

2025 Australian Cerebral Palsy Register Bulletin

- Community Summary

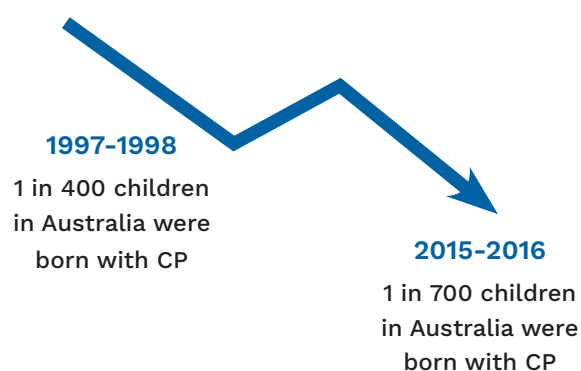


The Australian Cerebral Palsy Register (ACPR) is the largest single-country register of cerebral palsy (CP) in the world. The 2025 ACPR Bulletin (birth years 1995-2018) includes >11,000 people with CP.

Thank you to all the families and health professionals who so generously support this work.

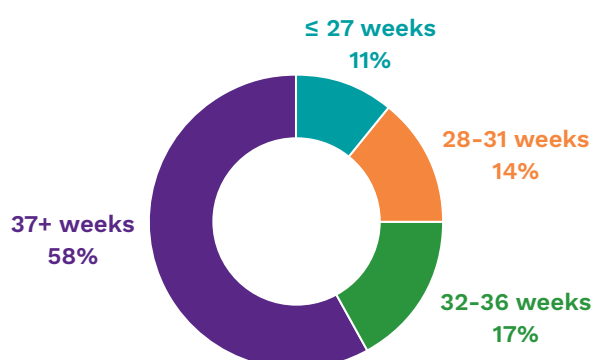
Rate of CP in Australia

Since 1997-1998 the rate of CP in Australia has declined from 2.4 to 1.5 per 1000 live births in 2015-2016. Provisional ACPR data for the 2017-2018 birth years suggest that this decline has continued.



Rates of pre/perinatally acquired CP across gestational age groups

Proportion of children with pre/perinatally acquired CP born at different gestational age groups



Children born ≤ 27 weeks

Following a long period of decline, the rate of CP increased between 2013-2016. Provisional data suggest the rate has increased again in 2017-2018. The ACPR group intends to conduct further research to explore potential reasons for this increase, at a time when more babies are surviving at much earlier gestations.



Children born 28-31 weeks

The decline in the rate of CP has continued between 2013-2016. Provisional data suggest there was a small increase for this group in 2017-2018.



Children born 32-36 weeks

The decline in the rate of CP continued between 2013-2016. Provisional data suggest there was a further decline in 2017-2018.



Children born 37+ weeks

After a long period of decline, the rate of CP was stable between 2013-2016. Provisional data suggest there was a further decline in 2017-2018.

