

Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2008-2010 Maternal and Child Health Profile



Teen Births

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Birth Rate, females 15-17 years of age ¹	25.2	14.2	27.1	25.6	18.2	36.2
Birth Rate, females 18-19 years of age ¹	90.9	59.2	119.5	164.5	79.4	105.9
Birth Rate, females 15-19 years of age ¹	51.5	32.2	64.1	81.1	42.7	n/a
Births to women under 20 (%)	13.1	7.2	15.0	12.0	9.4	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%)	20.0	13.9	20.0	21.6	16.9	n/a

Delivery Characteristics and Birth Spacing

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Primary Cesarean delivery among low risk ² women (%)	22.3	17.1	20.5	12.5	17.7	23.9
Repeat Cesarean among low risk ² women (%)	97.5	96.2	97.5	96.9	96.6	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous birth (%)	27.5	22.4	28.6	25.3	24.3	n/a

Infant Health Indicators

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Low birth weight (%)	10.8	6.7	14.5	7.5	8.9	7.8
Very Low birth weight (%)	2.1	1.3	4.3	2.4	2.1	1.4
Very low birth weight infants born at Level III hospitals or subspecialty perinatal centers (%)	89.0	100.0	100.0	**	99.0	83.7
Preterm Birth (%)	12.4	8.9	14.2	8.9	10.3	11.4
Very Preterm Birth (%)	2.3	1.4	5.4	2.7	2.5	1.8
Small for Gestational Age (%)	10.5	6.6	13.8	6.8	8.7	n/a

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Fetal ³	5.5	3.6	5.5	**	4.2	5.6
Perinatal ³	6.3	4.8	6.3	**	5.4	5.9
Neonatal ⁴	4.7	5.4	10.3	**	6.7	4.1
Postneonatal ⁴	3.8	1.8	5.5	0.0	2.6	2.0
Infant ⁴	8.5	7.3	15.8	**	9.3	6.0

Definitions and inclusion criteria for select indicators

Low Birth Weight: <2,500g at delivery (5.5 lbs)
Very Low Birth Weight: <1,500g at delivery (3.3 lbs)
Preterm Birth: <37 weeks gestational age
Very Preterm Birth: <32 weeks gestational age
Fetal Death: stillborn with gestation ≥ 20 weeks or birth weight ≥ 350 grams
Perinatal Death: fetal deaths plus deaths to infants under 7 days of age
Neonatal Death: deaths to infants under 28 days of age
Post Neonatal Death: deaths to infants that occur between 28 days and 365 days after birth
Infant Death: deaths to infants under 1 year of age

Child and Adolescent Mortality

Age at Death	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
1-4 years ⁵	40.6	**	**	0.0	25.0	25.7
5-9 years ⁵	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3
10-14 years ⁵	24.9	**	**	**	**	15.2
15-19 years ⁵	82.0	74.9	104.2	0.0	25.0	55.7
20-24 years ⁵	134.7	177.4	164.7	0.0	160.9	88.5

Data Sources

2008-2010 live births, fetal deaths and deaths: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
 2008-2010 population estimates: *Census County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2008 to July 1, 2010 Release Date: June 2011*

Early Childhood Risk

Ascension	Overall Risk Ranking	Factors Ranked as "High Risk"	Factors Ranked at "Moderate Risk"
Ascension	Low	Attending Pre-K, EHS/HS or HQ Child Care	Infant Mortality (2007-2009)

The *Early Childhood Risk and Reach Report* (Fall 2012) includes 11 indicators impacting the well-being of children under age 5 by parish. These risk indicators relate to Economic, Health and Education Factors. An average score of "Low Risk" suggests that young children in that parish are more likely to be well-prepared and ready for school. A score of "High Risk" suggests that the young children are at risk for entering school already behind and remaining behind. The complete report can be found at www.partnersforhealthybabies.org

¹Rate per 1,000 female population in specified age range

²Low risk is defined as a pregnant woman who has full a term (37 up to 42 weeks), singleton, and vertex presentation baby

³Rate per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

⁴Rate per 1,000 live births

⁵Rate per 100,000 population in specified age range

*Non Hispanic

**Rates or percents with numerators greater than zero and less than 5 are not reported