## Low Birth Weight

DEFINITION: The percent of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams

NUMERATOR:
The number of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams, by place of residence, in a calendar year
DENOMINATOR: The total number of live births, by place of residence, in a calendar year

## HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births. (Baseline: 8.2 percent in 2007) (Objective MICH-8.1)

| Year | California |  |  |  | Los Angeles County |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Low Birth Weight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  | Low Birth Weight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| 2008 | 37,663 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 10,800 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| 2009 | 35,835 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 10,139 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| 2010 | 34,692 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 9,721 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| 2011 | 34,017 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 9,257 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| 2012 | 33,723 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 9,151 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| 2013 | 33,798 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 9,058 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| 2014 | 33,586 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 9,013 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| 2015 | 33,666 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 9,100 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.5 |
| 2016 | 33,476 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 8,783 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| 2017 | 32,451 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Denominator: Live Births |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | California | LA County |
| 2008 | 551,567 | 147,684 |
| 2009 | 526,774 | 139,679 |
| 2010 | 509,979 | 133,160 |
| 2011 | 502,023 | 130,313 |
| 2012 | 503,788 | 131,697 |
| 2013 | 494,392 | 128,526 |
| 2014 | 502,879 | 130,150 |
| 2015 | 491,748 | 124,507 |
| 2016 | 488,827 | 122,941 |
| 2017 | 471,658 | 116,850 |

Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files, 2008-2017
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 67, No. 8, November 8, 2018


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files, 2008-2017
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 67, No. 8, November 8, 2018


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's <br> Race/Ethnicity | Low Birthweight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| African American | 1,072 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 14.0 |
| Asian | 1,294 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.4 |
| Pacific Islander | 16 | 6.2 | 3.2 | 9.1 |
| Hispanic | 4,480 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Native American | 12 | 7.5 | 3.4 | 11.6 |
| White | 1,321 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| Two or More Races | 172 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 9.5 |
| Other/ Unknown | 141 | 9.2 | 7.8 | 10.7 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 8,064 |
| 18,490 |
| 260 |
| 64,091 |
| 160 |
| 22,185 |
| 2,069 |
| 1,531 |
| 116,850 |

Distribution of Low Birth Weight Live Births
by Mother's Race/Ethnicity
Los Angeles County, 2017


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Age | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
|  | 88 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ to 19 | 241 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 8.0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ to $\mathbf{3 4}$ | 5,772 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| $\mathbf{3 5 +}$ | 2,405 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.5 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 1,266 |
| 3,399 |
| 82,698 |
| 29,462 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
"Unknown" category is excluded
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Years of <br> Education | Low Birthweight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| $\mathbf{0}$ to 8 | 344 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| $\mathbf{9}$ to 11 | 1,022 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 2,128 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ to 15 | 2,227 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 7.6 |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ and Over | 2,566 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| Unknown | 221 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 9.8 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 4,618 |
| 13,404 |
| 27,984 |
| 30,342 |
| 37,972 |
| 2,530 |
| 116,850 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Trimester <br> Prenatal Care Began | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| No Prenatal Care | 142 | 21.4 | 18.2 | 24.5 |
| First | 6,921 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| Second | 1,021 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 8.1 |
| Third | 199 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 6.4 |
| Unknown | 225 | 12.8 | 11.2 | 14.4 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 665 |
| 97,572 |
| 13,302 |
| 3,555 |
| 1,756 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Source of Payment for <br> Prenatal Care | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| No Prenatal Care | 142 | 21.4 | 18.2 | 24.5 |
| Other Govt Programs | 216 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 8.7 |
| Private Insurance | 3,688 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.4 |
| Medi-Cal | 3,949 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| Self Pay | 292 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| Other/ Unknown | 221 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 9.2 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 665 |
| 2,785 |
| 51,330 |
| 52,500 |
| 6,855 |
| 2,715 |
| 116,850 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Planning Area (SPA) | SPA |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| Antelope Valley | 491 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 10.1 |
| San Fernando | 1,623 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| San Gabriel | 1,506 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| Metro | 824 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.7 |
| West | 427 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 7.3 |
| South | 1,364 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 9.0 |
| East | 1,048 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| South Bay | 1,170 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| Unknown | 55 | 11.6 | 8.7 | 14.5 |
| Total | 8,508 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 5,246 |
| 23,004 |
| 22,593 |
| 11,370 |
| 6,423 |
| 15,905 |
| 15,240 |
| 16,594 |
| 475 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017

## Very Low Birth Weight

INDICATOR: Percent of Very Low Birthweight

DEFINITION: The percent of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams
NUMERATOR: The number of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams, by place of residence, in a calendar year
DENOMINATOR: The total number of live births, by place of residence, in a calendar year

## HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births. (Baseline: 1.5 percent in 2007) (Objective MICH-8.2)

|  | California |  |  |  | Los Angeles County |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  | Very Low Birth Weight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| 2008 | 6,298 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,794 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 |  |
| 2009 | 6,127 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,751 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 |  |
| 2010 | 5,859 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,679 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 |  |
| 2011 | 5,782 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,587 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 |  |
| 2012 | 5,689 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,532 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |
| 2013 | 5,579 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,528 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |
| 2014 | 5,727 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,539 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |
| 2015 | 5,527 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1,489 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |
| 2016 | 5,384 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,430 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |
| 2017 | 5,191 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |


| Denominator: Live Births |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | California | LA County |
| 2008 | 551,567 | 147,684 |
| 2009 | 526,774 | 139,679 |
| 2010 | 509,979 | 133,160 |
| 2011 | 502,023 | 130,313 |
| 2012 | 503,788 | 131,697 |
| 2013 | 494,392 | 128,526 |
| 2014 | 502,973 | 130,150 |
| 2015 | 491,748 | 124,507 |
| 2016 | 488,827 | 122,941 |
| 2017 | 471,658 | 116,850 |

Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 67, No. 8, November 8, 2018


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 67, No. 8, November 8, 2018
California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's Race/Ethnicity | Very Low Birth Weight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| African American | 226 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| Asian | 167 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Hispanic | 729 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Native American | <5 | N/C | N/C | N/C |
| White | 181 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Two or More Races | 26 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Other/Unknown | 30 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Pacific Islander | <5 | N/C | N/C | N/C |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 8,064 |
| 18,490 |
| 64,091 |
| 160 |
| 22,185 |
| 2,069 |
| 1,531 |
| 260 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at bir 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, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Mother's Age | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| $<\mathbf{1 8}$ | 13 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.6 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ to $\mathbf{1 9}$ | 36 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ to 34 | 880 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 |  |
| $\mathbf{3 5 +}$ | 436 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.6 |  |
| Other/Unknown | $<5$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 1,266 |
| 3,399 |
| 82,698 |
| 29,462 |
| 25 |
| 116,850 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Mother's <br> Years of Education | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| $\mathbf{0}$ to 8 | 42 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 |  |
| $\mathbf{9}$ to 11 | 169 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 340 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ to 15 | 374 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ and Over | 388 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |  |
| Unknown | 53 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.7 |  |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 4,618 |
| 13,404 |
| 27,984 |
| 30,342 |
| 37,972 |
| 2,530 |
| 116,850 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Parity | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 601 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 379 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 192 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 106 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.6 |  |
| $\mathbf{5 +}$ | 84 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.0 |  |
| Unknown | $<5$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 47,110 |
| 37,915 |
| 18,776 |
| 7,905 |
| 5,061 |
| 83 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births
Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
"Parity" is defined as the number of pregnancies resulting in live births to a woman
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Trimester <br> Prenatal Care Began | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
|  | 34 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 6.8 |
| First | 1,110 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Second | 148 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Third | 14 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Unknown | 60 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 4.3 |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |

$\left.\begin{array}{|r|}\hline \text { Total Live } \\ \text { Births }\end{array}\right\}$


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Source of Payment for <br> Prenatal Care | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| No Prenatal Care | 34 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 6.8 |  |
| Other Govt Programs | 26 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 |  |
| Private Insurance | 617 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |
| Medi-Cal | 608 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |
| Self Pay | 27 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |  |
| Other/ Unknown | 54 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 |  |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 665 |
| 2,785 |
| 51,330 |
| 52,500 |
| 6,855 |
| 2,715 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


| Los Angeles County, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Planning Area (SPA) | SPA |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| Antelope Valley | 87 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| San Fernando | 258 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| San Gabriel | 207 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Metro | 133 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| West | 63 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| South | 239 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| East | 181 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| South Bay | 190 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Unknown | 8 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 2.8 |
| Total | 1,366 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 5,246 |
| 23,004 |
| 22,593 |
| 11,370 |
| 6,423 |
| 15,905 |
| 15,240 |
| 16,594 |
| 475 |
| 116,850 |



Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017


[^0]:    Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
    Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
    Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017

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    Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
    Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017

[^2]:    Year 2020 Objective
    Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births
    Note: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
    Numbers fewer than 5 are shown as " $<5$ ". Rates are not calculated ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ ) if number is fewer than five.
    Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017

[^3]:    Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births
    Notes: Very low birth weight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.
    Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2017

