

Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2017-2019

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	27.9	10.7	27.0	18.0	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) ¹	16.7	14.3	15.6	14.2	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 ² women (%)	29.6	28.0	25.8	27.2	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	90.7	88.4	89.5	87.1	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.2	24.1	21.8	22.8	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.0	1.5	3.2	2.0	n/a
Entered prenatal care in 1 st trimester (%)	71.8	78.4	63.3	70.9	n/a

Low Birth Rate and Preterm Births

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Low birth weight newborn (%)	10.8	5.9	16.0	8.9	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.9	8.8	16.1	10.9	11.4

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target	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
Fetal mortality rate ³	5.3	4.4	10.9	5.9	5.6	
Infant mortality rate ⁴	7.7	4.7	7.1	5.4	6.0	

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

²Low risk is defined as a pregnant woman who has a full 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

*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

2017-2019 Live births, fetal deaths and deaths:
Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

2017-2019 Population estimates: *Census County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019*