

**TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES**

**INDICATOR:** Fetal death

**DEFINITION:** The number of fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation 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 2000 OBJECTIVE:**

Reduce the fetal death rate (20 or more weeks of gestation) to no more than 5 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. (Baseline: 7.6 per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths in 1987) (Objective 14.2)

**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

Year	California				LA County				DENOMINATOR: Total Births*	
	Fetal Death		95% Confidence Interval		Fetal Death		95% Confidence Interval			
	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper	Number	Rate	Lower	Upper	California	LA County
1990	3,989	6.5	6.3	6.7	1,433	7.0	6.6	7.3	615,655	205,557
1991	3,834	6.3	6.1	6.5	1,354	6.6	6.3	7.0	613,062	204,091
1992	3,704	6.1	5.9	6.3	1,247	6.3	5.9	6.6	604,542	198,662
1993	3,574	6.0	5.9	6.3	1,203	6.3	5.9	6.7	588,057	190,909
1994	3,299	5.8	5.6	6.0	1,153	6.4	6.0	6.7	570,333	181,547
1994	3,355	6.0	5.8	6.3	1,089	6.2	5.8	6.6	554,581	175,951
1996	3,330	6.1	5.9	6.4	1,132	6.7	6.3	7.0	541,958	170,105
1997	3,094	5.9	5.7	6.1	994	6.1	5.7	6.5	527,268	163,030
1998	3,177	6.1	5.8	6.3	951	6.0	5.6	6.3	524,442	159,555

**Source:** 1990-1998 birth and fetal death records from California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics

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