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Selected birth characteristics: Conejos County residents, 2008

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	118	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	6	5.1
18-19	11	9.3
20-29	69	58.5
30+	32	27.1
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	12	10.2
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	0	0.0
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	28	24.3
No Prenatal Care	*	*
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	10	8.5
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	17	14.5
Live Births to Unmarried Women	21	17.8
Smoking During Pregnancy	7	6.0

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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.

Selected birth characteristics by age group of mother: Conejos County residents, 2008

Characteristic	All Ages		10-17		18-19		20-29		30+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	118	100.0	6	100.0	11	100.0	69	100.0	32	100.0
Race/Ethnicity of Mother										
White Non-Hispanic	44	62.9	0	0.0	*	*	33	71.7	9	47.4
White Hispanic	24	34.3	0	0.0	3	60.0	12	26.1	9	47.4
Black	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	12	10.2	*	*	*	*	7	10.1	3	9.4
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	28	24.3	0	0.0	7	63.6	15	22.4	6	19.4
No Prenatal Care	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	10	8.5	*	*	*	*	6	8.7	*	*
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	17	14.5	6	100.0	3	27.3	4	5.8	4	12.9
Live Births to Unmarried Women	21	17.8	4	66.7	3	27.3	12	17.4	*	*
Smoking During Pregnancy	7	6.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	5.8	3	9.7

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Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: Conejos County residents, 2008

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
Total Live Births	44	100.0	24	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Age of Mother										
10-17	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	*	*	3	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-29	33	75.0	12	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
30+	9	20.5	9	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	*	*	4	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	14	33.3	6	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
No Prenatal Care	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	3	6.8	3	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	3	6.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Live Births to Unmarried Women	*	*	4	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Smoking During Pregnancy	*	*	3	12.5	0	0.0	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: Conejos County residents, 2008

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Ages	118	1,489	79.2	65.2	93.3
Teen Age Groups		*			
13-14	0	140	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-17	6	205	29.3	3.8	54.8
18-19	11	135	81.5	31.6	131.3
10-17	6	571	10.5	1.3	19.7
10-19	17	706	24.1	12.1	36.1
All Age Groups		*			
10-14	0	366	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-19	17	340	50.0	25.4	74.6
20-24	41	297	138.0	97.1	179.0
25-29	28	229	122.3	77.7	166.9
30-34	21	170	123.5	71.1	175.9
35-39	9	209	43.1	13.1	73.0
40-49	*	575	*	*	*

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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: Conejos County residents, 1998, 2004-2008

	1998	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004-2008 Annual Average
Total Population	8,186	8,496	8,492	8,472	8,393	8,385	8,448
Total Births							
Number	127	108	129	107	147	118	122
Birth Rate	15.5	12.7	15.2	12.6	17.5	14.1	14.4
General Fertility Rate	81.1	66.9	81.3	68.2	97.1	79.2	78.3
Age of Mother 10-17							
Number	12	9	10	5	10	6	8
Percent of Total Births	9.4	8.3	7.8	4.7	6.8	5.1	6.6
Fertility Rate	18.6	15.0	16.8	8.6	17.5	10.5	13.7
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)							
Number	9	9	18	9	21	12	14
Percent	7.1	8.3	14.0	8.4	14.3	10.2	11.3
Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care							
Number	27	30	26	33	47	28	33
Percent	21.3	28.3	20.5	30.8	32.2	24.3	27.3
Births to Unmarried Women							
Number	30	49	36	35	34	21	
Percent	23.6	45.4	27.9	32.7	23.1	17.8	
Mother's Education <12 Years							
Number	21	22	20	13	24	17	
Percent	16.7	21.0	15.5	12.9	16.3	14.4	
Infant Deaths							
Number	*	*	*	0	0	*	*
Rate	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	*	*
Neonatal Deaths							
Number	0	*	*	0	0	0	*
Rate	0.0	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
Total Deaths							
Number	89	66	67	71	76	76	71
Crude Rate	1087.2	776.8	789.0	838.1	905.5	906.4	842.8
Age-Adjusted Rate	1025.9	714.5	710.9	756.3	794.9	789.7	753.8
Cardiovascular Disease							
Number	34	19	15	17	24	19	19
Age-Adjusted Rate	386.0	202.0	156.7	172.5	254.6	205.7	198.1
Heart Disease							
Number	27	16	11	15	19	12	15
Age-Adjusted Rate	309.8	164.7	108.7	151.0	203.4	131.1	151.4

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

Vital statistics summary: Conejos County residents, 1998, 2004-2008

	1998	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004-2008 Annual Average
Cerebrovascular Disease							
Number	7	*	3	*	4	4	3
Age-Adjusted Rate	76.2	*	37.8	*	40.9	43.2	34.3
Malignant Neoplasms							
Number	12	11	9	12	13	12	11
Age-Adjusted Rate	132.8	110.4	93.8	120.7	132.2	117.4	115.5
Lung Cancer							
Number	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
Breast Cancer							
Number	*	0	0	0	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	*	*
Total Unintentional Injuries							
Number	4	7	9	5	3	4	6
Age-Adjusted Rate	47.7	84.2	98.9	60.8	39.1	41.4	65.3
Motor Vehicle							
Number	3	3	3	*	*	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	36.4	37.1	29.5	*	*	0.0	*
Other Unintentional Injuries							
Number	*	4	6	4	*	4	4
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	47.1	69.5	49.6	*	41.4	46.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases							
Number	3	4	6	8	*	6	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	36.6	41.4	60.7	81.3	*	63.4	53.5
Suicide							
Number	*	3	*	*	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	44.7	*	*	*	*	*
Homicide and Legal Intervention							
Number	*	0	*	0	0	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
Work-Related Injury							
Number	0	*	0	0	0	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*

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Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Conejos County residents, 2008

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	%
Total	76	100.0	30	100.0	46	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cardiovascular Disease	19	25.0	3	10.0	16	34.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Heart Disease	12	15.8	*	*	10	21.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	5.3	0	0.0	4	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	12	15.8	8	26.7	4	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	*	*	*	*	*	*	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	6	7.9	3	10.0	3	6.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unintentional Injuries	4	5.3	0	0.0	4	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	4	5.3	0	0.0	4	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	4	5.3	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suicide	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	3	3.9	0	0.0	3	6.5	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
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	4	5.3	*	*	*	*	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	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	18	23.7	8	26.7	10	21.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Injury by Firearm	*	*	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
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

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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: Conejos County residents, 2008

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	76	8,385	9.1
Infant	*	118	*
Neonatal	0	118	0.0
1-4	0	493	0.0
5-9	0	627	0.0
10-14	0	689	0.0
15-19	*	681	*
20-24	0	607	0.0
25-29	0	471	0.0
30-34	0	344	0.0
35-39	0	424	0.0
40-44	*	480	*
45-49	4	603	6.6
50-54	*	605	*
55-59	*	560	*
60-64	5	390	12.8
65-69	*	392	*
70-74	7	326	21.5
75-79	14	246	56.9
80-84	12	174	69.0
85+	25	150	166.7
1-14	0	1,809	0.0
15-24	*	1,288	*
25-64	13	3,877	3.4
65+	60	1,288	46.6

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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: Conejos County residents, 2008

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	*	*	*	*	12	5.6	60	46.6
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	16	12.4
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	10	7.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	2.3
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	0	0.0	4	1.9	8	6.2
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	6	4.7
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	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	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	3.1
Suicide	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	0	0.0	3	2.3
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
Alzheimer's Disease	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	4	3.1
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	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	0	0.0	*	*	15	11.6
Injury by Firearm	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	*	*	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	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

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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:
Conejos County residents, 2008

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	76	906.4	789.7	618.3	961.1
Cardiovascular Disease	19	226.6	205.7	113.0	298.3
Heart Disease	12	143.1	131.1	55.9	206.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	47.7	43.2	10.2	99.1
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	*
Malignant Neoplasms	12	143.1	117.4	51.0	183.7
Lung Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	6	71.6	63.4	21.0	128.7
Unintentional Injuries	4	47.7	41.4	9.3	96.3
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	4	47.7	41.4	9.3	96.3
Pneumonia and Influenza	4	47.7	39.4	8.4	93.3
Suicide	*	*	*	*	*
Diabetes Mellitus	3	35.8	29.9	4.3	78.3
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	*	*	*	*	*
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	4	47.7	41.7	9.4	96.8
Homicide and Legal Intervention	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	18	214.7	186.4	101.2	271.6
Injury by Firearm	*	*	*	*	*
Drug-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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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)[1,2,3]. 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[4]. *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 beginning 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**.

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