### **FETAL DEATH**

### TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES

INDICATOR: Fetal deaths

**DEFINITION:** The number of fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestational age

per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

**NUMERATOR:** The number of fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation, by place

of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** The total number of live births plus fetal deaths, by place of residence,

in a calendar year

### **HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVE:**

Reduce the fetal death rate (20 or more weeks of gestation) to no more than 4.1 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. (Baseline: 6.8 per 1,000 live births

plus fetal deaths in 1997) (Objective 16.1a)

RISK FACTORS: Race/ethnicity (African American); maternal diabetes; pregnancy complications;

maternal medical complications/chronic illness during pregnancy (including severe maternal infection); Rh sensitization; congenital anomalies; intrauterine

cocaine exposure; maternal history of miscarriage

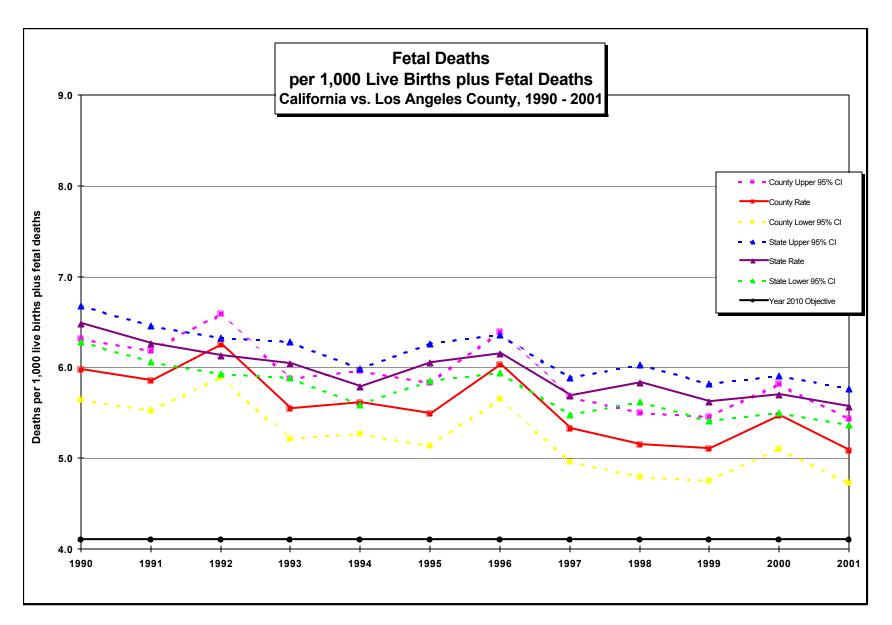
		Calif	ornia			LAC	ounty	
	Fetal Death		95% Confide	nce Interval	Fetal	Death	95% Confidence Interval	
Year	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper
1990	3,989	6.5	6.3	6.7	1,227	6.0	5.6	6.3
1991	3,834	6.3	6.1	6.5	1,194	5.9	5.5	6.2
1992	3,704	6.1	5.9	6.3	1,240	6.2	5.9	6.6
1993	3,574	6.0	5.9	6.3	1,057	5.5	5.2	5.9
1994	3,299	5.8	5.6	6.0	1,018	5.6	5.3	6.0
1995	3,355	6.0	5.8	6.3	964	5.5	5.1	5.8
1996	3,330	6.1	5.9	6.4	1,024	6.0	5.7	6.4
1997	2,996	5.7	5.5	5.9	866	5.3	5.0	5.7
1998	3,053	5.8	5.6	6.0	821	5.1	4.8	5.5
1999	2,927	5.6	5.4	5.8	801	5.1	4.8	5.5
2000	3,046	5.7	5.5	5.9	864	5.5	5.1	5.8
2001	2,952	5.6	5.4	5.8	784	5.1	4.7	5.4

DENOMINATO	R: Total Births*
California	LA County
615,655	205,351
613,062	203,931
604,542	198,655
588,057	190,763
570,333	181,412
554,581	175,826
541,958	169,997
527,170	162,902
524,318	159,425
521,000	156,954
534,331	158,255
530,323	154,307

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

Note: Total births = number of live births + number of fetal deaths

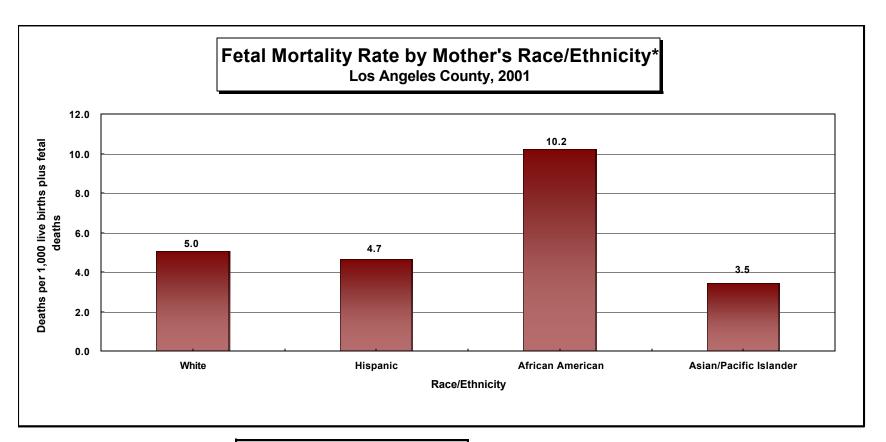
For number of fetal deaths in Los Angeles County, missing records were excluded (n=92 in 2001)



Year 2010 Objective: Reduce the fetal death rate (20 or more weeks of gestation) to no more than 4.1 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

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

Note: For number of fetal deaths in Los Angeles County, missing records were excluded (n=92 in 2001)



	Los Angeles County, 2001								
			95% Confidence						
	Fetal M	ortality	Inte	rval					
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper					
White	143	5.0	4.2	5.9					
Hispanic	450	4.7	4.2	5.1					
African American	131	10.2	8.5	12.0					
Asian/Pacific Islander	54	3.5	2.5	4.4					
Native American	1	N/C**	N/C**	N/C**					
Other/Unknown	5	8.3	1.1	15.6					
Total	784	5.1	4.7	5.4					

Total
Births
28,322
96,738
12,802
15,591
254
600
154,307

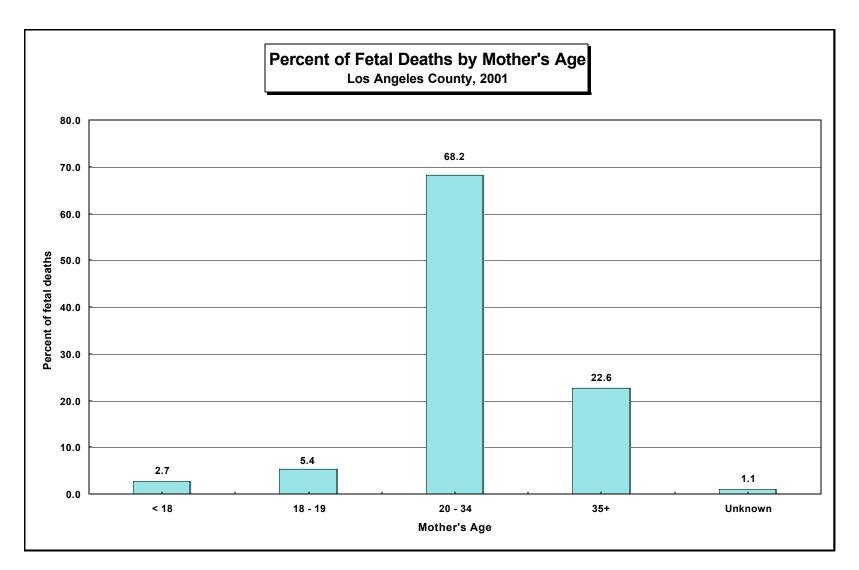
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Note: Fetal mortality rates are fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. Fetal deaths are those occurring during 20 weeks or more gestational period.

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White, African American, Asian, Native American and other races exclude Hispanic ethnicity
 Hispanic includes any race category

<sup>\*\*</sup> Rates are not calculated if fewer than five deaths.



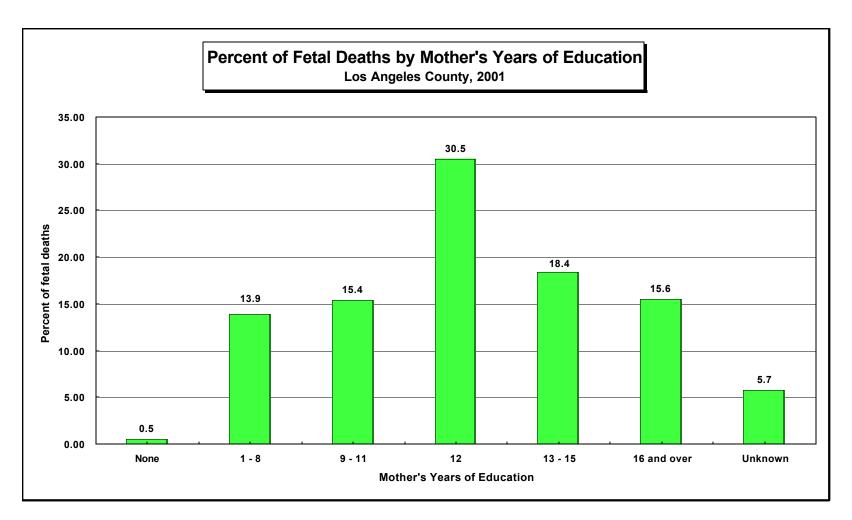
	Mother's Age														
< 18		18 -	19	20 - 34		35+		Unknown							
Number Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent						
21	2.7	42	5.4	535	68.2	177	22.6	9	1.1						

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

Note: Total number of fetal deaths in 2001 was 784.

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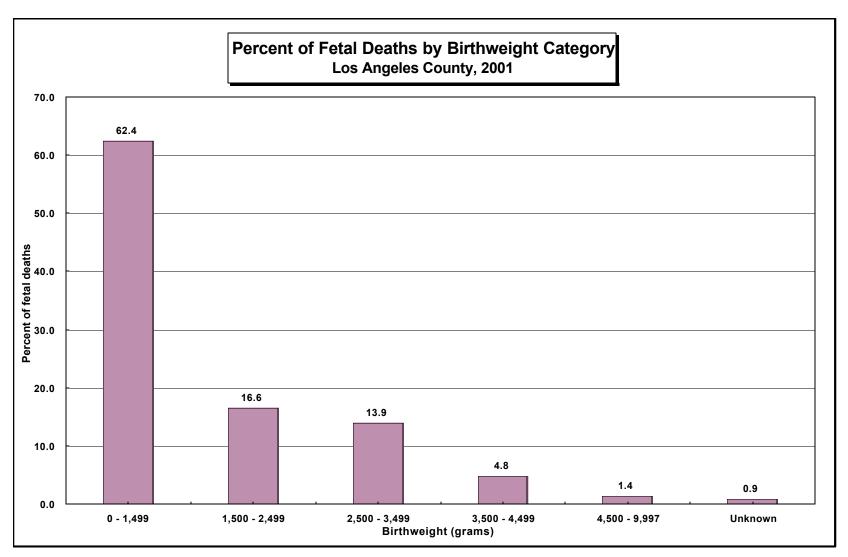


	Years of Education														
None		1 - 8		9 -	11		12		13 - 15		dover	Unknown			
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
4	0.5	109	13.9	121	15.4	239	30.5	144	18.4	122	15.6	45	5.7		

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This analysis did not adjust for teen mothers who may not be old enough to have reached higher categorical education level.

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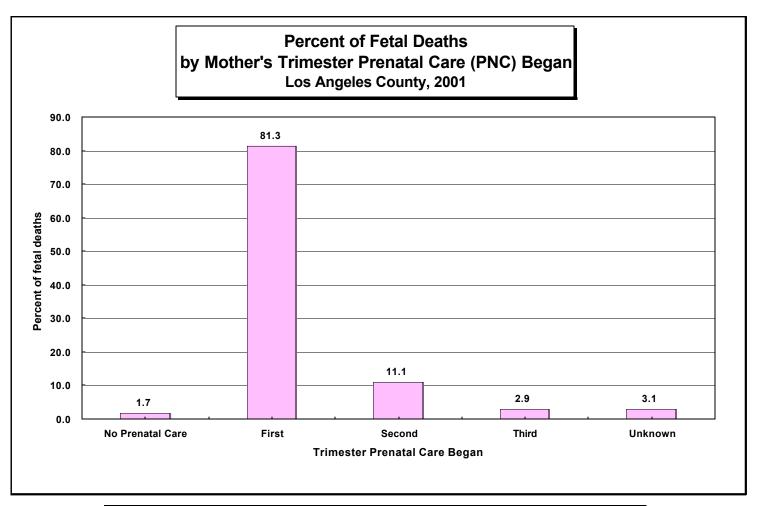


	Birthweight (grams)														
0 - 1,	0 - 1,499 1,500 - 2,499			2,500 - 3,499		3,500 - 4,499		4,500 - 9,997		Unknown					
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
489	62.4	130	16.6	109	13.9	38	4.8	11	1.4	7	0.9				

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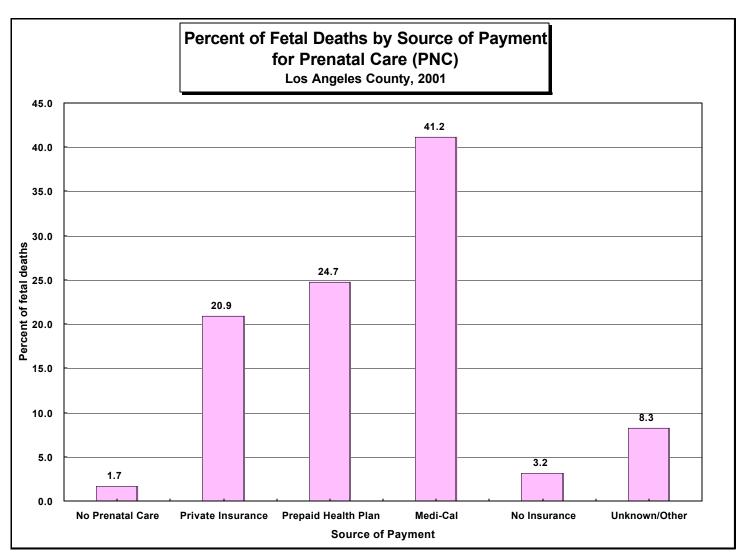
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	Trimester Prenatal Care Began													
No Prena	atal Care	Fit	rst	Sec	ond	Th	Third Unknown							
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent					
13	1.7	637	81.3	87	11.1	23	2.9	24	3.1					

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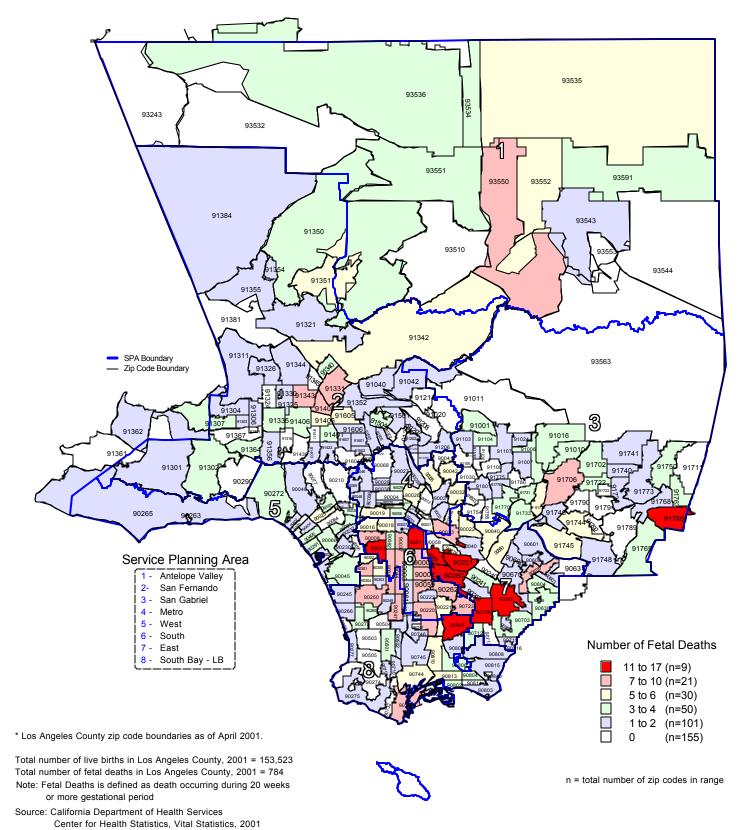
	Source of Payment														
No Prenatal Care Private Insurance			nsurance	Prepaid Health Plan		Medi-Cal		No Insurance		Unknown/Other					
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
13	1.7	164	20.9	194	24.7	323	41.2	25	3.2	65	8.3				

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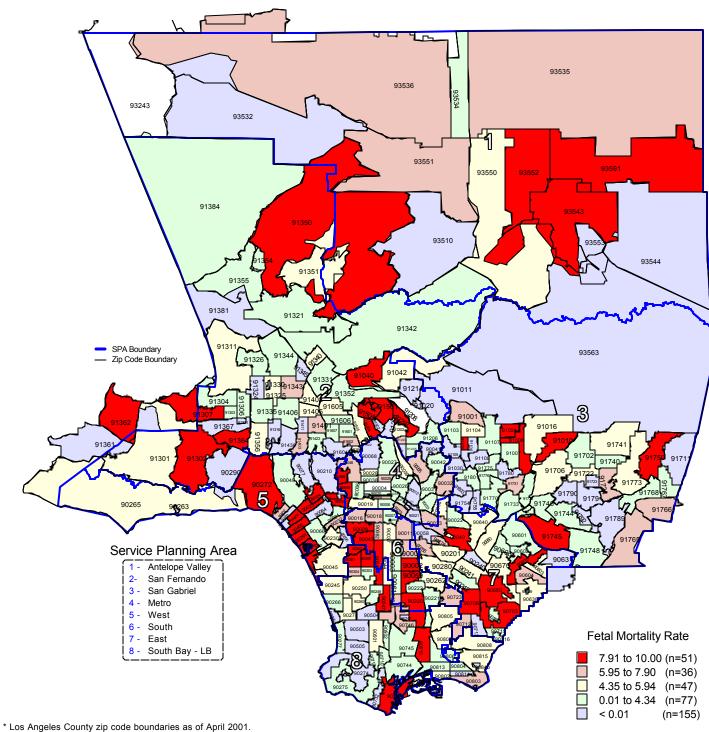
# Number of Fetal Deaths by Zip Code\* and Service Planning Area (SPA)

Los Angeles County, 2001



## Fetal Mortality Rate by Zip Code\* and Service Planning Area (SPA)

Los Angeles County, 2001



Los Angeles County zip code boundaries as of April 2001.

Total number of live births in Los Angeles County, 2001 = 153,523

Total number of fetal deaths in Los Angeles County, 2001 = 784

Note: Fetal Mortality Rate is defined as death occurring during 20 weeks or more gestational period per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths

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



n = total number of zip codes in range