

Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2014-2016

Maternal and Child Health Profile

Teen Births

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Birth Rate, females 15-19 years of age ¹	33.2	18.7	25.4	43.9	21.7	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%)	17.6	18.1	23.1	16.7	17.6	n/a

Pregnancy and Delivery Characteristics

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Primary Cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	31.3	30.1	27.1	22.8	29.2	23.9
Repeat Cesarean among low risk ² women (%)	91.8	90.2	87.4	90.3	89.3	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous birth (%)	25.6	24.3	20.4	21.9	23.0	n/a
No Prenatal Care (%)	2.3	1.7	4.9	5.1	2.8	n/a
Entered Prenatal Care in 1 st Trimester (%)	67.6	73.2	55.4	38.8	65.8	n/a

Infant Health Indicators

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Low birth weight (%)	10.6	7.0	14.7	6.4	9.0	7.8
Preterm Birth (%)	12.4	9.9	15.7	10.2	11.4	11.4

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Fetal ³	5.8	4.8	9.7	**	6.0	5.6
Infant ⁴	7.8	4.2	11.3	**	6.8	6.0

Definitions and inclusion criteria for select indicators

Low Birth Weight: <2,500g at delivery (5.5 lbs)
Preterm Birth: <37 weeks gestational age
Fetal Death: stillborn with gestation ≥ 20 weeks or birth weight ≥ 350 grams
Infant Death: deaths to infants under 1 year of age

Data Sources

2014-2016 Live births, fetal deaths and deaths: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
 2014-2016 Population estimates: *Census County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017*

¹Rate per 1,000 female population in specified age range

²Low risk is defined as a pregnant woman who has full a term (37 up to 42 weeks), singleton, and vertex presentation baby

³Rate per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

⁴Rate per 1,000 live births

*Non Hispanic

**Rates or percents based on numerators greater than zero and less than 5 are not reported