

**Table 3.** Caesarean delivery classified by Robson group and time period

| Robson group       |  | Proportion of all births |                      | Caesarean delivery rate |                      |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                    |  | Group A<br>1989-1999     | Group B<br>2009-2016 | Group A<br>1989-1999    | Group B<br>2009-2016 |
| 1                  | Nulliparous, singleton, cephalic, term, spontaneous labour                     | 14,207 (29)              | 13,982 (26)          | 1,278 (9.0)             | 1,997 (14)           |
| 2A                 | Nulliparous, singleton, cephalic, term, induced labour                         | 4,107 (8.5)              | 8,604 (16)           | 970 (24)                | 2,731 (32)           |
| Combined 1 & 2A    |  | 18,314 (38)              | 22,586 (42)          | 2,248 (12)              | 4,728 (21)           |
| 2B                 | Nulliparous, singleton, cephalic, term, pre-labour caesarean                   | 579 (1.2)                | 1,433 (2.6)          | 579 (100)               | 1,433 (100)          |
| 3                  | Parous, no previous caesarean, singleton, cephalic, term, induced labour       | 15,343 (32)              | 12,773 (23)          | 311 (2.0)               | 337 (2.6)            |
| 4A                 | Parous, no previous caesarean, singleton, cephalic, term, induced labour       | 3,573 (7.4)              | 4,370 (8.0)          | 122 (3.4)               | 281 (6.4)            |
| Combined 3 & 4A    |  | 18,916 (39)              | 17,143 (32)          | 433 (2.3)               | 618 (3.6)            |
| 4B                 | Parous, no previous caesarean, singleton, cephalic, term, pre-labour caesarean | 522 (1.1)                | 865 (1.6)            | 522 (100)               | 865 (100)            |
| 5                  | Previous caesarean, singleton, cephalic, term                                  | 2,724 (5.6)              | 5,767 (11)           | 1,915 (70)              | 4,771 (83)           |
| 6                  | Nulliparous, singleton, breech   | 1,055 (2.2)              | 1,121 (2.1)          | 831 (79)                | 1,073 (96)           |
| 7                  | Parous, singleton, breech  | 976 (2.0)                | 769 (1.4)            | 664 (68)                | 712 (93)             |
| 8                  | Multiple gestation   | 916 (1.9)                | 838 (1.5)            | 442 (48)                | 615 (73)             |
| 9                  | Abnormal lie   | 213 (0.4)                | 173 (0.3)            | 192 (90)                | 168 (97)             |
| 10                 | Preterm, singleton, cephalic   | 3,488 (7.2)              | 2,790 (5.1)          | 1,037 (30)              | 1,132 (41)           |
| Unable to classify |  | 512 (1.1)                | 889 (1.6)            | 325 (63)                | 477 (54)             |
| Total              |  | 48,215 (100)             | 54,374 (100)         | 9,188 (19)              | 16,527 (30)          |