

West Baton Rouge 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	17.7	22.9	20.9	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) ¹	16.7	*	*	*	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	28.3	26.2	27.7	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	90.7	89.5	87.2	89.1	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.2	26.4	21.4	24.9	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.0	*	2.7	1.6	n/a
Entered prenatal care in 1 st trimester (%)	71.8	80.9	65.0	71.6	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	8.6	16.0	11.3	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.9	10.4	16.6	12.5	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
Fetal mortality rate ³	5.3	8.9	*	8.3	5.6	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
Infant mortality rate ⁴	7.7	*	11.1	8.3	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*