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# Eagle County Births and Deaths 2005

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**Selected birth characteristics: Eagle county residents, 2005**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total Live Births</b>	782	100.0
<b>Age of Mother</b>		
10-17	19	2.4
18-19	40	5.1
20-29	307	39.3
30+	416	53.2
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	73	9.3
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	8	1.0
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	174	22.6
No Prenatal Care	*	*
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	69	8.8
<b>Education of Mother &lt;12 Years</b>	237	30.3
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	187	23.9
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	21	2.7

*\* indicates one or two events in the category.*

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*Percentages are of total births, excluding cases with specific characteristics unknown.*

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Selected birth characteristics by age group of mother: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Characteristic	All Ages		10-17		18-19		20-29		30+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total Live Births</b>	782	100.0	19	100.0	40	100.0	307	100.0	416	100.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity of Mother</b>										
White Non-Hispanic	409	52.3	*	*	4	10.0	103	33.6	300	72.1
White Hispanic	365	46.7	17	89.5	36	90.0	202	65.8	110	26.4
Black	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Other	7	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	6	1.4
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	73	9.3	4	21.1	4	10.0	23	7.5	42	10.1
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	8	1.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	6	1.4
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	174	22.6	14	73.7	24	60.0	84	27.9	52	12.7
No Prenatal Care	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	69	8.8	*	*	3	7.5	26	8.5	39	9.4
<b>Education of Mother &lt;12 Years</b>	237	30.3	17	89.5	27	67.5	128	41.7	65	15.6
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	187	23.9	14	73.7	30	75.0	101	32.9	42	10.1
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	21	2.7	*	*	*	*	15	4.9	3	0.7

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**Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Characteristic	White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian		American Indian	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Characteristic</b>										
<b>Total Live Births</b>	409	100.0	365	100.0	*	*	7	100.0	0	0.0
<b>Age of Mother</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>10-17</b>	*	*	17	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>18-19</b>	4	1.0	36	9.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>20-29</b>	103	25.2	202	55.3	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
<b>30+</b>	300	73.3	110	30.1	0	0.0	6	85.7	0	0.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	40	9.8	32	8.8	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
<b>Very Low Weight Births (&lt;1,500 Grams)</b>	6	1.5	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	32	8.0	139	38.3	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	35	8.6	32	8.8	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
<b>Education of Mother &lt;12 Years</b>	15	3.7	222	60.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	36	8.8	150	41.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	14	3.4	6	1.6	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0

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## Live births and fertility rates by age group of mother: Eagle county residents, 2005

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate
All Ages	782	11,044	70.8
<b>Teen Age Groups</b>			
13-14	0	604	0.0
15-17	19	933	20.4
18-19	40	521	76.8
10-17	19	2,432	7.8
10-19	59	2,953	20.0
<b>All Age Groups</b>			
10-14	0	1,499	0.0
15-19	59	1,454	40.6
20-24	132	1,022	129.2
25-29	175	1,752	99.9
30-34	227	2,421	93.8
35-39	148	2,306	64.2
40-49	41	4,048	10.1

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*Rates are live births per 1,000 female population in each age group.*

*Population data for 'all ages' are females ages 15-44.*

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Vital statistics summary: Eagle county residents, 1995, 2001-2005**

	1995	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001-2005 Annual Average
<b>Total Population</b>	30,882	44,821	45,820	46,930	47,982	49,373	46,985
<b>Total Births</b>							
Number	450	792	793	808	771	782	789
Birth Rate	14.6	17.7	17.3	17.2	16.1	15.8	16.8
General Fertility Rate	54.5	72.1	72.3	73.6	70.5	70.8	71.9
<b>Age of Mother 10-17</b>							
Number	19	17	25	23	19	19	21
Percent of Total Births	4.2	2.1	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.6
Fertility Rate	13.7	8.0	11.1	9.9	8.1	7.8	9.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>							
Number	39	62	75	90	51	73	70
Percent	8.7	7.8	9.5	11.1	6.6	9.3	8.9
<b>Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester</b>							
Number	110	222	244	197	152	174	198
Percent	24.8	28.0	30.8	24.4	19.8	22.6	25.2
<b>Births to Unmarried Women</b>							
Number	58	152	169	173	181	187	172
Percent	12.9	19.2	21.3	21.4	23.5	23.9	21.8
<b>Mother's Education &lt;12 Years</b>							
Number	97	242	263	268	209	237	244
Percent	21.9	30.6	33.3	33.4	27.3	30.5	31.1
<b>Infant Deaths</b>							
Number	*	*	3	5	*	*	*
Rate	*	*	3.8	6.2	*	*	*

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*Fertility rates for mothers ages 10-17 are births per 1,000 females of this age group.*

*Infant and neonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.*

*Other death rates are per 100,000 population.*

*Age-adjusted rates are adjusted to the 2000 U.S. population using the direct method applied to 10-year age groups.*

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**Vital statistics summary: Eagle county residents, 1995, 2001-2005**

	1995	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001-2005 Annual Average
<b>Neonatal Deaths</b>							
Number	*	*	3	*	*	*	*
Rate	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>							
Number	58	87	79	91	93	87	87
Crude Rate	187.8	194.1	172.4	193.9	193.8	176.2	186.0
Age-Adjusted Rate	665.3	567.6	454.0	562.6	547.5	447.9	513.9
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>							
Number	9	21	15	25	29	28	24
Age-Adjusted Rate	170.0	185.3	166.3	180.7	235.4	210.5	197.7
<b>Heart Disease</b>							
Number	4	19	9	17	24	18	17
Age-Adjusted Rate	58.1	170.7	76.4	97.2	199.8	131.0	136.2
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>							
Number	4	*	4	5	4	9	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	101.8	*	63.7	37.3	25.5	64.2	41.8
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>							
Number	16	19	19	19	29	19	21
Age-Adjusted Rate	191.9	117.7	96.1	101.5	152.6	84.9	110.0
<b>Lung Cancer</b>							
Number	*	6	4	7	*	*	4
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	31.7	36.6	43.6	*	*	23.2
<b>Breast Cancer</b>							
Number	0	0	6	0	*	*	*

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	1995	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001-2005 Annual Average
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	0.0	0.0	17.8	0.0	*	*	*
<b>Total Unintentional Injuries</b>							
<b>Number</b>	12	15	20	22	13	15	17
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	39.2	56.2	47.4	63.4	24.7	40.2	45.8
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>							
<b>Number</b>	9	7	13	12	6	5	9
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	27.1	12.7	24.0	29.4	13.1	9.8	17.7
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>							
<b>Number</b>	3	8	7	10	7	10	8
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	12.1	43.5	23.4	34.0	11.7	30.4	28.0
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>							
<b>Number</b>	4	*	3	3	3	3	*
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	71.0	*	38.1	27.6	17.6	18.5	*
<b>Suicide</b>							
<b>Number</b>	4	5	7	4	*	*	4
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	12.9	11.5	24.0	31.2	*	*	14.6
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>							
<b>Number</b>	0	*	*	0	0	*	*
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	0.0	*	*	0.0	0.0	*	*
<b>Work-Related Injury</b>							
<b>Number</b>	*	*	*	*	0	*	*
<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	*	*	*	*	0.0	*	*

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**Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	All Races		White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian		American Indian	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Total</b>	87	100.0	68	100.0	19	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	28	32.2	23	33.8	5	26.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Heart Disease	18	20.7	17	25.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	10.3	6	8.8	3	15.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>	19	21.8	17	25.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	3	3.4	3	4.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	15	17.2	9	13.2	6	31.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	5	5.7	3	4.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	10	11.5	6	8.8	4	21.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suicide	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Homicide and Legal Intervention	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Septicemia	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Congenital Anomalies	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	12	13.8	10	14.7	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Injury by Firearm	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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*\* indicates one or two events in the category.*

*Percentages are of total deaths of each race/ethnicity category.*

*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	All Races		White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian		American Indian	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Drug-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	3	3.4	3	4.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Work-Related Injury	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

*\* indicates one or two events in the category.*

*Percentages are of total deaths of each race/ethnicity category.*

*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths and age-specific death rates: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
All Ages	87	49,373	1.8
Infant	*	782	*
Neonatal	*	782	*
1-4	*	3,314	*
5-9	0	3,397	0.0
10-14	0	3,175	0.0
15-19	*	2,879	*
20-24	4	2,288	1.7
25-29	4	4,127	1.0
30-34	3	5,689	0.5
35-39	6	5,212	1.2
40-44	5	4,451	1.1
45-49	7	4,210	1.7
50-54	4	3,533	1.1
55-59	8	2,658	3.0
60-64	4	1,641	2.4
65-69	6	920	6.5
70-74	8	515	15.5
75-79	*	313	*
80-84	9	170	52.9
85+	13	102	127.5
1-14	*	9,886	*
15-24	6	5,167	1.2
25-64	41	31,521	1.3
65+	37	2,020	18.3

*\* indicates one or two events in the category.  
 Infant death is death in the first year of life. Neonatal death is death occurring prior to the 28th day of life.  
 Infant and neonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births. Other death rates are per 1,000 population of the age group.  
 Population figures for infant and neonatal groups are live births.  
 Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths and age-specific death rates from selected causes: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	<1		1-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
All Causes	*	*	*	*	6	1.2	18	0.9	23	1.9	37	18.3
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	7	0.6	18	8.9
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.6	11	5.4
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	6	3.0
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	9	0.7	7	3.5
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.5
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.6	8	0.4	*	*	3	1.5
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	5	0.3	*	*	3	1.5
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Septicemia	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Congenital Anomalies	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.2	5	0.4	3	1.5
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0

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*Infant (<1 year) mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.*

*Other rates are deaths per 1,000 population of the age group.*

*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths and age-specific death rates from selected causes: Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	<1		1-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.2	0	0.0
Work-Related Injury	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths, crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates with 95% confidence limits from selected causes:  
Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	87	176.2	447.9	324.9	570.9
Cardiovascular Disease	28	56.7	210.5	117.0	303.9
Heart Disease	18	36.5	131.0	56.5	205.5
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	18.2	64.2	43.8	88.5
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	19	38.5	84.9	32.0	137.9
Lung Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	3	6.1	18.5	8.4	32.4
Unintentional Injuries	15	30.4	40.2	14.6	65.9
Motor Vehicle	5	10.1	9.8	3.0	20.5
Other Unintentional Injuries	9	18.2	29.0	16.0	46.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	*	*	*	*	*
Suicide	*	*	*	*	*
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	*	*	*	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention	*	*	*	*	*
Septicemia	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Congenital Anomalies	*	*	*	*	*
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All Other	12	24.3	44.9	7.5	82.3

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*\* indicates one or two events in the category.*

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

**Deaths, crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates with 95% confidence limits from selected causes:  
Eagle county residents, 2005**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Injury by Firearm	*	*	*	*	*
Drug-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	3	6.1	5.8	1.0	14.5
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	*	*	*	*	*

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