

Live Births



Birth rate is reported as the number of live births per 1,000 people in the total population.

Birth rate is recorded and followed in public health because it provides information that is helpful in planning for services that will be needed in our communities. Information about birth rate is useful in planning for health care and school needs for children, among others.

What do we know about LA County?

- In 2002, 151,167 babies were born in Los Angeles County.
- The birth rate in LA County is slightly higher (2%) than the overall birth rate in California, and is 7% higher than the overall birth rate in the U.S.
- Over 28% of births in California occur in LA County.
- One of every 25 births in the U.S. occurs in LA County.
- The birth rate declined steadily over the past 10 years. In LA County, the birth rate declined by nearly 27% and in California overall the birth rate declined by nearly 20%.

2002 Data

Birth rate - LA County
[by Race/Ethnicity](#)
[by SPA](#)

For additional data, please see the following website:

Live Births in California and LA County, by SPA, and Zip Code
[LAC-DHS, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Programs](#)

2001 Data

For additional data, please see the following websites:

Live Births in California and LA County and California
[LAC-DHS, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Programs](#)

Live births by SPA, Zip Code, and Community
[United Way of Greater Los Angeles](#)

Data on birth rates in LA County and California
[March of Dimes-Peristats](#) website

Online queries for birthweight categories, prenatal care onset, ethnicity, and maternal age for LA County data
[California Center for Health Statistics](#)