

Vernon 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	53.8	26.3	47.9	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%) ¹	16.7	17.7	*	16.2	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	29.7	31.5	28.5	23.9
Repeat cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	90.7	96.2	95.2	95.5	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous live birth (%)	25.2	30.8	30.1	29.4	n/a
No prenatal care (%)	2.0	.7	1.4	.8	n/a
Entered prenatal care in 1 st trimester (%)	71.8	75.3	72.3	74.1	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	6.1	12.1	6.9	7.8
Preterm newborn (%)	12.9	9.8	17.0	10.5	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	6.2	*	5.4	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	9.1	*	8.1	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*