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# La Plata County Births and Deaths 2007

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## Selected birth characteristics: La Plata County residents, 2007

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	633	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	23	3.6
18-19	32	5.1
20-29	309	48.8
30+	269	42.5
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	46	7.3
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	7	1.1
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	201	32.0
No Prenatal Care	7	1.1
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	50	7.9
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	72	11.5
Live Births to Unmarried Women	180	28.7
Smoking During Pregnancy	67	10.6

*"Education of Mother," "Births to Unmarried Women," and "Smoking During Pregnancy" are among items collected in 2007, using the revised birth certificate, that are not directly comparable to data collected before 2007. See notes page at end of report for details of these revised data items.*

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

*Sums may not add to total due to cases with age of mother unknown.*

*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: La Plata County residents, 2007

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>	633	100.0	23	100.0	32	100.0	309	100.0	269	100.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity of Mother</b>										
White Non-Hispanic	455	72.7	5	22.7	16	50.0	204	67.1	230	85.8
White Hispanic	73	11.7	8	36.4	8	25.0	42	13.8	15	5.6
Black	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	98	15.7	9	40.9	8	25.0	58	19.1	23	8.6
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	46	7.3	0	0.0	4	12.5	23	7.4	19	7.1
<b>Very Low Weight Births (&lt;1,500 Grams)</b>	7	1.1	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	5	1.9
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	201	32.0	12	52.2	13	40.6	109	35.7	67	25.0
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	7	1.1	*	*	0	0.0	4	1.3	*	*
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	50	7.9	*	*	4	12.5	30	9.7	15	5.6
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	72	11.5	20	87.0	6	18.8	40	13.1	6	2.3
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	180	28.4	22	95.7	24	75.0	107	34.6	27	10.0
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	67	10.6	*	*	7	21.9	45	14.6	14	5.2

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## Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: La Plata County residents, 2007

Characteristic	White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian American/Pacific Islander		American Indian/Native Alaskan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total Live Births</b>	455	100.0	73	100.0	0	0.0	7	100.0	66	100.0
<b>Age of Mother</b>										
<b>10-17</b>	5	1.1	8	11.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	10.6
<b>18-19</b>	16	3.5	8	11.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	7.6
<b>20-29</b>	204	44.8	42	57.5	0	0.0	3	42.9	44	66.7
<b>30+</b>	230	50.5	15	20.5	0	0.0	4	57.1	10	15.2
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	31	6.8	5	6.8	0	0.0	*	*	6	9.1
<b>Very Low Weight Births (&lt;1,500 Grams)</b>	5	1.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	118	26.1	29	39.7	0	0.0	5	71.4	29	45.3
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	4.7
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	34	7.5	5	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	12.1
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	22	4.8	24	33.8	0	0.0	*	*	14	21.9
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	89	19.6	32	43.8	0	0.0	*	*	41	62.1
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	49	10.8	9	12.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	9.1

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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.***

**Live births and fertility rates with 95% confidence limits by age group of mother: La Plata County residents, 2007**

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Ages	633	10,268	61.6	56.9	66.3
<b>Teen Age Groups</b>					
13-14	*	580	*	*	*
15-17	21	983	21.4	11.8	30.9
18-19	32	1,050	30.5	19.6	41.3
10-17	23	2,474	9.3	5.3	13.3
10-19	55	3,524	15.6	11.4	19.8
<b>All Age Groups</b>					
10-14	*	1,491	*	*	*
15-19	53	2,033	26.1	18.9	33.2
20-24	128	1,725	74.2	61.5	86.9
25-29	181	1,323	136.8	117.9	155.7
30-34	157	1,773	88.6	75.0	102.1
35-39	90	1,668	54.0	42.8	65.1
40-49	21	3,840	5.5	3.0	7.9

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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: La Plata County residents, 1997, 2003-2007

	1997	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007 Annual Average
<b>Total Population</b>	40,319	46,782	47,352	48,226	49,001	49,754	48,223
<b>Total Births</b>							
Number	414	522	496	534	555	633	548
Birth Rate	10.3	11.2	10.5	11.1	11.3	12.7	11.4
General Fertility Rate	43.8	51.1	48.8	52.4	54.4	61.6	53.7
<b>Age of Mother 10-17</b>							
Number	25	14	8	9	12	23	13
Percent of Total Births	6.0	2.7	1.6	1.7	2.2	3.6	2.4
Fertility Rate	11.5	5.8	3.3	3.7	4.8	9.3	5.4
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>							
Number	33	42	31	54	54	46	45
Percent	8.0	8.0	6.3	10.1	9.7	7.3	8.3
<b>Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>							
Number	67	191	173	194	221	201	196
Percent	16.3	36.7	35.1	36.5	40.0	32.0	36.0
<b>Births to Unmarried Women</b>							
Number	110	150	141	128	145	180	
Percent	26.6	28.7	28.4	24.0	26.1	28.4	
<b>Mother's Education &lt;12 Years</b>							
Number	52	59	55	50	68	72	
Percent	12.9	11.3	11.1	9.4	12.3	11.4	
<b>Infant Deaths</b>							
Number	3	*	*	3	*	0	*
Rate	7.2	*	*	5.6	*	0.0	*
<b>Neonatal Deaths</b>							
Number	3	0	*	*	*	0	*
Rate	7.2	0.0	*	*	*	0.0	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>							
Number	225	274	247	286	285	276	274
Crude Rate	558.0	585.7	521.6	593.0	581.6	554.7	567.4
Age-Adjusted Rate	725.0	717.5	637.3	730.7	696.0	655.6	686.7
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>							
Number	71	81	77	87	84	96	85
Age-Adjusted Rate	248.3	226.0	212.3	230.4	216.0	244.1	226.0
<b>Heart Disease</b>							
Number	55	63	59	63	73	84	68
Age-Adjusted Rate	193.2	173.2	160.3	162.1	188.0	212.3	179.9

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

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## Vital statistics summary: La Plata County residents, 1997, 2003-2007

	1997	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007 Annual Average
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>							
Number	16	14	15	20	10	7	13
Age-Adjusted Rate	55.1	41.5	42.7	57.0	25.2	18.4	36.5
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>							
Number	55	65	61	60	69	60	63
Age-Adjusted Rate	178.0	160.7	150.2	149.1	163.4	135.3	151.6
<b>Lung Cancer</b>							
Number	16	13	14	14	16	18	15
Age-Adjusted Rate	53.5	33.1	33.4	37.6	38.9	46.5	38.0
<b>Breast Cancer</b>							
Number	7	8	5	8	7	3	6
Age-Adjusted Rate	20.9	15.9	13.3	18.7	16.0	7.2	14.1
<b>Total Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	32	28	14	18	26	32	24
Age-Adjusted Rate	78.7	58.1	32.1	36.7	52.8	70.0	50.1
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>							
Number	19	13	9	9	13	15	12
Age-Adjusted Rate	41.7	24.8	19.8	19.5	25.0	30.2	23.8
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	13	15	5	9	13	17	12
Age-Adjusted Rate	37.0	33.3	12.3	17.2	27.7	39.8	26.3
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>							
Number	11	15	10	22	10	11	14
Age-Adjusted Rate	38.1	40.1	24.8	59.4	23.4	27.0	34.7
<b>Suicide</b>							
Number	11	13	8	6	8	8	9
Age-Adjusted Rate	28.0	28.3	16.3	10.2	16.2	14.5	17.1
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>							
Number	*	*	*	*	*	4	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	*	*	*	*	7.6	*
<b>Work-Related Injury</b>							
Number	0	0	0	5	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	*	*	*

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## Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: La Plata County residents, 2007

Cause of Death	All Races		White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian American/Pacific Islander		American Indian/Native Alaskan	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Total</b>	276	100.0	237	100.0	22	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	100.0
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	96	34.8	84	35.4	10	45.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Heart Disease	84	30.4	72	30.4	10	45.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	2.5	7	3.0	0	0.0	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>	60	21.7	55	23.2	3	13.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Lung Cancer	18	6.5	15	6.3	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Breast Cancer	3	1.1	3	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease</b>	11	4.0	9	3.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	32	11.6	27	11.4	3	13.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Motor Vehicle	15	5.4	13	5.5	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	17	6.2	14	5.9	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Pneumonia and Influenza</b>	5	1.8	4	1.7	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Suicide</b>	8	2.9	8	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	5	1.8	4	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>HIV Infection</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis</b>	8	2.9	5	2.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	8	2.9	8	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>	4	1.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	17.6
<b>Septicemia</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Congenital Anomalies</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Perinatal Period Conditions</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>All Other</b>	35	12.7	30	12.7	3	13.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Injury by Firearm</b>	6	2.2	5	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Drug-Induced Deaths</b>	9	3.3	9	3.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alcohol-Induced Deaths</b>	6	2.2	4	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)</b>	*	*	*	*	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: La Plata County residents, 2007

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	276	49,754	5.5
Infant	0	633	0.0
Neonatal	0	633	0.0
1-4	*	2,180	*
5-9	0	2,663	0.0
10-14	*	2,917	*
15-19	7	4,133	1.7
20-24	*	3,715	*
25-29	3	2,801	1.1
30-34	3	3,860	0.8
35-39	6	3,475	1.7
40-44	10	3,428	2.9
45-49	7	4,134	1.7
50-54	10	4,375	2.3
55-59	16	3,799	4.2
60-64	18	2,598	6.9
65-69	16	1,569	10.2
70-74	22	1,326	16.6
75-79	33	998	33.1
80-84	42	659	63.7
85+	78	552	141.3
1-14	3	7,760	0.4
15-24	9	7,848	1.1
25-64	73	28,470	2.6
65+	191	5,104	37.4

\* 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: La Plata County residents, 2007

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	0	0.0	3	0.4	9	1.1	22	1.6	51	3.4	191	37.4
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	11	0.7	83	16.3
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	11	0.7	71	13.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	1.4
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	*	*	*	*	15	1.0	43	8.4
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	3.5
Breast Cancer	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	*	*	9	1.8
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	*	*	5	0.6	9	0.7	6	0.4	10	2.0
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	*	*	4	0.5	5	0.4	3	0.2	*	*
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	4	0.3	3	0.2	8	1.6
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	4	0.8
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.2	4	0.3	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.6
HIV Infection	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	*	*	5	0.3	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	1.6
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
Septicemia	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	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	4	0.3	27	5.3
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.3	5	0.3	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	5	0.3	0	0.0
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	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, crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates with 95% confidence limits from selected causes:  
La Plata County residents, 2007**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	276	554.7	655.6	579.3	731.9
Cardiovascular Disease	96	192.9	244.1	195.7	292.6
Heart Disease	84	168.8	212.3	167.0	257.6
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	14.1	18.4	8.4	32.3
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	60	120.6	135.3	100.4	170.3
Lung Cancer	18	36.2	46.5	25.0	68.0
Breast Cancer	3	6.0	7.2	1.7	16.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	11	22.1	27.0	14.5	43.3
Unintentional Injuries	32	64.3	70.0	45.3	94.8
Motor Vehicle	15	30.1	30.2	14.7	45.8
Other Unintentional Injuries	16	32.2	37.4	18.8	56.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	5	10.0	13.3	5.1	25.3
Suicide	8	16.1	14.5	5.9	27.0
Diabetes Mellitus	5	10.0	10.5	3.4	21.5
HIV Infection	*	*	*	*	*
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	8	16.1	14.7	6.0	27.3
Alzheimer's Disease	8	16.1	22.0	10.9	36.9
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	*	*	*	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention	4	8.0	7.6	1.9	17.2
Septicemia	*	*	*	*	*
Congenital Anomalies	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All Other	35	70.3	88.6	59.0	118.2
Injury by Firearm	6	12.1	11.0	3.7	22.2
Drug-Induced Deaths	9	18.1	16.6	7.2	29.9
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	6	12.1	9.2	2.7	19.6
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	*	*	*	*	*

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

*Rates are deaths per 100,000 population.*

*Crude death rates are calculated without age-adjustment.*

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

*Age-adjusted rates provide a better basis for comparison among different geographical areas or time periods.*

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

## Notes Regarding Colorado's Revised Certificate of Live Birth

These tables contain Colorado birth data that were collected using the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised) and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (revised)<sup>1,2,3</sup>. Colorado's birth registration system used the unrevised certificate for births through calendar year 2006; while births in 2007 through the present were registered using the revised certificate. Among the differences in the revised birth certificate are changes to the following data items:

- Mother's and father's race, captures multiple race identification instead of single race identification
- Mother's and father's education, captures highest degree attained instead of total years of education
- Mother's marital status at time of birth, captures never married, married, widowed, separated, and divorced instead of just married or unmarried
- Cigarette smoking before and during pregnancy, captures levels of smoking in each trimester instead of just smoking any time during pregnancy

And the addition of the following data items:

- Method of delivery includes fetal presentation and trial of labor prior to cesarean delivery
- Pre-pregnancy weight, weight at delivery and height, used to calculate Body Mass Index
- Congenital anomalies, certain conditions have been added or removed
- Fertility therapy
- Did mother get WIC food for herself during this pregnancy
- Infections during pregnancy
- Maternal morbidity
- Breast feeding
- Principal source of payment for the delivery

Data items noted above that were collected using both the unrevised certificate and the revised certificate are not directly comparable. Analyses of birth data for time periods that include both revised and unrevised data should be performed with caution.

To facilitate analyses of births by race, the multiple race identification in revised certificates has been bridged back to a single race using a system developed by the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention<sup>4</sup>. *Please note*, however, that there has been an increase in the number of births reported with "other" or "unknown" maternal and paternal race and/or Hispanic ethnicity in 2007 compared to previous years. This is likely attributable to the change to the revised certificate.

The Health Statistics Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is available to assist with analyses of these data, as well as to answer questions one might have regarding the revised certificate and the affected data items. For further information or assistance, please contact the Health Statistics Section at **(303) 692-2160** or by e-mail at [health.statistics@state.co.us](mailto:health.statistics@state.co.us).

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