

Cerebral palsy rates are dropping in Australia

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New research published in *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology* indicates that fewer babies in Australia are being born with cerebral palsy, a lifelong disorder of movement and posture resulting from injury or maldevelopment of the developing brain.

According to Australian Cerebral Palsy Register data on [singleton births](#) from 1995 to 2014, the prevalence of cerebral palsy at or around the time of birth declined from 1.8 per 1,000 live births in 1995–96 to 1.2 per 1,000 [live births](#) in 2013/14. Declines occurred across all gestational ages, with the largest decline observed amongst children born cerebral palsy also declined for children born

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