

Table 1 Demographic characteristics and deliveries (%) among Afghan mothers, 2017–2019

| Variables | Deliveries among Afghan mothers |
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| Total deliveries (4 015 347) | 168 488 (4.2% of total live childbirths in Iran, 2017–2019) |
| 2017 (1 456 346) | 48 864 (3.4%) |
| 2018 (1 357 032) | 57 360 (4.2%) |
| 2019 (1 201 969) | 62 264 (5.2%) |
| Geographic regions | |
| Urban | 149 151 (88.52%) |
| Suburb and rural areas | 19 303 (11.45%) |
| Missing data | 34 (0.03%) |
| Level of education | |
| Illiterate | 74 928 (44.47%) |
| Primary illiterate | 50 411 (29.9%) |
| Lower diploma | 36 292 (21.53%) |
| Higher diploma | 3036 (1.8%) |
| No response | 3821 (2.3%) |
| Maternal age (years) | |
| <18 | 8035 (4.8%) |
| 18–<35 | 142 745 (84.7%) |
| >35 | 17 708 (10.5%) |
| Parity | 45 493 (27.0%) |
| 1 | 94 762 (56.2%) |
| 2–4 | 28 233 (16.8%) |
| >4 | |
| Gestational age (weeks) | |
| <26 | 829 (0.5%) |
| 26–31 | 1962 (1.2%) |
| 32–36 | 10 494 (6.2%) |
| >37 | 155 203 (92.1%) |