

Ascension Parish, Louisiana 2009-2011 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	23.1	12.4	25.5	16.1	16.5	n/a
Birth Rate, females 18-19 years of age ¹	86.2	49.2	109.6	125.7	68.1	n/a
Birth Rate, females 15-19 years of age ¹	48.4	27.1	59.1	60.0	37.1	n/a
Births to women under 20 (%)	12.4	6.4	14.2	9.8	8.5	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%)	19.5	15.0	19.0	19.4	16.8	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 (%)	23.7	19.3	22.1	13.9	19.8	23.9
Repeat Cesarean among low risk ² women (%)	96.7	95.7	96.1	95.9	95.5	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous birth (%)	26.6	21.7	27.7	28.5	23.9	n/a

Infant Health Indicators

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Low birth weight (%)	10.8	6.7	15.4	5.7	9.0	7.8
Very Low birth weight (%)	2.1	1.2	3.5	1.7	1.8	1.4
Very low birth weight infants born at Level III hospitals or subspecialty perinatal centers (%)	88.1	100.0	97.6	**	96.5	83.7
Preterm Birth (%)	12.4	9.1	14.2	7.4	10.3	11.4
Very Preterm Birth (%)	2.3	1.2	4.3	2.4	2.1	1.8
Small for Gestational Age (%)	10.4	6.6	13.8	5.4	8.5	n/a

Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Ascension				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Fetal ³	5.3	4.3	7.2	**	5.1	5.6
Perinatal ³	6.1	5.0	8.0	**	6.0	5.9
Neonatal ⁴	4.7	5.0	6.5	**	5.4	4.1
Postneonatal ⁴	3.5	1.6	6.5	0.0	2.7	2.0
Infant ⁴	8.2	6.5	12.9	**	8.0	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	37.6	**	**	0.0	24.8	25.7
5-9 years ⁵	14.6	**	0.0	0.0	**	12.3
10-14 years ⁵	24.7	29.4	0.0	**	23.5	15.2
15-19 years ⁵	37.6	46.2	**	**	24.8	55.7
20-24 years ⁵	122.7	185.3	101.0	0.0	147.9	88.5

Data Sources

2009-2011 live births, fetal deaths and deaths: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
 2009-2011 population estimates: *Census County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2009 to July 1, 2011* Release Date: June

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