

# St. John 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	9.9	26.2	21.9	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) <sup>1</sup>	17.1	*	13.7	11.5	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	32.5	36.0	32.9	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk <sup>2</sup> women (%)	91.1	92.4	94.4	93.5	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.3	24.8	25.0	24.7	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.1	2.0	3.3	2.9	1.8
Entered prenatal care in 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester (%)	71.0	77.8	69.2	70.8	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	8.4	16.2	13.6	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.8	14.0	17.0	15.6	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	*	6.6	4.9	5.6
Infant mortality rate <sup>4</sup>	7.8	*	12.3	9.3	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

### 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*

<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.