

# Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana 2009-2011 Maternal and Child Health Profile



## Teen Births

	LA	Avoyelles				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Birth Rate, females 15-17 years of age <sup>1</sup>	23.1	31.5	62.3	**	40.6	n/a
Birth Rate, females 18-19 years of age <sup>1</sup>	86.2	104.0	172.2	**	125.1	n/a
Birth Rate, females 15-19 years of age <sup>1</sup>	48.4	60.5	106.2	**	74.4	n/a
Births to women under 20 (%)	12.4	13.6	23.3	**	16.9	n/a
Repeat teen (15-19) births (%)	19.5	21.5	15.9	0.0	18.2	n/a

## Delivery Characteristics and Birth Spacing

	LA	Avoyelles				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Primary Cesarean delivery among low risk <sup>2</sup> women (%)	23.7	32.6	25.7	**	29.8	23.9
Repeat Cesarean among low risk <sup>2</sup> women (%)	96.7	100.0	99.2	**	99.7	81.7
Births to women within 24 months of a previous birth (%)	26.6	23.2	29.0	**	25.5	n/a

## Infant Health Indicators

	LA	Avoyelles				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Low birth weight (%)	10.8	9.1	12.8	29.4	10.5	7.8
Very Low birth weight (%)	2.1	1.6	2.2	**	1.8	1.4
Very low birth weight infants born at Level III hospitals or subspecialty perinatal centers (%)	88.1	100.0	100.0	**	100.0	83.7
Preterm Birth (%)	12.4	12.5	11.4	35.3	12.3	11.4
Very Preterm Birth (%)	2.3	1.7	2.4	0.0	1.9	1.8
Small for Gestational Age (%)	10.4	7.3	17.6	**	11.2	n/a

## Fetal and Infant Mortality

	LA	Avoyelles				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
Fetal <sup>3</sup>	5.3	**	**	0.0	**	5.6
Perinatal <sup>3</sup>	6.1	**	**	0.0	**	5.9
Neonatal <sup>4</sup>	4.7	**	**	0.0	**	4.1
Postneonatal <sup>4</sup>	3.5	0.0	**	0.0	**	2.0
Infant <sup>4</sup>	8.2	**	**	0.0	3.4	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	Avoyelles				Healthy People 2020 Target
		White*	Black*	Hispanic	All	
1-4 years <sup>5</sup>	37.6	**	**	0.0	**	25.7
5-9 years <sup>5</sup>	14.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3
10-14 years <sup>5</sup>	24.7	**	**	0.0	**	15.2
15-19 years <sup>5</sup>	37.6	119.9	**	0.0	**	55.7
20-24 years <sup>5</sup>	122.7	150.2	188.6	0.0	158.2	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

Avoyelles	Overall Risk Ranking	Factors Ranked as "High Risk"	Factors Ranked at "Moderate Risk"
	Moderate-High	Mother With Less Than High School Education, Median Income, Pre-Literacy Skills	Unemployment, Births to Single Mothers, Ages 0-5 in Poverty

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](http://www.partnersforhealthybabies.org)

<sup>1</sup>Rate per 1,000 female population in specified age range

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

<sup>3</sup>Rate per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

<sup>4</sup>Rate per 1,000 live births

<sup>5</sup>Rate 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