

Region 4, 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	21.5	43.7	30.0	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) ¹	16.7	13.9	20.0	17.2	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	31.4	38.1	33.5	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	90.7	92.9	96.1	94.1	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.2	26.0	29.6	27.0	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.0	.8	2.0	1.3	n/a
Entered prenatal care in 1 st trimester (%)	71.8	83.8	72.6	78.8	n/a

Low Birth Rate and Preterm Births

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Low birth weight newborn (%)	10.8	6.7	15.4	9.7	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.9	9.8	16.5	12.1	11.4

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	All	Healthy People 2020 Target
Fetal mortality rate ³	5.3	3.8	9.0	5.5	5.6
Infant mortality rate ⁴	7.7	5.1	11.3	7.2	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

Child and Adolescent Injury-Related Leading Causes of Death

Age at Death	Region 4		
	Leading Cause of Death	Second Leading Cause of Death	Third Leading Cause of Death
1-4 years	Motor Vehicle Crash	Drowning/Fall or Force	*
5-9 years	*	*	*
10-14 years	Suicide	*	*
15-19 years	Motor Vehicle Crash	Homicide	Suicide
20-24 years	Homicide	Motor Vehicle Crash	Accidental Poisoning

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*