information into the provincial vital event registry; the Application Processing Unit issues certificates and other documents based on Manitoba vital events; the Mail Unit receives and sends out all Agency post; and the Confidential Services Unit provides identity management services.

The Vital Statistics Agency also relies on the following business units to provide specialized services: the Finance Unit provides accounting and comptrollership services, the Information Technology Unit provides specialized information technology infrastructure and support, as well as authorized electronic notifications; the Change Management Unit provides quality assurance and implements coordinated change across the Agency, the Policy Unit provides legislatively compliant exception management and policy advice on operational issues, as well as development of policy, legislation and Information Sharing Agreements.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (as of March 31, 2016)



ADVISORY BOARD

Vital Statistics Agency's Advisory Board provides advice on structure, business practices, finances and performance through reviews of business plans, quarterly reports and annual reports. The Advisory Board members are appointed by the Minister.

The Advisory Board is Chaired by **Gail Anderson**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Consumer Protection Division.

Members of the Advisory Board include:

Denise Koss - Director and Chief Operating Officer,
Vital Statistics Agency

Wilf Falk - Chief Statistician,
Manitoba Bureau of Statistics

Debbie Besant - Chief Executive Officer,
General Child and Family Services Authority

Leslie Russell - Manager, Winnipeg Office,
Passport Canada

Trina Larsen - Manager, Maternal Health and Wellness,
Women's Health Clinic

Pam Lorentz - Staff Representative,
Vital Statistics Agency

VITAL STATISTICS COUNCIL FOR CANADA

Manitoba's Vital Statistics Agency is a member of the Vital Statistics Council for Canada. The Council provides a forum for developing a common approach to collecting vital statistics data across the nation, sharing information with external parties, and facilitating problem-solving through shared experiences, research findings, and expertise among the jurisdictions.

Established in 1945, the Vital Statistics Council for Canada is a partnership of registrars within the provincial/territorial jurisdictions who register all vital events in Canada and the federal officials responsible for the production and analysis of national statistics.

All provincial and territorial registrars provide vital statistics data to Statistics Canada. All levels of government use the data to enhance effective and efficient public administration. The data collected makes it possible to generate statistical research, analysis, comparisons, and projections on mortality, birth rates, nuptial arrangements, life expectancy, and population densities, as well as other demographic and geographic trends.

SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

OUR CUSTOMERS

The general public is the largest consumer of the Agency's products. Data and statistical services are purchased by health institutions, researchers, other federal and provincial government departments and agencies.

OUR SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

The Vital Statistics Agency delivers a broad range of services and products prescribed by *The Vital Statistics Act*, *The Marriage Act*, and *The Change of Name Act*, in addition to processing disinterments under *The Public Health Act*. All services and products are delivered in compliance with *The Personal Health Information Act* and *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Services:

- Vital event registration
 - * Adoption, birth, stillbirth, marriage, common-law relationship registration, common-law relationship dissolution, death
- Foundational identity management
 - * Legal change of name, election of surname, resumption of surname, change of sex designation
- Foundational identity maintenance
 - * Vital event registry amendments (changes to information recorded in registrations of adoption, birth, stillbirth, marriage, common-law relationship registration, common-law relationship dissolution, or death)
- Foundational identity verification (automated)
 - * Digital validation of vital event information
 - * Digital notification of vital event registration
 - * Manual validation and/or adjudication of vital event information/registration
- Statistical information reporting, management, and data extraction
- Rush service to process application(s) and issue document(s) in 1-3 business days
- Registration-related services
 - * Appointment of clergy and commissioners to perform marriages
 - * Recognition of religious denominations under *The Marriage Act*
 - * Appointment of Event Registrars
 - * Orders authorizing disinterment
 - * Issuance of reburial permits

Products (vital event documents):

- * Polymer birth certificates with the option to include parent(s) name(s);
- * Commemorative birth, marriage and stillbirth certificates;
- * Certificates of legal changes of name;
- * Certificates of common-law relationship registration;
- * Certificates of marriages and deaths;
- * Certified copies of registrations for birth, marriage, death, and stillbirth events;
- * Marriage licenses and banns;
- * Record searches (including genealogical searches) and search receipts;
- * Post-Adoption Registry documents

SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY

The Vital Statistics Agency strives for accessibility to services. Services are available at the barrier-free Agency location at 254 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, or via its bilingual website at <http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/index.html>. The Agency will provide forms in alternate formats if requested.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

Identity is the starting point of trust and confidence in interactions between individuals and organizations. It is an enabler of service delivery at the heart of public administration and most government business processes. How identity information is collected, used, managed, and secured is of critical interest to leaders in the public sector charged with managing program eligibility, protecting the rights of citizens, ensuring privacy, and safeguarding national security or public safety. The Vital Statistics Agency has been working with the Vital Statistics Council for Canada (VSCC), as well as the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Council and related work groups, to develop secure identity management practices involved in vital event registration, foundational identity maintenance and validation.

INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COORDINATION

Each Canadian jurisdiction provides services in accordance with local provincial/territorial vital event legislation, resulting in variability across the country. The Vital Statistics Council for Canada (VSCC) was established in 1945 as a means to exchange information and develop similar standards in the provision of vital event services. Manitoba has been working with the Council and other jurisdictions to develop similar operational standards mindful of identity management requirements and emerging issues such as: breadth of information collected during vital event registration; social changes impacting vital event registration (ex: open adoptions, surrogacy in birth registration); as well as processes involved in foundational identity maintenance (ex: registry amendments) and validation. Manitoba is also a member of the VSCC review committee working with the Uniform Law Conference of Canada to update the model *Vital Statistics Act*.

REGISTRY SECURITY

In 2013, the Auditor General noted the importance of maintaining digital vital event information in a highly secure data system centre that provides a tightly controlled network environment suitable for mission critical servers and systems processing extremely sensitive information in order to limit the risk of unauthorized access. Business Transformation and Technology implemented this recommendation for the Vital Statistics Agency, and the Agency has since been conducting on-going operational reviews and staff training to ensure the highly sensitive information in the provincial vital event registry is secure.

DIGITAL VITAL EVENT AND IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Vital Statistics Agency actively reviews mechanisms for digital notification and validation of vital events to ensure consistent data management, security, and protection of electronic vital event information. The Agency is currently part of a federal/provincial/territorial dialogue on a digital identity management initiative known as Canada's Digital Interchange. The development of a Pan-Canadian Trust Framework to ensure individuals and businesses are who-they-say-they-are, is especially important as all levels of government consider initiatives to move more services on-line and enhance readiness to fully participate in the digital economy.

WEB-BASED SERVICE DELIVERY

The public has come to expect near-instant access to provincial registry information and documents. The Vital Statistics Agency uses proprietary software for vital event registration, and has proposed to develop system enhancements that would enable the public to apply for vital statistics documents on-line, and eventually register vital events on-line. The Vital Statistics Agency is also exploring options to update the web interface used by the public to conduct genealogical searches of the provincial vital event registry.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENTS

Data in the provincial vital event registry can be used to confirm eligibility for various programs/benefits, and informs on a diverse range of socio-economic and health related issues that assist in decision-making for health and social policy planning. The Vital Statistics Agency has therefore been working with various levels of government to develop information sharing agreements compliant with *The Vital Statistics Act*, *The Personal Health Information Act*, and *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* that secure data, protect privacy, and permit authorized information sharing limited to the needs of each department or organization.

ANONYMIZED AGGREGATE DATA

A significant portion of Agency resources and costs pertain to the receipt, creation, management and storage of accurate and complete vital event information. This information is increasingly requested by larger organizations in anonymized aggregate form to support research and policy initiatives affecting the public. The provision of anonymized aggregate statistical data is permitted under *The Vital Statistics Act*, section 31(3) and section 38. Vital Statistics Agency has proposed a model for cost-recovery for this potential new revenue stream.

IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES, AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), formerly Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), has indicated its desire to engage Canadian Vital Statistics organizations in initiatives involving digital validation of foundational identity information. The Vital Statistics Agency has been consulting with IRCC on the Identity Linkages Project (ILP).

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD (PIC)

The Vital Statistics Agency is involved in discussions concerning the need for authentication of vital event information in the Personal Identification Card (PIC) initiative, which aims to combine driver licence and health card information on one document.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2015/16 Manitoba announced a government-wide commitment to work with First Nation, Métis and Inuit stakeholders, as well as non-governmental organizations on the ongoing, long-term implementation of the calls to action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Call to Action #17 (“Language and Culture” section) would enable residential school survivors and their families to reclaim names changed by the residential school system by waiving administrative costs for a period of five years.

The Vital Statistics Agency has been an active participant in Vital Statistics Council for Canada (VSCC) discussions on implementation of recommendation #17. Some legislative changes may be required as current statutory naming provisions require an individual born or undergoing a legal change of name in Manitoba to have both a given name and a surname consisting only of the letters “a” to “z” and accents from the English or French languages (some reclaimed names could potentially be in an Indigenous language and/or consist of a single name). In addition, the Vital Statistics Agency’s capacity to waive fees may be limited. For instance, Manitoba requires that all adults applying for a legal change of name be fingerprinted. The RCMP has sole authority and responsibility for the fingerprinting process and fingerprinting costs are paid directly to the fingerprinting agency, not the Vital Statistics Agency.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD)

The Supreme Court of Canada extended the suspension of the declaration of invalidity granted in *Carter* until June 6, 2016. In the interim, between February 6 and June 5, 2016, any person that met the conditions set out in *Carter* could apply to the provincial superior court to obtain a constitutional exemption for medical assistance in dying. Vital Statistics Agency registers each death in Manitoba, and since February 6, 2016 has adjusted the death registration process to include medical assistance in dying. Vital Statistics Agency consulted with the Vital Statistics Council for Canada, Statistics Canada, Constitutional Law at Legal Services, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Manitoba College of Physician and Surgeons to develop the revised death registration process, and will continue to monitor emerging trends for recording medical assistance in dying.

THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT

Change of Sex Designation: *The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2014* was fully proclaimed on March 1, 2016 and provides options for eligible individuals born outside Manitoba to apply for a change of sex designation certificate, or to amend change of sex designation on a Manitoba marriage registration. Partial proclamation on February 1, 2015 provided Manitoba-born individuals with the option to apply for a change of sex designation without requiring proof of transsexual surgery.

Adoptions: *The Adoption Amendment and Vital Statistics Amendment Act (Open Birth and Adoption Records), 2014* was fully proclaimed on June 15, 2015 and allows adoptees and birth parents to access previously sealed adoption information, including pre-adoption birth records. Although this legislation establishes Manitoba's Post-Adoption Registry as the central service agency for the disclosure of pre-adoption information, the provincial vital event registry houses this information and it is Vital Statistics Agency's role to provide this information to the Post-Adoption Registry.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEAN PRINCIPLES IN AGENCY OPERATIONS

Vital Statistics Agency is engaged in strategic planning and the application of LEAN principles to streamline, eliminate waste, and maximize available resources. Much of this strategic planning is driven by the Agency's information system enhancements which will enable the public to apply for vital statistics documents on-line, and eventually to register vital events on-line.

SPECIAL NOTE

THE PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION) ACT

No disclosures of wrongdoing were received by the Vital Statistics Agency under *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act*.

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN 2015/16

	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
Vital Event Registration				
Adoption	156	176	243	125
Birth	17,033	16,511	17,177	15,598
Stillbirth	148	163	136	124
Common-Law Relationship	44	70	52	46
Common-Law Dissolution	7	3	5	0
Marriage	5,440	5,727	5,610	5,557
Death	10,513	10,981	10,235	10,161
Delayed Registration ¹	22	32	36	27
Vital Event Registration Sub-Total	33,363	33,663	33,494	31,638
Foundational Identity Services				
Legal Change of Name	1,061	1,184	1,563	1,050
Election of Surname	123	132	181	152
Resumption of Surname	9	6	10	12
Change of Sex Designation ²	60	22	23	6
Registry Amendments	4,219	4,169	4,426	2,749
Foundational Identity Services Sub-Total	5,472	5,513	6,203	3,969
Registration-Related Services				
Clergy appointed	187	147	164	189
Commissioners appointed	1,027	810	721	717
Denominations recognized	5	4	4	5
Event Registrars appointed ³	45	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disinterment orders	10	7	11	8
Victims of crime	177	219	244	237
Registration-Related Services Sub-Total	1,451	1,187	1,144	1,156
Documents Issued				
Birth certificates	49,501	50,287	54,312	52,987
Commemorative certificates	11	19	19	59
Common-Law certificates	124	135	142	145
Marriage certificates	10,239	9,983	9,959	10,231
Marriage licences and banns	5,057	5,103	4,967	4,875
Death certificates	7,915	8,279	8,133	8,198
Certified copies	3,156	3,038	3,160	3,147
Search receipts	3,530	3,586	3,914	4,189
Genealogy requests	2,082	2,295	2,680	3,317
Documents Issued Sub-Total	81,615	82,725	87,286	87,148
Rush Service Requests⁴	19,018	17,600	17,354	16,999
FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	140,919	140,688	145,481	140,910

¹ Delayed registrations of all vital events have been revised to correct an error of omission that affected reporting in previous years.

² Includes applications processed for change of sex designation on a Manitoba birth or marriage registration, or a change of sex designation certificate. Statistics prior to March 1, 2016 denote applications processed for a change of sex designation on a Manitoba birth registration only.

³ Vital Statistics Agency began collecting statistics on the number of appointed Event Registrars in 2015/16. Comparative data is not available.

⁴ Number of requests to process document application and issue documents within 1-3 business days. Total is for *rush service pertaining to document issuance only* and excludes number of documents.

* Manual/electronic vital event validations and notifications, as well as statistical information reporting, management and extraction, are not included in this table.

STATISTICS

2015 CALENDAR YEAR

TOTAL BIRTHS

Year	Total Boys		Total Girls		Total Births	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2015	8,850	52%	8,331	48%	17,182	100%
2014	8,856	52%	8,124	48%	16,980	100%
2013	8,726	51%	8,233	49%	16,959	100%
2012	8,638	51%	8,189	49%	16,827	100%
2011	8,357	52%	7,830	48%	16,187	100%
2010	8,336	51%	7,915	49%	16,251	100%
2009	8,309	51%	8,056	49%	16,365	100%
2008	8,059	51%	7,847	49%	15,906	100%
2007	8,039	51%	7,658	49%	15,697	100%
2006	7,653	51%	7,351	49%	15,004	100%
2005	7,391	51%	7,191	49%	14,582	100%

MARRIAGES BY OFFICIANT

Year	Clergy		Marriage Commissioner		Court of Queen's Bench		Total Marriages	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2015	2,001	37%	3,430	63%	0	0%	5,435	100%
2014	2,155	39%	3,349	61%	1	0%	5,505	100%
2013	2,255	42%	3,129	58%	0	0%	5,384	100%
2012	2,428	43%	3,178	57%	2	0%	5,608	100%
2011	2,525	46%	2,957	54%	2	0%	5,484	100%
2010	2,693	48%	2,917	52%	6	0%	5,616	100%
2009	2,842	50%	2,834	50%	3	0%	5,679	100%
2008	2,782	50%	2,808	50%	8	0%	5,604	100%
2007	2,895	50%	2,884	50%	6	0%	5,785	100%
2006	3,141	54%	2,623	45%	12	0%	5,776	100%
2005	3,127	55%	2,585	45%	16	0%	5,728	100%

COMMON-LAW REGISTRATIONS

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Number	41	68	47	56	40	42	55	43	33	20	8

LIVE BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND STILLBIRTHS (Rate per 1,000)

YEAR	Live Births			Marriages			Deaths			Stillbirths	
	Number	Rate per MB Health Population	Rate per Statistics Canada Population	Number	Rate per MB Health Population	Rate per Statistics Canada Population	Number	Rate per MB Health Population	Rate per Statistics Canada Population	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births*
2015	17,182	13.0	13.3	5,435	4.1	4.2	10,709	8.1	8.3	153	8.9
2014	16,980	13.0	13.2	5,505	4.2	4.3	10,718	8.2	8.4	156	9.2
2013	16,959	13.2	13.4	5,384	4.2	4.3	10,127	7.9	8.0	142	8.4
2012	16,827	13.2	13.3	5,608	4.4	4.4	10,109	8.0	8.0	124	7.4
2011	16,187	12.9	12.9	5,482	4.4	4.4	10,302	8.2	8.2	147	9.1
2010	16,252	13.2	13.2	5,616	4.6	4.5	10,022	8.1	8.1	141	8.7
2009	16,365	13.5	13.4	5,679	4.7	4.6	10,005	8.2	8.2	139	8.5
2008	15,906	13.3	13.2	5,604	4.7	4.6	10,096	8.4	8.4	152	9.6
2007	15,697	13.2	13.2	5,785	4.9	4.9	9,984	8.4	8.4	119	7.6
2006	15,005	12.7	12.7	5,776	4.9	4.9	9,803	8.3	8.3	123	8.2
2005	14,582	12.4	12.4	5,728	4.9	4.9	9,903	8.4	8.4	120	8.2

*Rate is the number of fetal deaths of 20 or more weeks' gestation or weighing 500 grams or more per 1,000 live births.

TOP TEN NAMES

BOYS

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
1	Liam	Liam	Liam	Liam	Liam	Liam	Liam	Ethan	Ethan	Ethan	Ethan
2	Lucas	Noah	Ethan	Mason	Ethan	Noah	Ethan	Noah	Noah	Joshua	Matthew
3	Logan	Logan	Lucas	Carter	Noah	Ethan	Noah	Aiden	Logan	Logan	Joshua
4	Mason	Mason	Logan	Noah	Logan	Logan	Logan	Liam	Matthew	Matthew	Noah
5	James	Ethan	Noah	Logan	Lucas	Jacob	Carter	Alexander	Alexander	Noah	Carter
6	Oliver	James	Mason	Lucas	Benjamin	Lucas	William	Joshua	Joshua	Alexander	Alexander
7	Ethan	Lucas	Alexander	William	Mason	Alexander	Owen	Jayden	Benjamin	Owen	Logan
8	Jacob	Jacob	Benjamin	Benjamin	Jayden	Owen	Lucas	Evan	Liam	Liam	Evan
9	William	Hunter	Carter	Hunter	Carter	Daniel	Alexander	Logan	Nathan	Tyler	Liam
10	Owen	Carter	Jacob	Jacob	Jacob	Carter	Joshua	Benjamin	Jacob	Aiden	Nicholas

GIRLS

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
1	Emily	Olivia	Emma	Emily	Olivia	Chloé	Ava	Emily	Ava	Emily	Emily
2	Olivia	Emma	Emily	Emma	Ava	Emily	Emma	Emma	Emily	Madison	Emma
3	Emma	Sophia	Olivia	Olivia	Emily	Isabella	Olivia	Ava	Madison	Emma	Madison
4	Hannah	Emily	Sophia	Sophia	Sophia	Ava	Emily	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hailey
5	Ava	Ava	Ava	Ava	Emma	Olivia	Isabella	Olivia	Emma	Sarah	Hannah
6	Chloe	Avery	Hannah	Lily	Hailey	Emma	Chloé	Abigail	Brooklyn	Ava	Olivia
7	Sophia	Abigail	Chloe	Avery	Sophie	Lily	Abigail	Madison	Abigail	Abigail	Sarah
8	Avery	Chloe	Ella	Chloé	Chloé	Sophia	Madison	Hailey	Sarah	Chloé	Ava
9	Amelia	Madison	Madison	Abigail	Isabella	Brooklyn	Alexis	Taylor	Olivia	Isabella	Alexis
10	Abigail	Isabella	Hailey	Hailey	Lily	Sophie	Hailey	Brooklyn	Brooke	Hailey	Ella

INFANT MORTALITY BY REGION OF RESIDENCE

REGIONS	2015		
	Infant Deaths	Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
Assiniboine	5	908	5.5
Brandon	7	729	9.6
Burntwood	7	1,271	5.5
Central	12	1,829	6.6
Churchill	0	7	0.0
Interlake	5	865	5.8
Norman	6	455	13.2
North Eastman	9	612	14.7
Parkland	1	369	2.7
South Eastman	5	1,256	4.0
Winnipeg	36	8,281	4.3
Manitoba Residents	93	16,582	5.6
Non-Residents	2	564	3.5
Unknown	11	36	
TOTAL	105	17,182	6.2

DEATH RATES (under one year)

YEAR	STILLBIRTH ₁	PERINATAL ₂	NEONATAL ₃	POST-NEONATAL ₄	INFANT ₅
2015	8.9	12.8	4.5	1.6	6.2
2014	9.2	13.0	4.7	1.5	6.2
2013	8.4	11.5	3.7	1.7	5.4
2012	7.4	10.4	4.0	2.1	6.1
2011	9.1	13.9	5.7	2.3	8.0
2010	8.7	12.7	4.9	1.8	6.8
2009	8.5	12.5	5.0	1.3	6.4
2008	9.6	13.9	5.0	2.2	7.2
2007	7.6	11.9	5.2	2.3	7.5
2006	8.2	12.0	4.5	1.7	6.1
2005	8.2	12.3	4.9	2.1	7.0

- ¹ Stillbirth: a child or fetus 20 or more weeks' gestation or weighing 500 grams or more that is dead at birth. Stillbirth rates are per 1,000 live births.
- ² Perinatal: a child aged less than seven days of newborn life or a stillbirth. Perinatal rates are per 1,000 total births (live birth plus stillbirths).
- ³ Neonatal: a child aged less than 28 days of age, excluding stillbirths. Neonatal rates are per 1,000 live births.
- ⁴ Post-Neonatal: a child aged between the 28th day of newborn life and the start of infancy (28 to 364 days). Post-Neonatal rates are per 1,000 live births.
- ⁵ Infant: a child aged less than 1 year. Infant rates are per 1,000 live births.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR BY UNDERLYING CAUSE AND AGE

CAUSES OF DEATH	2015				Total
	< 7 Days	7 - 28 Days	28 Days - 1 Year		
Accidents (V01-X59, Y85-Y86)	1	0	4		5
Congenital Anomalies (Q00 - Q99)	19	4	5		28
Immaturity (p07)	15	1	0		16
Injury at Birth (P10 - P15)	0	0	0		0
Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord & membranes (P02)	3	0	0		3
Other Causes	29	2	17		48
Other Respiratory Conditions originating in the perinatal period (P23 - P28)	1	0	0		1
Pneumonia (J12-J18)	0	0	0		0
Respiratory Distress of Newborn (P22)	1	0	0		1
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (R95)	0	2	2		4
TOTAL	69	9	28		106

DEATHS BY UNDERLYING CAUSE (Rate per 100,000)

CAUSES OF DEATH	2015				2013				
	Number	Rate per MB Health Population	Rate per Statistics Canada Population*	Number	Rate per MB Health Population*	Rate per Statistics Canada Population*	Number	Rate per MB Health Population*	Rate per Statistics Canada Population*
Accidents (V01-X59, Y85-Y86)	534	40.4	41.3	526	40.3	41.0	515	39.9	40.8
Cancer (C00 - C97)	2,764	209.3	213.7	2,886	220.9	225.1	2,673	207.3	212.0
Cerebrovascular Disease (I60 - I69)	596	45.1	46.1	651	49.8	50.8	608	47.2	48.2
Diabetes (E10 - E14)	368	27.9	28.5	324	24.8	25.3	339	26.3	26.9
Diseases of the heart (I00 - I09, I11, I13, I20 - I25, I26 - I51)	2,136	161.8	165.1	2,217	169.7	172.9	2,076	161.0	164.6
Pneumonia (J12-J18)	228	17.3	17.6	226	17.3	17.6	220	17.1	17.4
Suicide (X60 - X84, Y890)	173	13.1	13.4	176	13.5	13.7	158	12.3	12.5

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES DUE TO ACCIDENTS

YEAR	Motor Vehicle Accidents		Accidental Falls		Other Accidents		Total Accidents	
	Number	Death Rate per 100,000 MB Health Population	Number	Death Rate per 100,000 MB Health Population	Number	Death Rate per 100,000 MB Health Population	Number	Death Rate per 100,000 MB Health Population
2015	98	7.4	217	16.4	219	16.6	534	40.4
2014	77	5.9	194	14.9	255	19.5	526	40.3
2013	105	8.1	187	14.5	223	17.3	515	39.9
2012	111	8.7	179	14.1	243	19.1	533	41.9
2011	118	9.4	186	14.9	235	18.8	539	43.1
2010	94	7.6	214	17.4	207	16.8	515	41.9
2009	110	9.1	198	16.3	181	14.9	489	40.3
2008	100	8.3	174	14.5	203	16.9	477	39.8
2007	123	10.4	152	12.8	212	17.9	487	41.0
2006	142	12.0	165	14.0	168	14.3	475	40.3
2005	117	10.0	143	12.2	176	15.0	436	37.1

DISPOSITION RATES BY TYPE

YEAR	Burials		Cremations		Other*		Total Deaths	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2015	3,717	35%	6,784	63%	208	2%	10,709	100%
2014	3,689	34%	6,832	64%	197	2%	10,718	100%
2013	3,751	37%	6,222	61%	154	2%	10,127	100%
2012	3,914	39%	6,014	59%	181	2%	10,109	100%
2011	3,923	38%	6,254	61%	125	1%	10,302	100%
2010	3,951	39%	5,973	60%	98	1%	10,022	100%
2009	4,071	41%	5,826	58%	108	1%	10,005	100%
2008	4,168	42%	5,805	57%	123	1%	10,096	100%
2007	4,383	44%	5,424	54%	175	2%	9,982	100%
2006	4,399	45%	5,222	53%	182	2%	9,803	100%
2005	4,393	44%	5,413	55%	97	1%	9,903	100%

* Includes disposition in mausoleum, crypt, donations for medical research, and remains shipped outside Manitoba.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

VITAL STATISTICS AGENCY
 AN AGENCY UNDER *THE SPECIAL OPERATING AGENCIES FINANCING AUTHORITY ACT*
 2015-2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY (OPERATIONS)
 (in thousands)

	Actual	Budget	Actual versus Budget	Actual	Actual versus Actual
	Year ended	Year ended	Increase/ decrease	Year ended	Increase/ decrease
	March 31/16	March 31/16		March 31/15	
REVENUE					
Net Sales (1)	\$ 3,604	\$ 3,802	\$ (198)	\$ 3,542	\$ 62
Proceeds from Gov't Departments (2)	334	296	38	338	(4)
Interest	1	1	-	1	-
	3,939	4,099	(160)	3,881	58
EXPENSES					
Salaries and employee benefits (3)	2,347	2,341	6	2,401	(54)
Operating expenses	1,125	1,208	(83)	1,120	5
Amortization (4)	150	168	(18)	185	(35)
Total expenses	3,622	3,717	(95)	3,706	(84)
Income from operations	317	382	(65)	175	142
Funeral Board of Manitoba operating grant (5)	160	160	-	180	(20)
Transfer of funds to the Province of Manitoba (6)	220	220	-	200	20
Net Income (loss)	\$ (63)	\$ 2	\$ (65)	\$ (205)	\$ 142

The financial summary (operations) provides comparative information for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015; and the actual compared to budget for 2015/16. In addition, an explanation has been provided regarding variances. The information below should be read in conjunction with VSA's audited financial statements.