## 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 |
| 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 |
| 2018 | 31,745 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Denominator: Live Births |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | California | LA County |
| 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 |
| 2018 | 454,920 | 109,863 |

Source: California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master Files, 2008-2017
2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, natality public use data 2009-2018


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 7.8 percent of live births.
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| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's Race/Ethnicity | Low Birthweight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| African American | 910 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 12.4 |
| Asian | 1,203 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 19 | 7.4 | 4.2 | 10.6 |
| Hispanic | 4,313 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.4 |
| Native American | 14 | 11.3 | 5.7 | 16.9 |
| White | 1,320 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Two or More Races | 141 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 8.6 |
| Other/ Unknown | 159 | 10.0 | 8.5 | 11.4 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 7,761 |
| 16,532 |
| 258 |
| 60,133 |
| 124 |
| 21,581 |
| 1,908 |
| 1,596 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Age | Low Birthweight |  | 95\% Confidence <br> Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
|  | 92 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 5.3 |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ to 19 | 237 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 8.9 |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ to 34 | 5,247 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| $\mathbf{3 5 +}$ | 2,502 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.8 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Years of <br> Education | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| $\mathbf{0}$ to 8 | 305 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| $\mathbf{9}$ to 11 | 919 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 1,938 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.8 |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ to 15 | 2,213 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 8.0 |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ and Over | 2,457 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.9 |
| Unknown | 247 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 12.6 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 4,243 |
| 11,905 |
| 25,821 |
| 28,849 |
| 36,882 |
| 2,193 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mother's Trimester <br> Prenatal Care Began | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| No Prenatal Care | 141 | 22.6 | 19.3 | 25.9 |
| First | 6,744 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| Second | 890 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.7 |
| Third | 179 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 6.2 |
| Unknown | 125 | 13.0 | 10.9 | 15.1 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 623 |
| 92,721 |
| 12,266 |
| 3,322 |
| 961 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Source of Payment for <br> Prenatal Care | Low Birthweight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| No Prenatal Care | 141 | 22.6 | 19.3 | 25.9 |
| Other Govt Programs | 215 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 8.7 |
| Private Insurance | 3,583 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Medi-Cal | 3,675 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| Self Pay | 264 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.5 |
| Other/ Unknown | 201 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 9.5 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 623 |
| 2,804 |
| 50,988 |
| 47,667 |
| 5,410 |
| 2,401 |
| 109,893 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Service Planning Area <br> (SPA) | SPA |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| Antelope Valley | 467 | 8.8 | 8.0 | 9.5 |
| San Fernando | 1,673 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.8 |
| San Gabriel | 1,405 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| Metro | 736 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| West | 444 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 7.5 |
| South | 1,212 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 8.6 |
| East | 1,006 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.5 |
| South Bay | 1,131 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 7.5 |
| Unknown | 5 | 9.3 | 1.5 | 17.0 |
| Total | 8,079 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 5,327 |
| 22,305 |
| 20,259 |
| 10,558 |
| 6,449 |
| 14,826 |
| 14,268 |
| 15,847 |
| 54 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20

## 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 |  |
| 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 |  |
| 2018 | 5,039 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |


| Denominator: Live Births |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | California | LA County |
| 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 |
| 2018 | 454,920 | 109,893 |

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, natality public use data 2009-2018


Year 2020 Objective: Reduce very low birth weight births to an incidence of no more than 1.4 percent of live births.
Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, natality public use data 2009-2018
2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20
California Department of Public Health, Birth Statistical Master File, 2008-2017


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 Numbers fewer than 5 are shown as " $<5$ ". Rates are not calculated ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ ) if number is fewer than five. Source: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Mother's Age | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| <18 | 13 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.8 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ to 19 | 33 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.5 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ to 34 | 857 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 |  |
| $\mathbf{3 5 +}$ | 402 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |  |
| Other/Unknown | $<5$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Total | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 1,092 |
| 2,986 |
| 76,448 |
| 29,356 |
| 11 |
| 109,893 |



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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 (N/C) if number is fewer than five.
Source: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Mother's <br> Years of Education | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |  |
| $\mathbf{0}$ to 8 | 50 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.5 |  |
| $\mathbf{9}$ to 11 | 162 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.6 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 334 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ to 15 | 392 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ and Over | 310 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |  |
| Unknown | 57 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 3.3 |  |
| Total | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |  |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 4,243 |
| 11,905 |
| 25,821 |
| 28,849 |
| 36,882 |
| 2,193 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20

| Very Low Birth Weight Live Births as a Percent of Total Live Births |
| :---: |
| by Parity |
| Los Angeles County, 2018 |



| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Parity | Very Low Birth Weight |  | $95 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 558 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 362 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 199 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 93 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| $\mathbf{5 +}$ | 92 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| Unknown | $<5$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{C}$ |
| Total | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 44,273 |
| 35,360 |
| 18,053 |
| 7,466 |
| 4,661 |
| 80 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's Trimester Prenatal Care Began | Very Low Birth Weight |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| No Prenatal Care | 37 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 7.8 |
| First | 1,062 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Second | 160 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Third | 11 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Unknown | 35 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.8 |
| Total | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 623 |
| 92,721 |
| 12,266 |
| 3,322 |
| 961 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Source of Payment for <br> Prenatal Care | Very Low Birth Weight |  |  |  | 95\% Confidence Interval


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 623 |
| 2,804 |
| 50,988 |
| 47,667 |
| 5,410 |
| 2,401 |
| 109,893 |



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| Los Angeles County, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Planning Area (SPA) | SPA |  | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Lower | Upper |
| Antelope Valley | 86 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| San Fernando | 257 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| San Gabriel | 195 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Metro | 109 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| West | 55 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| South | 242 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| East | 170 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| South Bay | 191 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| Unknown | - | N/C | N/C | N/C |
| Total | 1,305 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 |


| Total Live <br> Births |
| ---: |
| 5,327 |
| 22,305 |
| 20,259 |
| 10,558 |
| 6,449 |
| 14,826 |
| 14,268 |
| 15,847 |
| 54 |
| 109,893 |



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: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20


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    Note: Low birth weight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams at birth.
    Source: 2018 birth records downloaded from the Vital Record Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) on 02/04/20

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