

**TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES**

**INDICATOR: Neonatal mortality**

**DEFINITION:** The number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births occurring at less than 28 days of age

**NUMERATOR:** The number of infant deaths occurring at less than 28 days of age, 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 2000 OBJECTIVE:**

Reduce the neonatal mortality rate to no more than 4.5 per 1,000 live births.  
(Baseline: 6.5 in 1987) (Objective 14.1d)

**RISK FACTORS:** Congenital anomalies; respiratory distress syndrome; short gestation; low birthweight; maternal complications; race/ethnicity (African American, Puerto Rican)

See also risk factors for infant mortality.

Year	California				LA County				DENOMINATOR: Live Births	
	Neonatal Mortality		95% Confidence Interval		Neonatal Mortality		95% Confidence Interval		California	LA County
	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper		
1990	2,959	4.8	4.7	5.0	1,037	5.1	4.8	5.4	611,666	204,124
1991	2,774	4.6	4.4	4.7	966	4.8	4.5	5.1	609,228	202,737
1992	2,545	4.2	4.1	4.4	884	4.5	4.2	4.8	600,838	197,415
1993	2,429	4.2	4.0	4.3	868	4.6	4.3	4.9	584,483	189,706
1994	2,467	4.4	4.2	4.5	819	4.5	4.2	4.9	567,034	180,394
1995	2,164	3.9	3.8	4.1	759	4.3	4.0	4.6	551,226	174,862
1996	2,041	3.8	3.6	4.0	649	3.8	3.5	4.1	538,628	168,973
1997	2,056	3.9	3.8	4.1	629	3.9	3.6	4.2	524,174	162,036
1998	1,993	3.8	3.7	4.0	626	3.9	3.6	4.3	521,265	158,604
1999	1,843	3.6	3.4	3.7	561	3.6	3.3	3.9	518,073	156,153

Source: 1990-1999 birth and death records from California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics