

Delta County Births and Deaths 2009

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Selected birth characteristics: Delta County residents, 2009

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	347	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	14	4.0
18-19	28	8.1
20-29	213	61.4
30+	92	26.5
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	38	11.0
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	6	1.7
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	97	28.0
No Prenatal Care	5	1.4
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	41	11.8
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	67	19.8
Live Births to Unmarried Women	102	29.4
Smoking During Pregnancy	69	19.9

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

Selected birth characteristics by age group of mother: Delta County residents, 2009

Characteristic	All Ages		10-17		18-19		20-29		30+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	347	100.0	14	100.0	28	100.0	213	100.0	92	100.0
Race/Ethnicity of Mother										
White, Non-Hispanic	266	76.9	10	71.4	20	71.4	161	75.9	75	81.5
White, Hispanic	74	21.4	4	28.6	7	25.0	47	22.2	16	17.4
Black	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian/Native Alaskan	3	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.4	0	0.0
Other	3	0.9	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unknown	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	38	11.0	3	21.4	3	10.7	19	8.9	13	14.1
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	6	1.7	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	97	28.0	6	42.9	10	35.7	56	26.4	25	27.2
No Prenatal Care	5	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.9	*	*
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	41	11.8	*	*	5	17.9	24	11.3	10	11.0
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	67	19.8	12	85.7	7	25.0	39	18.6	9	10.3
Live Births to Unmarried Women	102	29.4	9	64.3	18	64.3	61	28.6	14	15.2
Smoking During Pregnancy	69	19.9	*	*	6	21.4	49	23.0	13	14.1

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Percentage not computed for cells shaded in light gray.

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

Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: Delta County residents, 2009

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	266	100.0	74	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0
Age of Mother										
10-17	10	3.8	4	5.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	20	7.5	7	9.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-29	161	60.5	47	63.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0
30+	75	28.2	16	21.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	24	9.0	13	17.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	3	1.1	3	4.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	75	28.3	21	28.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
No Prenatal Care	5	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	27	10.2	13	17.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	37	14.0	29	43.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Live Births to Unmarried Women	69	25.9	28	37.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0
Smoking During Pregnancy	63	23.7	5	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*

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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: Delta County residents, 2009

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Ages	347	5,384	64.5	57.8	71.1
Teen Age Groups					
13-14	0	413	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-17	14	588	23.8	10.6	37.0
18-19	28	437	64.1	40.0	88.2
10-17	14	1,597	8.8	3.9	13.7
10-19	42	2,034	20.6	14.2	27.1
All Age Groups					
10-14	0	1,009	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-19	42	1,025	41.0	28.4	53.6
20-24	115	961	119.7	98.6	140.7
25-29	98	826	118.6	96.0	141.3
30-34	64	806	79.4	60.1	98.7
35-39	22	879	25.0	14.1	35.9
40-49	6	2,005	3.0	0.4	5.6

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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: Delta County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
Total Population	27,408	30,144	30,572	30,897	31,533	31,970	31,023
Total Births							
Number	309	338	344	364	351	347	349
Birth Rate	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.8	11.1	10.9	11.2
General Fertility Rate	68.7	66.5	66.8	70.0	65.9	64.5	66.7
Age of Mother 10-17							
Number	14	14	11	15	15	14	14
Percent of Total Births	4.5	4.1	3.2	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0
Fertility Rate	9.0	8.6	6.8	9.3	9.2	8.8	8.5
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)							
Number	14	26	21	31	43	38	32
Percent	4.5	7.7	6.1	8.5	12.3	11.0	9.1
Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care							
Number	66	97	103	127	106	97	106
Percent	21.4	30.5	32.2	35.1	30.7	28.0	31.3
Births to Unmarried Women							
Number	73	76	102	96	114	102	
Percent	23.6	22.5	29.7	26.4	32.5	29.4	
Mother's Education <12 Years							
Number	74	77	75	79	91	67	
Percent	24.1	23.4	22.6	22.2	26.4	19.8	
Infant Deaths							
Number	3	0	*	0	*	3	*
Rate	9.7	0.0	*	0.0	*	8.6	*
Neonatal Deaths							
Number	*	0	*	0	*	3	*
Rate	*	0.0	*	0.0	*	8.6	*
Total Deaths							
Number	328	331	323	336	363	342	339
Crude Rate	1196.7	1098.1	1056.5	1087.5	1151.2	1069.8	1092.7
Age-Adjusted Rate	836.1	756.9	734.9	754.5	803.2	752.0	760.6
Cardiovascular Disease							
Number	114	106	119	104	124	110	113
Age-Adjusted Rate	272.9	228.5	257.8	225.6	263.1	224.1	239.8
Heart Disease							
Number	88	84	101	75	95	86	88
Age-Adjusted Rate	211.8	181.4	219.0	164.3	203.7	175.2	188.7

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Birth rates are per 1,000 total population. General fertility rates are births per 1,000 females ages 15-44.

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: Delta County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
Cerebrovascular Disease							
Number	22	14	14	20	22	20	18
Age-Adjusted Rate	50.9	29.8	30.3	42.4	44.6	41.1	37.8
Malignant Neoplasms							
Number	75	65	60	70	76	64	67
Age-Adjusted Rate	186.6	149.4	133.2	160.6	167.1	138.1	149.8
Lung Cancer							
Number	22	12	16	17	25	19	18
Age-Adjusted Rate	52.9	26.7	35.2	38.6	54.3	39.8	39.0
Breast Cancer							
Number	3	5	3	5	*	*	3
Age-Adjusted Rate	7.1	16.5	6.7	11.3	*	*	8.1
Total Unintentional Injuries							
Number	16	18	19	21	20	27	21
Age-Adjusted Rate	54.7	57.6	61.1	63.9	54.7	73.8	62.3
Motor Vehicle							
Number	3	10	9	7	10	8	9
Age-Adjusted Rate	12.7	34.5	31.0	23.0	25.8	22.8	27.3
Other Unintentional Injuries							
Number	13	8	10	14	10	19	12
Age-Adjusted Rate	41.9	23.1	30.1	40.9	28.9	51.0	34.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases							
Number	11	28	16	25	24	24	23
Age-Adjusted Rate	25.7	61.2	34.9	53.7	49.9	49.6	49.8
Suicide							
Number	9	*	3	6	6	7	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	29.7	*	8.5	15.9	18.8	23.8	14.9
Homicide and Legal Intervention							
Number	*	0	*	*	*	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	*	*	*	0.0	*
Work-Related Injury							
Number	3	*	*	*	*	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	11.8	*	*	*	*	0.0	*

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Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Delta County residents, 2009

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	342	100.0	320	100.0	21	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Cardiovascular Disease	110	32.2	102	31.9	8	38.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Heart Disease	86	25.1	80	25.0	6	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	20	5.8	18	5.6	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	64	18.7	58	18.1	6	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	19	5.6	19	5.9	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	24	7.0	24	7.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unintentional Injuries	27	7.9	25	7.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Motor Vehicle	8	2.3	6	1.9	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Other Unintentional Injuries	19	5.6	19	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	13	3.8	12	3.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suicide	7	2.0	7	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	6	1.8	6	1.9	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	8	2.3	8	2.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	9	2.6	9	2.8	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	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	3	0.9	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	69	20.2	66	20.6	3	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Injury by Firearm	5	1.5	5	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Drug-Induced Deaths	9	2.6	9	2.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	6	1.8	6	1.9	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.

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: Delta County residents, 2009

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	342	31,970	10.7
Infant	3	347	8.6
Neonatal	3	347	8.6
1-4	0	1,483	0.0
5-9	0	1,887	0.0
10-14	*	2,043	*
15-19	*	2,146	*
20-24	*	2,031	*
25-29	4	1,785	2.2
30-34	4	1,721	2.3
35-39	4	1,860	2.2
40-44	5	1,825	2.7
45-49	8	2,224	3.6
50-54	7	2,257	3.1
55-59	18	2,204	8.2
60-64	13	2,039	6.4
65-69	31	1,671	18.6
70-74	41	1,446	28.4
75-79	36	1,262	28.5
80-84	48	906	53.0
85+	115	819	140.4
1-14	*	5,413	*
15-24	4	4,177	1.0
25-64	63	15,915	4.0
65+	271	6,104	44.4

* 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: Delta County residents, 2009

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	3	8.6	*	*	4	1.0	17	2.4	46	5.3	271	44.4
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	1.6	96	15.7
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	1.3	75	12.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3	17	2.8
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	*	*	9	1.0	53	8.7
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	18	2.9
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	4	0.5	20	3.3
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	6	0.8	8	0.9	11	1.8
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	0.7
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	4	0.6	7	0.8	7	1.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	2.1
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	4	0.6	0	0.0	*	*
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	5	0.8
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	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	1.3
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	8	1.3
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	0	0.0	0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	3	8.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	4	0.6	9	1.0	54	8.8
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.8	3	0.3	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.6	*	*
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:
Delta County residents, 2009**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	342	1,069.8	752.0	671.8	832.3
Cardiovascular Disease	110	344.1	224.1	182.5	265.7
Heart Disease	86	269.0	175.2	138.3	212.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	20	62.6	41.1	23.0	59.2
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	*
Malignant Neoplasms	64	200.2	138.1	103.8	172.5
Lung Cancer	19	59.4	39.8	21.8	57.8
Breast Cancer	*	*	*	*	*
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	24	75.1	49.6	29.7	69.5
Unintentional Injuries	27	84.5	73.8	44.5	103.0
Motor Vehicle	8	25.0	22.8	9.3	42.4
Other Unintentional Injuries	18	56.3	47.6	24.4	70.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	13	40.7	25.8	11.8	39.8
Suicide	7	21.9	23.8	9.9	43.8
Diabetes Mellitus	6	18.8	14.3	4.2	30.4
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	8	25.0	15.5	4.9	32.1
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	9	28.2	18.3	6.5	36.1
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	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	3	9.4	11.5	2.7	26.2
All Other	69	215.8	152.1	115.2	189.1
Injury by Firearm	5	15.6	15.6	4.8	32.3
Drug-Induced Deaths	9	28.2	31.0	14.6	53.5
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	6	18.8	16.2	5.2	33.3
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)^{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 Prevention⁴. *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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