

Table 10. Percent of low birthweight births (<2500 grams) among San Diego County Residents, 1995-1999

By Region, and Race/Ethnicity, and Age Group

Variable	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent
San Diego County	2,553	5.6	2,614	5.8	2,518	5.8	2,603	6.0	2,563	5.9
Region										
N. Coastal	422	5.3	427	5.6	436	5.7	418	5.6	403	5.5
N. Central	346	5.0	411	5.9	385	5.7	394	5.8	392	5.8
Central	637	6.7	623	6.9	535	6.3	539	6.4	605	7.4
South	395	5.4	352	4.9	396	5.7	422	5.8	386	5.2
East	367	5.5	398	6.0	389	6.2	385	6.0	370	5.8
N. Inland	376	5.1	388	5.3	358	5.1	443	6.2	389	5.5
Race/Ethnicity										
White	1,023	5.2	1,030	5.5	947	5.3	1,039	5.8	964	5.5
Black	322	10.0	326	10.5	313	10.6	300	10.3	309	11.3
Hispanic	889	4.9	903	4.9	940	5.3	916	5.1	954	5.2
Asian/Pacific-Islander	299	6.8	323	7.5	294	6.7	327	7.7	307	7.1
Native American	13	5.2	16	6.6	7	2.8	14	6.3	14	6.0
Other	7	7.7	16	10.5	17	11.0	7	5.9	15	10.8
Age Groups										
<15**	7	5.9	9	9.8	<5	*	10	13.0	<5	*
15-19	347	7.0	320	6.6	300	7.2	297	6.9	292	6.8
20-24	589	5.1	601	5.5	552	5.3	552	5.5	565	5.6
25-29	629	5.0	602	4.9	583	5.0	619	5.2	573	5.0
30-34	558	5.2	622	5.9	594	5.7	599	5.8	599	5.8
35+	423	7.0	459	7.2	487	7.5	526	7.7	530	7.7

Rates are calculated per 1,000 births for birth rates.

Unknown prenatal care and birthweight are not subtracted from total births in calculation of their respective percentages.

Totals for Age Groups and HHS Region are less than the County total due to events in which age or region could not be determined.

*No rates calculated for fewer than 5 events. Rates are not age-adjusted.

**For population groups less than 300 people, fewer than 5 events are not reported.

Note: Rates based on fewer than 20 events should be interpreted with caution.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth Statistical Master Files, 1995-1999; SANDAG, January 1, 1995-1999 population estimates used for calculating rates.