

# Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2016-2018 Maternal and Child Health Profile

## Teen Births

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Birth rate per 1,000 females 15-19 years of age	28.9	13.4	26.2	19.4	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) <sup>1</sup>	17.1	15.2	17.2	15.9	n/a

## Cesarean Delivery, Birth Spacing, and Prenatal Care

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Primary cesarean delivery among low risk <sup>2</sup> women (%)	30.4	27.9	26.2	27.0	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk <sup>2</sup> women (%)	91.1	88.8	91.0	88.3	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.3	24.4	20.9	22.9	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.1	1.3	3.8	2.1	1.8
Entered prenatal care in 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester (%)	71.0	76.4	60.6	69.2	n/a

## Low Birth Rate and Preterm Births

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Low birth weight newborn (%)	10.7	6.3	14.5	8.7	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.8	9.3	14.6	10.9	11.4

## Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Fetal mortality rate <sup>3</sup>	5.8	5.8	13.8	7.7	5.6
Infant mortality rate <sup>4</sup>	7.8	4.6	9.3	6	6.0

### Definitions and inclusion criteria for select indicators

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

<sup>1</sup>Rate of females 15-19 years of age who became pregnant and who had already been pregnant at least once before in their lives

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

<sup>3</sup>Rate per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

<sup>4</sup>Rate per 1,000 live births

\*Rates with numerator greater than zero and fewer than 5 are not reported

Rates in some parishes may be unreliable due to small population size. Interpret these rates with caution.

### Data Sources

2016-2018 Live births, fetal deaths and deaths: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

2016-2018 Population estimates: *Census County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2018*