

Fetal Mortality, San Diego County Residence

By Region, Race/Ethnicity and Age of Mother

	2000			2001			2002		
	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate
San Diego County	228	44,272	5.1	213	43,758	4.8	207	43,951	4.7
Health & Human Services Agency Region									
North Coastal	40	7,618	5.2	38	7,458	5.1	37	7,582	4.9
North Inland	59	7,367	7.9	33	7,158	4.6	34	7,426	4.6
North Central	19	6,748	2.8	19	6,726	2.8	18	6,755	2.7
Central	44	8,486	5.2	48	8,183	5.8	43	7,965	5.4
East	28	6,300	4.4	28	6,224	4.5	35	6,055	5.7
South	36	7,650	4.7	45	7,834	5.7	39	7,983	4.9
Unknown	<5	103	*	<5	175	*	<5	185	*
Race/Ethnicity									
African-American	38	2,627	14.3	18	2,486	7.2	24	2,458	9.7
Asian	14	4,343	3.2	16	4,340	3.7	15	4,437	3.4
Hispanic	100	19,347	5.1	99	19,354	5.1	93	19,594	4.7
Native American/Alaskan	<5	204	*	<5	243	*	<5	233	*
Pacific-Islander	<5	302	*	<5	293	*	<5	310	*
White	68	17,280	3.9	72	16,754	4.3	71	16,415	4.3
Other	<5	8	*	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*
Unknown	5	161	30.1	5	285	17.2	<5	502	*
Age									
<15	<5	57	*	<5	67	*	<5	50	*
15-19	23	4,080	5.6	24	3,954	6.0	21	3,732	5.6
20-24	56	10,276	5.4	44	10,130	4.3	42	10,157	4.1
25-29	44	11,663	3.8	40	11,314	3.5	48	11,278	4.2
30-34	46	11,009	4.2	49	11,084	4.4	47	11,248	4.2
35-39	43	5,792	7.4	36	5,770	6.2	32	5,982	5.3
40-44	9	1,297	6.9	10	1,332	7.5	11	1,396	7.8
45+	<5	92	*	<5	106	*	<5	108	*
Unknown	5	6	454.5	6	<5	*	6	<5	*

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	2003			2004			2005		
	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate	Fetal Deaths	Live Births	Fetal Death Rate
San Diego County	210	45,368	4.6	224	45,758	4.9	233	45,897	5.1
Health & Human Services Agency Region									
North Coastal	36	7,645	4.7	42	7,728	5.4	39	7,506	5.2
North Inland	43	7,935	5.4	45	8,077	5.5	42	8,133	5.1
North Central	23	6,931	3.3	26	6,997	3.7	35	7,020	5.0
Central	42	8,107	5.2	50	7,816	6.4	36	7,943	4.5
East	28	6,397	4.4	24	6,551	3.7	33	6,388	5.1
South	37	8,221	4.5	33	8,490	3.9	48	8,660	5.5
Unknown	<5	132	*	<5	99	*	<5	247	*
Race/Ethnicity									
African-American	22	2,361	9.2	24	2,247	10.6	16	2,299	6.9
Asian	20	4,729	4.2	20	4,444	4.5	14	4,432	3.1
Hispanic	95	19,966	4.7	108	19,777	5.4	115	20,300	5.6
Native American/Alaskan	<5	220	*	<5	236	*	<5	227	*
Pacific-Islander	<5	353	*	<5	337	*	<5	352	*
White	68	16,850	4.0	65	16,052	4.0	84	15,589	5.4
Other	<5	8	*	<5	6	*	<5	8	*
Unknown	<5	881	*	5	2,659	1.9	<5	2,690	*
Age									
<15	<5	47	*	<5	47	*	<5	51	*
15-19	24	3,692	6.5	16	3,738	4.3	18	3,635	4.9
20-24	41	10,366	3.9	53	10,674	4.9	52	10,592	4.9
25-29	56	11,616	4.8	52	11,861	4.4	46	11,942	3.8
30-34	48	11,785	4.1	52	11,609	4.5	53	11,671	4.5
35-39	29	6,290	4.6	28	6,229	4.5	39	6,351	6.1
40-44	8	1,469	5.4	11	1,464	7.5	21	1,521	13.6
45+	<5	103	*	<5	135	*	<5	128	*
Unknown	<5	<5	*	11	<5	*	<5	6	*

Notes: Rates are number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. Starting year 2000, birth certificates allowed reporting of up to three races. However, fetal death certificates still allow only one race. Therefore, this analysis takes into account only the first reported race. Only fetal deaths of 20 or more completed weeks gestation are included. Reporting of fetal deaths is known to be incomplete. The increasing number of births with unknown race/ethnicity affects the accuracy of statistics by race/ethnicity.

*Rates not calculated for fewer than 5 events; interpret with caution rates calculated for fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Birth and Fetal Death Statistical Master Files.

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