

TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES

INDICATOR: Percent of very low birthweight

DEFINITION: The percent of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams

NUMERATOR: The number of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams, by place of residence, in a calendar year

DENOMINATOR: The total number of live births, by place of residence, in a calendar year

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce very low birthweight to an incidence of no more than 0.9 percent of live births. (Baseline: 1.4 percent in 1998) (Objective 16-10b)

RISK FACTORS: Preterm birth; prior preterm birth; race/ethnicity (African American, Puerto Rican); substance use/abuse (e.g. illicit drug use)

See also risk factors for low birthweight.

Year	California				LA County			
	Very Low Birthweight		95% Confidence Interval		Very Low Birthweight		95% Confidence Interval	
	Number	Percent	Lower	Upper	Number	Percent	Lower	Upper
1990	6,152	1.01%	0.98%	1.03%	2,182	1.07%	1.02%	1.11%
1991	6,223	1.02%	1.00%	1.05%	2,205	1.09%	1.04%	1.13%
1992	6,209	1.03%	1.01%	1.06%	2,204	1.12%	1.07%	1.16%
1993	6,099	1.04%	1.02%	1.07%	2,145	1.13%	1.08%	1.18%
1994	6,282	1.11%	1.08%	1.14%	2,109	1.17%	1.12%	1.22%
1995	5,877	1.07%	1.04%	1.09%	2,057	1.18%	1.13%	1.23%
1996	5,812	1.08%	1.05%	1.11%	1,933	1.14%	1.09%	1.19%
1997	5,869	1.12%	1.09%	1.15%	1,912	1.18%	1.13%	1.23%
1998	6,013	1.15%	1.12%	1.18%	1,932	1.22%	1.16%	1.27%
1999	5,950	1.15%	1.12%	1.18%	1,993	1.28%	1.22%	1.33%
2000	6,075	1.14%	1.11%	1.17%	1,823	1.16%	1.11%	1.21%
2001	6,054	1.15%	1.12%	1.18%	1,962	1.28%	1.22%	1.33%

DENOMINATOR: Live Births	
California	LA County
611,666	204,124
609,228	202,737
600,838	197,415
584,483	189,706
567,034	180,394
551,226	174,862
538,628	168,973
524,174	162,036
521,265	158,604
518,073	156,153
531,285	157,391
527,371	153,523

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics, 1990-2001