

**Table 8. Percent of women initiating prenatal care starting in the first trimester, San Diego County, 1995 - 1999**

By Region, Race/Ethnicity, and Age Group

Variable	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent	Births	Percent
<b>San Diego County</b>	35,371	77.1	35,363	78.8	33,847	78.2	34,196	78.8	34,730	80.3
<b>Region</b>										
N. Coastal	5,936	74.7	5,760	75.2	5,540	72.7	5,238	70.5	5,313	72.3
N. Central	6,131	88.2	6,254	89.7	6,035	89.1	6,044	89.6	6,085	90.2
Central	6,613	70.0	6,479	72.1	6,159	72.8	6,097	72.5	6,197	76.0
South	5,359	73.1	5,494	76.4	5,341	76.5	5,721	78.9	5,903	80.1
East	5,579	83.1	5,588	84.7	5,321	84.3	5,417	84.7	5,459	85.9
N. Inland	5,672	76.8	5,711	77.6	5,395	77.0	5,657	78.9	5,662	79.6
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>										
White	17,201	87.1	16,545	88.1	15,546	87.7	15,613	87.2	15,374	88.3
Black	2,460	76.1	2,398	77.3	2,232	75.4	2,206	75.5	2,113	77.1
Hispanic	11,926	65.6	12,621	69.1	12,184	68.7	12,593	70.0	13,394	72.8
Asian/Pacific-Islander	3,547	80.4	3,532	81.7	3,621	82.0	3,533	83.0	3,562	81.9
Native American	182	73.4	180	73.8	183	74.4	170	76.6	181	77.7
Other	55	60.4	87	57.2	81	52.6	81	68.1	106	76.3
<b>Age Groups</b>										
<15	61	51.7	31	33.7	34	45.3	29	37.7	27	40.9
15-19	2,990	60.6	2,993	62.0	2,532	60.4	2,614	61.1	2,719	63.5
20-24	8,056	70.2	7,951	73.0	7,499	71.9	7,112	71.2	7,425	73.5
25-29	9,982	80.1	9,894	81.0	9,285	79.8	9,693	81.2	9,573	82.9
30-34	9,123	84.2	9,008	85.9	8,899	85.3	8,868	85.7	8,946	86.4
35+	5,156	84.9	5,486	85.9	5,596	86.2	5,878	86.6	6,039	87.4

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.

Note: Rates based on fewer than 20 events should be interpreted with caution. Rates are not age-adjusted.

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.

