

**Overall Birth Defects Rate by Mother's Age  
Los Angeles County, 1990 - 1996**

	< 20	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 and Over	Unknown
Number of birth defects	2,883	5,854	6,574	5,351	3,887	593
Total number of live births and fetal deaths	150,733	314,479	342,537	266,712	152,713	701
Rate of birth defects (per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths)	19.1	18.6	19.2	20.1	25.5	845.9

Note: Birth defects cases are actively ascertained at a hospital or genetic center, and include diagnoses made by age 1.  
Source: California Birth Defects Monitoring Program registry data, 1990-1996