Table 1. Delivery modes in the study population according to maternal and fetal characteristics and obstetric interventions (n=70,783). Data are % (n) values.

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|  | Vacuum  86.1% (n=60,962) | Forceps  13.9% (n=9,821) | Total  (n=70,783) |
| OASIS | 7.9 (4,843) | 12.8 (1,256) | 8.6 (6,099) |
| **Time period** |  |  |  |
| 2001–2003 | 13.6 (1,065) | 21.8 (299) | 14.8 (1,364) |
| 2004–2006 | 12.1 (1,094) | 18.4 (255) | 12.9 (1,349) |
| 2007–2009 | 8.7 (900) | 14.5 (249) | 9.5 (1,149) |
| 2010–2012 | 5.9 (651) | 9.9 (192) | 6.5 (843) |
| 2013–2015 | 5.1 (589) | 8.3 (143) | 5.5 (732) |
| 2016–2018 | 5.0 (544) | 7.0 (118) | 5.2 (662) |
| **Episiotomy** |  |  |  |
| No | 30.9 (18,823) | 15.3 (1,503) | 28.7 (20,326) |
| Yes | 69.1 (42,139) | 84.7 (8,318) | 71.3 (50,457) |
| **Epidural analgesia** |  |  |  |
| No | 36.9 (22,474) | 33.3 (3,273) | 36.4 (25,747) |
| Yes | 63.1 (38,488) | 66.7 (6,548) | 63.6 (45,036) |
| **Birthweight, grams** |  |  |  |
| <3000 | 11.2 (6,827) | 14.6 (1,433) | 11.7 (8,260) |
| 3000–3499 | 33.9 (20,647) | 31.7 (3,111) | 33.6 (23,758) |
| 3500–3999 | 37.7 (22,971) | 36.0 (3,537) | 37.4 (26,508) |
| ≥4000 | 2.6 (1,608) | 2.7 (270) | 2.7 (1,878) |
| **Gestational age at birth** |  |  |  |
| <34 weeks | 0.1 (70) | 1.3 (130) | 0.3 (200) |
| 34–36+6 weeks | 2.2 (1,343) | 3.6 (353) | 2.4 (1,696) |
| ≥37 weeks | 2.3 (1,413) | 4.9 (483) | 2.7 (1,896) |
| Term pregnancy | 97.7 (59,549) | 95.1 (9,338) | 97.3 (68,887) |
| **Presentation** |  |  |  |
| Normal cephalic | 90.8 (55,324) | 89.0 (8,738) | 90.5 (64,062) |
| Abnormal cephalic | 9.2 (5,638) | 11.0 (1,083) | 9.5 (6,721) |
| **Maternal age, years** |  |  |  |
| <25 | 20.3 (12,376) | 21.7 (2,130) | 20.5 (14,506) |
| 25–29 | 38.0 (23,181) | 39.3 (3,858) | 38.2 (27,039) |
| 30–34 | 29.7 (18,122) | 27.6 (2,713) | 29.4 (20,835) |
| 35–39 | 10.1 (6,176) | 9.6 (947) | 10.1 (7,123) |
| ≥40 | 1.8 (1,107) | 1.8 (173) | 1.8 (1,280) |