

Guide to the Stillbirth Indexes

Stillbirths are available at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

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Locating and requesting a Stillbirth Registration

Registration records are not available in the Sandra Thomson's Reading Room or online, you will need to search for a **registration number** to request a record through our online payment system.

1. Using a [stillbirth index](#), select the first letter of the surname.
2. Scroll through the index to find the year in which the stillbirth occurred to locate their name and registration number.
3. Request and pay for your Vital Statistics record by completing a [Vital Statistics Request](#)

Contact a registry agent for a record that is less 75 years old.

Vital statistic indexes & use

Vital statistic indexes are yearly summaries of vital events that contain basic information such as name, location, year, and registration number. The indexes are used to locate registrations.

Stillbirth records are only available for stillbirths that occurred more than 75 years ago from the date of stillbirth.

The indexes are organized alphabetically by surname and then by year. Include the name, place of birth, registration number and year of event in your request for a record.

These indexes are organized alphabetically by surname and then by year. Each letter is then further subdivided according to the first vowel instance in the surname,


- i.e., Aa, Ae, Ai, Ao, Au; Ba, Be, Bi, Bo, Bu, and so on.

For example,

- Andrews will be found under Ae; McLean will be found under McE; Smith will be found under Si, and so on.
- If there is no distinction between Mc and Mac, both will be together under one label.
- 'Y' is not considered a vowel. If the name Hyde, for example, is not found under "He", check "Ha," "Hi," "Ho," or "Hu."

Index example:

1. NAME	2. ADDRESS	3. No.	4. Year
Arndt, Infant	Edmonton	23	1930



1. Name
2. Place of Marriage
3. Registration Number
4. Year

In the above example **Infant Arndt**'s stillbirth occurred in **Edmonton** in **1930** and the registration number is **23**.

Stillbirth indexes not available on the website

Stillbirth records are available 75 years after the stillbirth occurred. The Provincial Archives of Alberta only has indexes to 1943. For a stillbirth record after 1943, please contact the Reading Room archivist.

Unable to locate a stillbirth record

If the record is not found in the indexes, it may not have been registered with the Government of Alberta. Also, check the death records index, in case the record was recorded as a death instead of a stillbirth.

If a burial occurred, a faith organization, they might have a record of the event. The Provincial Archives has registers for some faith organization, [Faith Organizations | Provincial Archives of Alberta](#). Roman Catholic sacramental records are not found at the Provincial Archives. For Indigenous communities, however, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) kept an index of [baptisms, marriages and burials](#) that occurred in their churches (see the [OMI fonds](#) for more information).