

TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES

INDICATOR: Fetal deaths

DEFINITION: The number of fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

NUMERATOR: The number of fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation, by place of residence, in a calendar year

DENOMINATOR: The total number of live births plus fetal deaths, by place of residence, in a calendar year

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce the fetal death rate (20 or more weeks of gestation) to no more than 5 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. (Baseline: 7.6 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths in 1987) (Objective 14.2)

RISK FACTORS: Race/ethnicity (African American); maternal diabetes; pregnancy complications; maternal medical complications/chronic illness during pregnancy (including severe maternal infection); Rh sensitization; congenital anomalies; intrauterine cocaine exposure; maternal history of miscarriage

Year	California				LA County			
	Fetal Death		95% Confidence Interval		Fetal Death		95% Confidence Interval	
	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper
1990	3,989	6.5	6.3	6.7	1,227	6.0	5.6	6.3
1991	3,834	6.3	6.1	6.5	1,194	5.9	5.5	6.2
1992	3,704	6.1	5.9	6.3	1,240	6.2	5.9	6.6
1993	3,574	6.0	5.9	6.3	1,057	5.5	5.2	5.9
1994	3,299	5.8	5.6	6.0	1,018	5.6	5.3	6.0
1995	3,355	6.0	5.8	6.3	964	5.5	5.1	5.8
1996	3,330	6.1	5.9	6.4	1,024	6.0	5.7	6.4
1997	2,996	5.7	5.5	5.9	866	5.3	5.0	5.7
1998	3,053	5.8	5.6	6.0	821	5.1	4.8	5.5
1999	2,927	5.6	5.4	5.9	801	5.1	4.8	5.5

DENOMINATOR: Total Births*	
California	LA County
615,655	205,351
613,062	203,931
604,542	198,655
588,057	190,763
570,333	181,412
554,581	175,826
541,958	169,997
527,268	163,030
524,442	159,555
518,073	156,954

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

Note: *Total births = number of live births + number of fetal deaths