

## Classification of baby

---

### Classification According to Size

**Low-birth-weight (LBW) infant**—An infant whose birth weight is less than 2500 g (5.5 lb), regardless of gestational age

**Very low-birth-weight (VLBW) infant**—An infant whose birth weight is less than 1500 g (3.3 lb)

**Extremely low-birth-weight (ELBW) infant**—An infant whose birth weight is less than 1000 g (2.2 lb)

**Appropriate-for-gestational-age (AGA) infant**—An infant whose weight falls between the 10th and 90th percentiles on intrauterine growth curves

**Small-for-date (SFD) or small-for-gestational-age (SGA) infant**—An infant whose rate of intrauterine growth was slowed and whose birth weight falls below the 10th percentile on intrauterine growth curves

**Intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR)**—Found in infants whose intrauterine growth is retarded (sometimes used as a more descriptive term for the SGA infant)

**Large-for-gestational-age (LGA) infant**—An infant whose birth weight falls above the 90th percentile on intrauterine growth charts

### Classification According to Gestational Age

**Preterm (premature) infant**—An infant born before completion of 37 weeks of gestation, regardless of birth weight

**Full-term infant**—An infant born between the beginning of 38 weeks and the completion of 42 weeks of gestation, regardless of birth weight

**Postterm (postmature) infant**—An infant born after 42 weeks of gestational age, regardless of birth weight

**Late-preterm infant**—An infant born between  $34\frac{0}{7}$  and  $36\frac{6}{7}$  weeks of gestation, regardless of birth weight

### Classification According to Mortality

**Live birth**—Birth in which the neonate manifests any heartbeat, breathes, or displays voluntary movement, regardless of gestational age

**Fetal death**—Death of the fetus after 20 weeks of gestation and before delivery, with absence of any signs of life after birth

**Neonatal death**—Death that occurs in the first 27 days of life; early neonatal death occurs in the first week of life; late neonatal death occurs at 7 to 27 days

**Perinatal mortality**—Describes the total number of fetal and early neonatal deaths per 1000 live births

**Postnatal death**—Death that occurs at 28 days to 1 year after birth