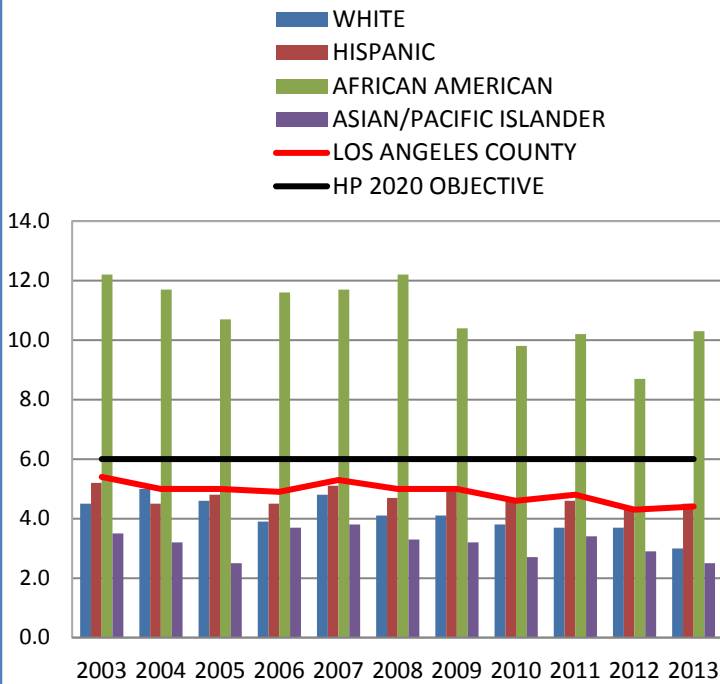


## Los Angeles County Infant Mortality, Preterm Births, and Birth Weight 2013 Factsheet

### Infant Mortality\*<sup>1</sup> by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County, 2003-2013



- The Healthy People 2020 Objective is to reduce the infant mortality rate to no more than 6.0 per 1,000 live births.
- The infant mortality rate for Los Angeles County has remained stable around 4.3 to 5.4 with an average of 4.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births between 2003 and 2013.
- In 2013, African Americans comprised 7.3% (9,319) of all 128,526 live births in Los Angeles County and 16.8% (96) of all 570 infant deaths.
- The infant mortality rate for African American babies in Los Angeles County is twice as high as the overall Los Angeles County rate and three times that of White babies. However, it is important to note the African American infant mortality rate has steadily decreased since the early 2000's.
- Almost 13% of African American babies in Los Angeles County were born preterm compared to 7.4% of Asian/Pacific Islander babies which has the lowest rate of preterm births in 2013.
- Service Planning Areas<sup>2</sup> 1 and 6 in Los Angeles County have the highest rate of preterm births both at 11.0% compared to 9.1% of countywide.
- The low birth weight rate in Los Angeles County has remained stable in the past decade from 7.1% in 2004 to 7.0% in 2013.
- When comparing the four major races/ethnicities, African American babies in 2013 have the highest rate of low birth weight births at 12.1% compared to 6.5% of Hispanic and White babies.

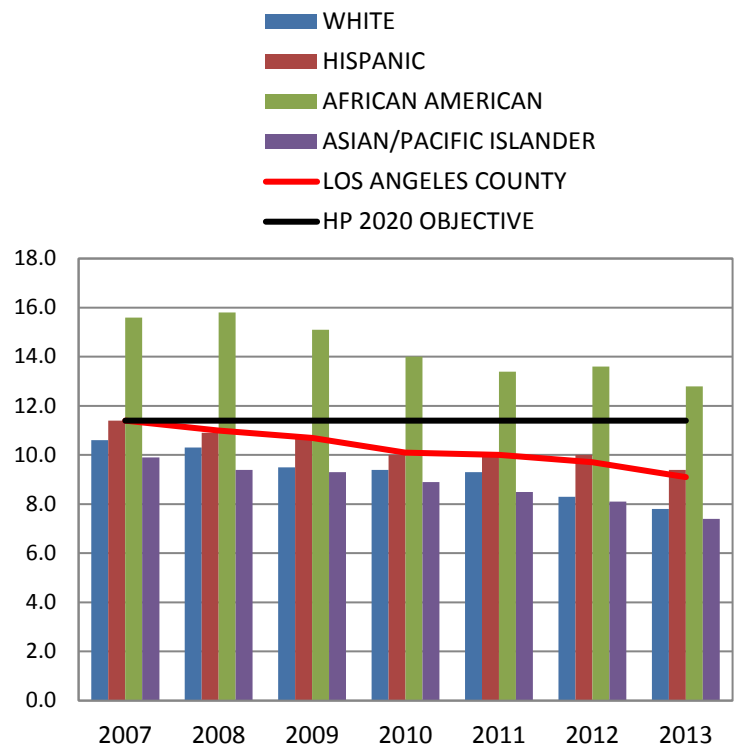
\*Infant Mortality Rate: Infant deaths occurring at less than 365 days per 1,000 live births.

<sup>2</sup>Los Angeles County is divided into eight "Service Planning Areas" (SPA's) for health care planning purposes. Each SPA has an Area Health Office that is responsible for planning public health and clinical services according to the health needs of local communities.

### Preterm Births by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Service Planning Area Los Angeles County, 2013

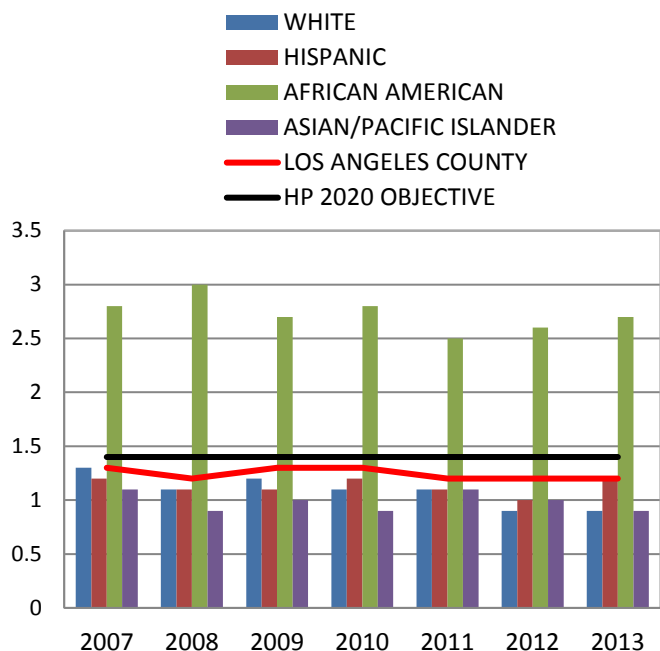
Mother's Race/Ethnicity	Preterm Births Between 17 and 36 weeks	
	Total	%
African American	1,189	12.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,465	7.4
Hispanic	6,838	9.4
Native American	26	16.4
White	1,801	7.8
Two or More Races	182	9.5
Other/Unknown	187	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,688</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Service Planning Area	Total	%
1. Antelope Valley	620	11.0
2. San Fernando	2,240	9.2
3. San Gabriel	1,865	7.5
4. Metro	1,161	9.0
5. West	518	7.5
6. South	1,945	11.0
7. East	1,572	9.2
8. South Bay	1,691	9.2
Unknown	76	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,688</b>	<b>9.1</b>

### Preterm Live Births\* by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County, 2007-2013



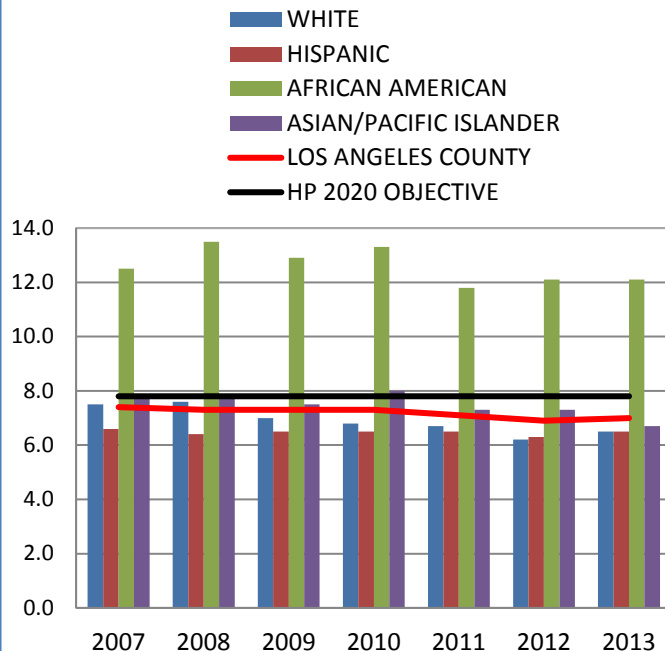
\*Preterm Live Birth Rate: Live births occurring at less than 37 weeks of gestation and greater than or equal to 17 weeks per 100 live births.

### Very Low Birth Weight\* by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County, 2007-2013



\*Very Low Birth Weight Rate: Live births weighing less than 1,500 grams at birth per 100 live births.

### Low Birth Weight\* by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County, 2007-2013



\*Low Birth Weight Rate: Live births weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth per 100 live births.

### Birth Weight by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Service Planning Area Los Angeles County, 2013

	Very Low Birth Weight Less than 1,500 grams		Low Birth Weight Less than 2,500 grams		Normal Birth Weight 2,500 to 3,999 grams		Macrosomia 4,000+ grams	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
<b>Mother's Race/Ethnicity</b>								
African American	254	2.7	1,129	12.1	7,713	82.8	476	5.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	172	0.9	1,331	6.7	17,528	88.9	861	4.4
Hispanic	844	1.2	4,757	6.5	62,621	86.2	5,265	7.2
Native American	<5	N/C	22	13.8	123	77.4	14	8.8
White	196	0.9	1,505	6.5	19,453	84.6	2,043	8.9
Two or More Races	23	1.2	148	7.7	1,645	85.7	126	6.6
Other/Unknown	37	2.1	166	9.4	1,469	83.4	127	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>110,552</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>Service Planning Area</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
1. Antelope Valley	86	1.5	477	8.5	4,734	84.3	402	7.2
2. San Fernando	291	1.2	1,729	7.1	21,082	86.2	1,632	6.7
3. San Gabriel	233	0.9	1,491	6.0	21,825	87.7	1,571	6.3
4. Metro	146	1.1	914	7.1	11,183	86.4	845	6.5
5. West	46	0.7	455	6.6	5,959	86.3	494	7.2
6. South	265	1.5	1,487	8.4	15,093	85.1	1,162	6.5
7. East	201	1.2	1,107	6.5	14,667	85.9	1,302	7.6
8. South Bay	248	1.3	1,343	7.3	15,575	84.7	1,467	8.0
Unknown	12	2.3	55	10.5	434	82.5	37	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>110,552</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>6.9</b>

Note: Racial/ethnic categorization has been revised in this report; data from previous year reports may not be comparable.

Records that cannot be assigned to any Service Planning Area are classified as "Unknown".

Numbers fewer than 5 are shown as "<5". Rates are not calculated (N/C) if number is fewer than five.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, OHIR Vital Statistics section, 2003-2013.