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# Rio Grande County Births and Deaths 2007

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## Selected birth characteristics: Rio Grande County residents, 2007

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	154	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	18	11.7
18-19	19	12.3
20-29	80	51.9
30+	37	24.0
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	21	13.6
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	5	3.2
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	55	36.9
No Prenatal Care	4	2.7
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	18	11.8
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	40	27.8
Live Births to Unmarried Women	51	33.6
Smoking During Pregnancy	16	10.5

*"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: Rio Grande County residents, 2007

Characteristic	All Ages		10-17		18-19		20-29		30+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	154	100.0	18	100.0	19	100.0	80	100.0	37	100.0
Race/Ethnicity of Mother										
White Non-Hispanic	56	59.6	*	*	3	50.0	30	60.0	21	72.4
White Hispanic	33	35.1	5	55.6	3	50.0	17	34.0	8	27.6
Black	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	4	4.3	*	*	0	0.0	3	6.0	0	0.0
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	21	13.6	4	22.2	*	*	11	13.8	5	13.5
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	5	3.2	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	55	36.9	12	66.7	8	47.1	25	31.6	10	28.6
No Prenatal Care	4	2.7	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	18	11.8	3	17.6	0	0.0	7	8.8	8	21.6
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	40	27.8	14	82.4	5	33.3	16	21.3	5	13.5
Live Births to Unmarried Women	51	33.1	12	66.7	12	63.2	20	25.0	7	18.9
Smoking During Pregnancy	16	10.5	*	*	*	*	12	15.2	*	*

***"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.***

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

**Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: Rio Grande 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>	56	100.0	33	100.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Age of Mother</b>										
<b>10-17</b>	*	*	5	15.2	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>18-19</b>	3	5.4	3	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>20-29</b>	30	53.6	17	51.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>30+</b>	21	37.5	8	24.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	5	8.9	8	24.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Very Low Weight Births (&lt;1,500 Grams)</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	19	35.2	14	43.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	3	5.6	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	6	10.7	6	18.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	10	17.9	13	39.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	11	19.6	15	45.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	4	7.3	4	12.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*

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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: Rio Grande County residents, 2007**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Births</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Fertility Rate</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>	<b>Upper Limit</b>
<b>All Ages</b>	154	2,170	71.0	59.9	82.0
<b>Teen Age Groups</b>					
<b>13-14</b>	*	205	*	*	*
<b>15-17</b>	16	259	61.8	30.5	93.0
<b>18-19</b>	19	156	121.8	67.3	176.3
<b>10-17</b>	18	731	24.6	12.7	36.5
<b>10-19</b>	37	887	41.7	28.0	55.4
<b>All Age Groups</b>					
<b>10-14</b>	*	472	*	*	*
<b>15-19</b>	35	415	84.3	56.4	112.3
<b>20-24</b>	42	367	114.4	80.5	148.4
<b>25-29</b>	38	303	125.4	86.5	164.4
<b>30-34</b>	23	293	78.5	46.0	111.0
<b>35-39</b>	14	372	37.6	17.0	58.3
<b>40-49</b>	0	910	0.0	0.0	0.0

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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: Rio Grande County residents, 1997, 2003-2007

	1997	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007 Annual Average
<b>Total Population</b>	11,968	12,832	13,111	13,050	12,825	12,594	12,882
<b>Total Births</b>							
Number	141	168	191	164	188	154	173
Birth Rate	11.8	13.1	14.6	12.6	14.7	12.2	13.4
General Fertility Rate	59.5	69.5	77.4	66.9	82.2	71.0	73.3
<b>Age of Mother 10-17</b>							
Number	12	12	10	13	13	18	13
Percent of Total Births	8.5	7.1	5.2	7.9	6.9	11.7	7.6
Fertility Rate	15.3	15.2	12.5	16.4	17.6	24.6	17.1
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>							
Number	6	19	24	22	17	21	21
Percent	4.3	11.3	12.6	13.4	9.0	13.6	11.9
<b>Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>							
Number	29	40	54	48	57	55	51
Percent	20.6	24.0	28.7	29.6	30.8	36.9	29.8
<b>Births to Unmarried Women</b>							
Number	47	72	78	66	67	51	
Percent	33.3	42.9	40.8	40.2	35.6	33.1	
<b>Mother's Education &lt;12 Years</b>							
Number	39	34	52	57	49	40	
Percent	28.3	21.4	27.8	34.8	26.9	26.0	
<b>Infant Deaths</b>							
Number	0	0	0	*	*	4	*
Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	*	26.0	*
<b>Neonatal Deaths</b>							
Number	0	0	0	*	0	3	*
Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	19.5	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>							
Number	105	148	114	128	143	118	130
Crude Rate	877.3	1153.4	869.5	980.8	1115.0	937.0	1010.7
Age-Adjusted Rate	778.3	999.1	762.7	834.9	896.3	725.9	840.7
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>							
Number	40	50	51	42	45	44	46
Age-Adjusted Rate	287.9	329.3	344.5	271.7	266.4	260.5	293.4
<b>Heart Disease</b>							
Number	29	33	32	29	36	34	33
Age-Adjusted Rate	208.8	216.2	219.6	187.7	214.5	201.1	208.4

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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: Rio Grande County residents, 1997, 2003-2007

	1997	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007 Annual Average
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>							
Number	11	16	15	9	8	8	11
Age-Adjusted Rate	79.0	106.7	98.2	57.9	46.2	48.0	70.2
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>							
Number	24	29	17	21	30	25	24
Age-Adjusted Rate	178.7	199.9	112.4	136.4	186.8	154.3	158.0
<b>Lung Cancer</b>							
Number	6	4	5	4	5	9	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	44.3	26.4	32.7	26.2	29.7	53.3	34.0
<b>Breast Cancer</b>							
Number	*	5	*	*	3	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	36.8	*	*	18.2	*	*
<b>Total Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	6	8	6	9	12	5	8
Age-Adjusted Rate	49.4	57.2	43.3	60.5	92.1	37.7	57.6
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>							
Number	5	4	4	0	5	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	42.6	30.9	27.1	0.0	43.5	*	*
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	*	4	*	9	7	4	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	26.3	*	60.5	48.6	31.6	36.1
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>							
Number	9	9	5	9	11	5	8
Age-Adjusted Rate	64.3	60.6	31.2	57.6	64.9	29.4	48.7
<b>Suicide</b>							
Number	3	*	*	*	4	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	25.2	*	*	*	33.2	0.0	*
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>							
Number	0	0	*	0	0	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
<b>Work-Related Injury</b>							
Number	0	*	0	0	0	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	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 from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Rio Grande 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>	118	100.0	78	100.0	39	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	44	37.3	28	35.9	16	41.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Heart Disease	34	28.8	24	30.8	10	25.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	6.8	*	*	6	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>	25	21.2	21	26.9	3	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	9	7.6	6	7.7	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease</b>	5	4.2	3	3.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	5	4.2	3	3.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	4	3.4	3	3.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Pneumonia and Influenza</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Suicide</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	9	7.6	3	3.8	6	15.4	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	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	5	4.2	3	3.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<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
<b>Perinatal Period Conditions</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>All Other</b>	19	16.1	14	17.9	5	12.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Injury by Firearm</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Drug-Induced Deaths</b>	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alcohol-Induced Deaths</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	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	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: Rio Grande County residents, 2007

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	118	12,594	9.4
Infant	4	154	26.0
Neonatal	3	154	19.5
1-4	0	687	0.0
5-9	0	907	0.0
10-14	0	906	0.0
15-19	0	837	0.0
20-24	0	803	0.0
25-29	0	600	0.0
30-34	0	596	0.0
35-39	0	705	0.0
40-44	3	788	3.8
45-49	4	962	4.2
50-54	4	993	4.0
55-59	6	875	6.9
60-64	4	664	6.0
65-69	8	603	13.3
70-74	16	485	33.0
75-79	10	429	23.3
80-84	24	312	76.9
85+	35	276	126.8
1-14	0	2,500	0.0
15-24	0	1,640	0.0
25-64	21	6,183	3.4
65+	93	2,105	44.2

\* 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: Rio Grande 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	4	26.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.1	18	5.2	93	44.2
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	2.0	37	17.6
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.1	30	14.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	6	2.9
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	4	1.1	20	9.5
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	8	3.8
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	5	2.4
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.9	*	*
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.9	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	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	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	8	3.8
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	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.4
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	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
Perinatal Period Conditions	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.9	14	6.7
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	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	0	0.0

\* indicates one or two events in the category.

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:  
Rio Grande County residents, 2007**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	118	937.0	725.9	596.8	855.1
Cardiovascular Disease	44	349.4	260.5	184.4	336.5
Heart Disease	34	270.0	201.1	134.2	268.1
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	63.5	48.0	17.4	93.9
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	*
Malignant Neoplasms	25	198.5	154.3	93.2	215.3
Lung Cancer	9	71.5	53.3	20.6	101.3
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	5	39.7	29.4	7.1	67.0
Unintentional Injuries	5	39.7	37.7	11.4	79.2
Motor Vehicle	*	*	*	*	*
Other Unintentional Injuries	4	31.8	31.6	8.2	70.2
Pneumonia and Influenza	*	*	*	*	*
Suicide	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	9	71.5	52.4	20.0	100.0
HIV Infection	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	5	39.7	29.0	6.9	66.3
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	*	*	*	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Septicemia	*	*	*	*	*
Congenital Anomalies	*	*	*	*	*
Perinatal Period Conditions	*	*	*	*	*
All Other	19	150.9	120.0	65.2	174.8
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Drug-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

*\* 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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