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Yukon's birth rate rising steadily

WHITEHORSE—Yukon parents welcomed 428 babies in 2012, a small increase from 2011. From January 1 to December 31, 2012, there were 221 boys and 207 girls born in Yukon. This does not include infants born to Yukoners in hospitals outside Yukon.

"We are happy to have so many young families making Yukon their home," Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham said. "These parents and children add to healthy and vibrant communities as Yukon continues to grow."

The Yukon birth rate reached a peak in 1990 with over 500 babies and decreased after that to a point where Yukon was averaging approximately 365 births per year. In 2008, the numbers started to increase again.

"In 2008 we had 361 births, 375 in 2009, and 371 in 2010. Then in 2011, we had a significant increase with 420 infants born. And our numbers increased again in 2012, although not by as much," Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics Sylvia Kitching said.

The Whitehorse Health Centre has noticed the effects of the increase with more in-home visits, well-baby clinics and immunizations.

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