

Preterm Births, San Diego County Residents

By Region, Race/Ethnicity and Age of Mother

	2000			2001			2002		
	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births
San Diego County	4,392	41,612	10.6	4,356	41,057	10.6	4,390	41,525	10.6
Health & Human Services Agency Region									
North Coastal	708	6,972	10.2	681	6,851	9.9	761	7,088	10.7
North Inland	693	7,001	9.9	669	6,745	9.9	630	6,949	9.1
North Central	646	6,434	10.0	634	6,422	9.9	602	6,504	9.3
Central	968	7,976	12.1	955	7,694	12.4	952	7,554	12.6
East	624	5,926	10.5	619	5,742	10.8	679	5,631	12.1
South	749	7,208	10.4	769	7,443	10.3	746	7,637	9.8
Unknown	<5	95	*	29	160	18.1	20	162	12.3
Race/Ethnicity									
African-American	356	2,253	15.8	335	2,155	15.5	352	2,142	16.4
Asian	451	3,959	11.4	435	3,917	11.1	461	4,043	11.4
Hispanic	1,947	18,302	10.6	1,968	18,249	10.8	1,918	18,496	10.4
Native Amer./Alaskan	17	155	11.0	20	189	10.6	20	174	11.5
Pacific-Islander	24	253	9.5	17	224	7.6	36	245	14.7
White	1,483	15,894	9.3	1,474	15,410	9.6	1,458	15,312	9.5
Other	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*
Two or More Races	91	654	13.9	68	674	10.1	85	679	12.5
Unknown	23	139	16.5	39	236	16.5	60	432	13.9
Age									
Under 15	7	52	13.5	13	57	22.8	8	42	19.0
15-19	450	3,755	12.0	475	3,634	13.1	408	3,436	11.9
20-24	968	9,426	10.3	933	9,302	10.0	948	9,500	10.0
25-29	1,089	11,010	9.9	987	10,634	9.3	1,076	10,694	10.1
30-34	1,028	10,509	9.8	1,083	10,579	10.2	1,084	10,717	10.1
35-39	639	5,519	11.6	658	5,509	11.9	634	5,735	11.1
40-44	177	1,250	14.2	184	1,249	14.7	202	1,307	15.5
45+	33	86	38.4	23	93	24.7	30	94	31.9
Unknown	<5	5	*	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*

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	2003			2004			2005		
	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births
San Diego County	4,440	42,948	10.3	4,756	43,338	11.0	4,974	43,998	11.3
Health & Human Services Agency Region									
North Coastal	672	7,203	9.3	767	7,196	10.7	756	7,109	10.6
North Inland	714	7,449	9.6	797	7,628	10.4	796	7,744	10.3
North Central	734	6,657	11.0	710	6,725	10.6	764	6,839	11.2
Central	943	7,654	12.3	930	7,404	12.6	1,033	7,654	13.5
East	618	5,983	10.3	740	6,174	12.0	678	6,030	11.2
South	738	7,888	9.4	800	8,124	9.8	909	8,397	10.8
Unknown	21	114	18.4	12	87	13.8	38	225	16.9
Race/Ethnicity									
African-American	319	2,041	15.6	301	1,923	15.7	324	1,984	16.3
Asian	500	4,328	11.6	438	4,026	10.9	494	4,122	12.0
Hispanic	1,824	18,898	9.7	1,987	18,744	10.6	2,146	19,505	11.0
Native Amer./Alaskan	23	185	12.4	26	190	13.7	22	194	11.3
Pacific-Islander	41	275	14.9	39	268	14.6	38	285	13.3
White	1,532	15,717	9.7	1,584	15,047	10.5	1,516	14,647	10.4
Other	<5	7	*	<5	<5	*	<5	7	*
Two or More Races	86	708	12.1	91	672	13.5	91	723	12.6
Unknown	115	789	14.6	289	2,465	11.7	342	2,531	13.5
Age									
Under 15	9	42	21.4	6	38	15.8	<5	47	*
15-19	428	3,468	12.3	431	3,490	12.3	430	3,452	12.5
20-24	930	9,702	9.6	1,044	9,992	10.4	1,027	10,026	10.2
25-29	997	11,019	9.0	1,157	11,252	10.3	1,150	11,430	10.1
30-34	1,158	11,210	10.3	1,168	11,119	10.5	1,325	11,331	11.7
35-39	686	6,006	11.4	700	5,942	11.8	745	6,129	12.2
40-44	203	1,406	14.4	201	1,382	14.5	254	1,465	17.3
45+	29	95	30.5	49	122	40.2	39	118	33.1
Unknown	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*

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	2006			2007		
	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births	Preterm Births	Births w/ Known Gestation	Percent Preterm Births
San Diego County	4,898	45,322	10.8	5,055	46,650	10.8
Health & Human Services Agency Region						
North Coastal	813	7,651	10.6	776	7,751	10.0
North Inland	806	8,200	9.8	788	8,161	9.7
North Central	763	7,051	10.8	827	7,390	11.2
Central	963	7,583	12.7	981	7,870	12.5
East	696	6,010	11.6	748	6,410	11.7
South	835	8,650	9.7	885	8,716	10.2
Unknown	22	177	12.4	50	352	14.2
Race/Ethnicity						
African-American	338	2,090	16.2	304	1,944	15.6
Asian	507	4,285	11.8	478	4,221	11.3
Hispanic	2,027	19,869	10.2	2,149	21,078	10.2
Native Amer./Alaskan	26	170	15.3	17	193	8.8
Pacific-Islander	43	268	16.0	32	279	11.5
White	1,444	14,849	9.7	1,453	14,596	10.0
Other	<5	5	*	<5	10	*
Two or More Races	111	805	13.8	108	902	12.0
Unknown	401	2,981	13.5	513	3,427	15.0
Age						
Under 15	12	48	25.0	8	42	19.0
15-19	438	3,639	12.0	410	3,806	10.8
20-24	977	10,355	9.4	1,057	10,457	10.1
25-29	1,190	11,993	9.9	1,203	12,621	9.5
30-34	1,246	11,168	11.2	1,274	11,630	11.0
35-39	745	6,429	11.6	800	6,469	12.4
40-44	242	1,543	15.7	252	1,479	17.0
45+	48	146	32.9	51	146	34.9
Unknown	<5	<5	*	<5	<5	*

Notes: Preterm births are births that occur prior to 37 complete weeks of gestation. Births with unknown or improbable gestation lengths were excluded from the denominator in rate calculations (improbable lengths are those that likely reflect inaccuracies rather than actual gestation periods (under 17 complete weeks or 53 or more complete weeks)). Comparisons should only be made with similarly calculated rates. 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 Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Birth Statistical Master Files.

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