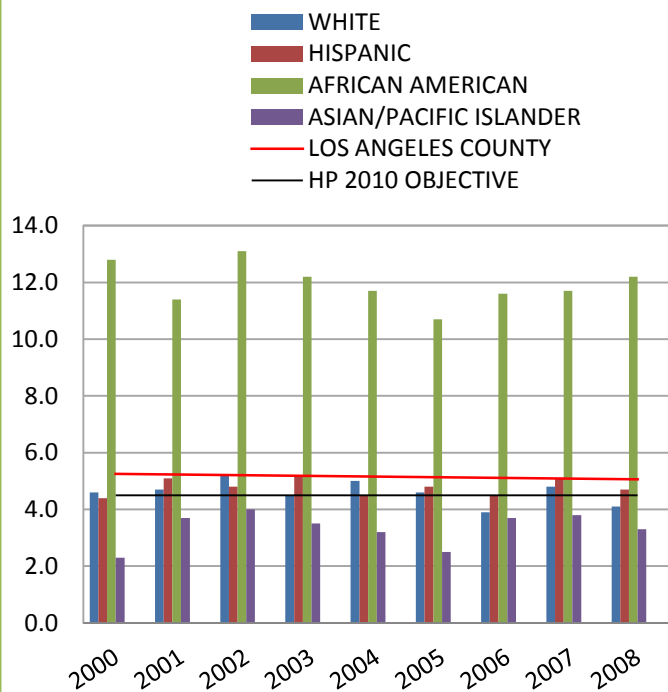


## Los Angeles County Infant Mortality, Preterm Births, and Birthweight 2008 Factsheet

### Infant Mortality\* by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County 2000-2008



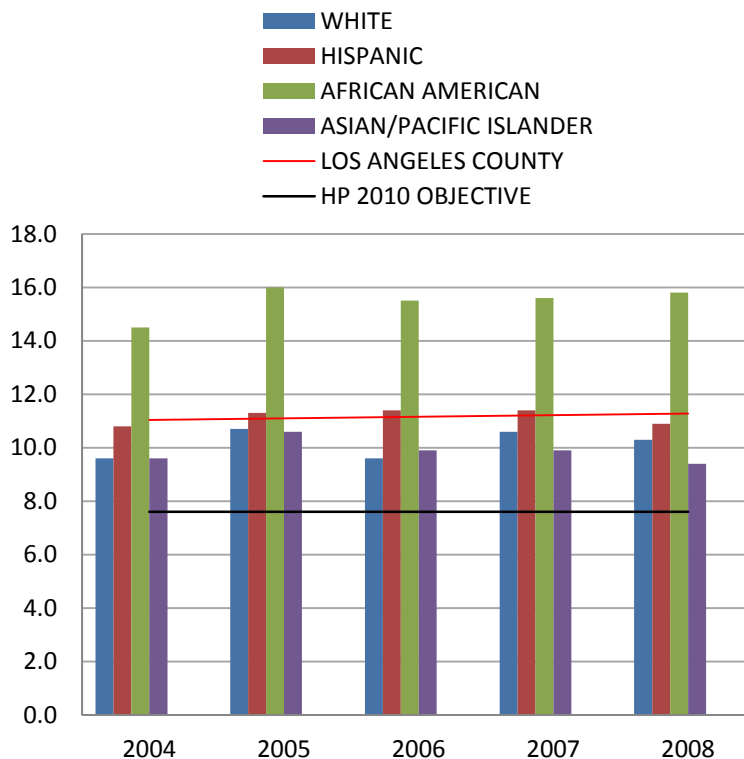
- The Healthy People 2010 objective is to reduce the infant mortality rate to no more than 4.5 per 1,000 live births.
- The infant mortality rate for Los Angeles County has remained stable around 4.9 to 5.5 with an average of 5.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births between 2000 and 2008.
- In 2008, African Americans comprised 7.5% (11,016) of all 147,684 live births in Los Angeles County and 18% (134) of all 742 infant deaths.
- The infant mortality rate for African Americans in Los Angeles County is twice as high as the overall Los Angeles County rate and three times that of White babies.
- Almost 16% of African American babies in Los Angeles County were born preterm compared to 9.4% of Asian/Pacific Islander babies in 2008.
- Very low birthweight/low birthweight is the leading cause of infant mortality in Los Angeles County. Almost 14% of all African American babies were born very low birthweight and low birthweight.
- Service Planning Area 1 and 6 in Los Angeles County have the highest rate of preterm births, very low birthweight, and low birthweight. Consequently they have the lowest rate of normal birthweight births.

\*Infant Mortality Rate: Infant deaths occurring at less than 365 days per 1,000 live births.

### Preterm Births by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Service Planning Area Los Angeles County 2008

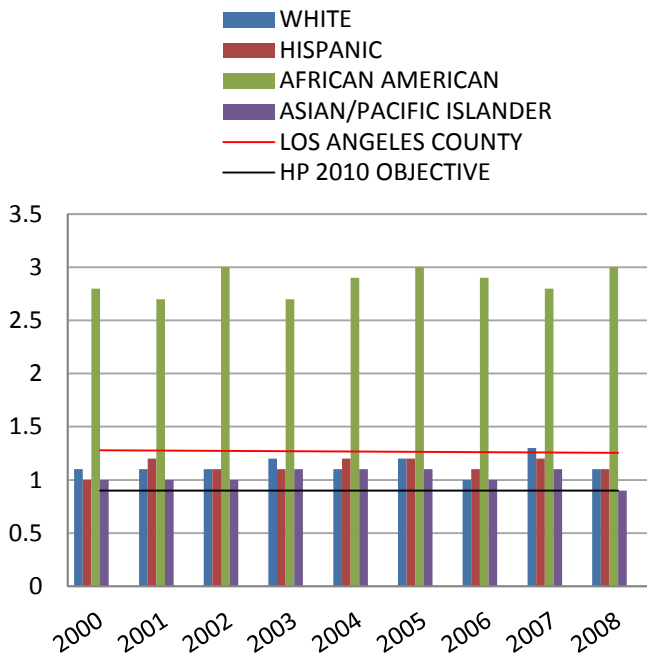
	Preterm Births (between 17 and 36 weeks)	
Mother's Race/Ethnicity	Total	%
African American	1,736	15.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,563	9.4
Hispanic	10,099	10.9
Native American	19	11.2
White	2,506	10.3
Two or More Races	186	10.6
Other/Unknown	139	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,248</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Service Planning Area	Total	%
1. Antelope Valley	817	13.4
2. San Fernando	3,323	11.8
3. San Gabriel	2,443	9.8
4. Metro	1,693	10.6
5. West	634	9.1
6. South	2,748	12.3
7. East	2,202	10.6
8. South Bay	2,325	10.6
Unknown	63	16.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,248</b>	<b>11.0</b>

### Preterm Live Births\* by Race/Ethnicity Los Angeles County 2004-2008



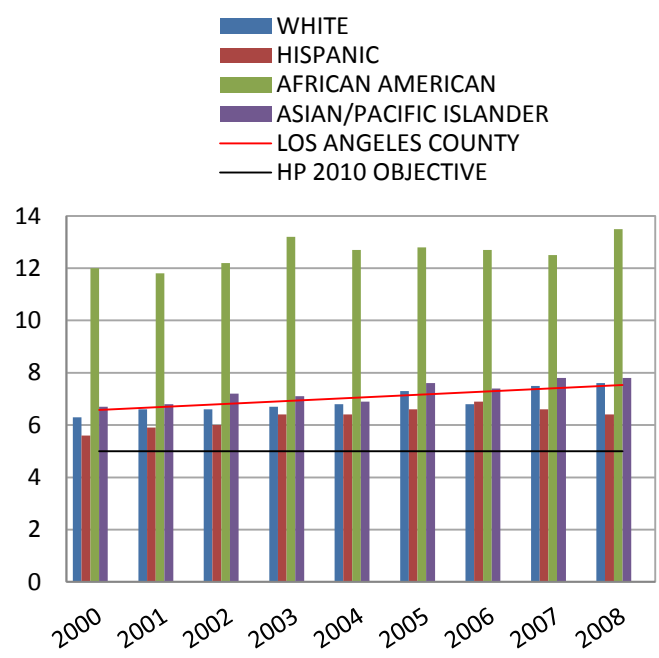
\*Preterm Live Birth Rate: Live births occurring at less than 37 weeks of gestation and greater than or equal to 17 weeks per 1,000 live births.

**Very Low Birthweight\* by Race/Ethnicity  
Los Angeles County 2000-2008**



\*Very Low Birthweight Rate: Live births weighing less than 1,500 grams at birth per 1,000 live births.

**Low Birthweight\* by Race/Ethnicity  
Los Angeles County 2000-2008**



\*Low Birthweight Rate: Live births weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth per 1,000 live births.

**Birthweight by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Service Planning Area  
Los Angeles County 2008**

Mother's Race/Ethnicity	Very Low Birthweight Less than 1,500 grams		Low Birthweight Less than 2,500 grams		Normal Birthweight 2,500 to 3,999 grams		Macrosomia 4,000+ grams	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
African American	327	3.0	1,488	13.5	8,994	81.6	533	4.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	154	0.9	1,292	7.8	14,686	88.1	689	4.1
Hispanic	990	1.1	5,894	6.4	79,833	86.2	6,916	7.5
Native American	3	1.8	15	8.8	137	80.6	18	10.6
White	262	1.1	1,851	7.6	20,219	83.4	2,168	8.9
Two or More Races	19	1.1	133	7.6	1,462	83.7	152	8.7
Other/Unknown	39	3.2	127	10.6	996	82.8	80	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>126,327</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Service Planning Area	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1. Antelope Valley	106	1.7	532	8.7	5,131	84.3	424	7.0
2. San Fernando	312	1.1	2,117	7.5	24,261	85.9	1,851	6.6
3. San Gabriel	264	1.1	1,694	6.8	21,550	86.5	1,683	6.8
4. Metro	170	1.1	1,079	6.7	13,853	86.6	1,062	6.6
5. West	62	0.9	516	7.4	5,940	85.2	512	7.3
6. South	357	1.6	1,843	8.2	19,032	85.1	1,497	6.7
7. East	239	1.1	1,358	6.5	17,767	85.3	1,709	8.2
8. South Bay	273	1.2	1,617	7.4	18,478	84.4	1,796	8.2
Unknown	11	2.9	44	11.5	315	82.5	22	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>126,327</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>7.1</b>

Note: Racial/ethnic categorization has been revised in this report; data from previous year reports may not be comparable.

Records that cannot be assigned to any Service Planning Area are classified as "Unknown".

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, OHIR Vital Statistics section, 2000-2008.