

Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2015-2017

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	32.7	16.5	27.2	52.0	22.2	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%)	17.4	15.6	20.5	17.1	17.6	n/a

Delivery Characteristics and Birth Spacing

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Primary Cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	30.9	29.1	26.6	22.3	28.1	23.9
Repeat Cesarean among low risk ² women (%)	91.3	88.3	87.5	93.6	88.4	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous birth (%)	25.3	24.2	20.1	17.9	22.5	n/a
No Prenatal Care (%)	2.3	1.5	5.0	4.7	2.7	n/a
Entered Prenatal Care in 1 st Trimester (%)	69.2	74.6	58.9	38.7	67.5	n/a

Infant Health Indicators

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Low birth weight (%)	10.7	6.8	14.4	6.8	8.7	7.8
Preterm Birth (%)	12.5	10.1	15.4	11.8	11.5	11.4

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Fetal ³	5.8	4.8	12.4	**	6.6	5.6
Infant ⁴	7.7	4.0	9.4	**	5.7	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

2015-2017 Live births, fetal deaths and deaths: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

2015-2017 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 data based on numerators greater than zero and less than 5 are not reported