

Montrose County Births and Deaths 2009

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Selected birth characteristics: Montrose County residents, 2009

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	521	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	16	3.1
18-19	48	9.2
20-29	315	60.5
30+	142	27.3
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	51	9.8
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	4	0.8
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	134	25.8
No Prenatal Care	7	1.3
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	48	9.2
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	128	24.8
Live Births to Unmarried Women	143	27.6
Smoking During Pregnancy	74	14.2

"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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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: Montrose 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	521	100.0	16	100.0	48	100.0	315	100.0	142	100.0
Race/Ethnicity of Mother										
White, Non-Hispanic	340	65.8	7	43.8	28	58.3	203	65.1	102	72.3
White, Hispanic	153	29.6	8	50.0	18	37.5	98	31.4	29	20.6
Black	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	4	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.8
American Indian/Native Alaskan	4	0.8	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	15	2.9	*	*	*	*	8	2.6	5	3.5
Unknown	4		0	0.0	0	0.0	3		*	*
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	51	9.8	*	*	7	14.6	28	8.9	14	9.9
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	4	0.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	134	25.8	8	50.0	19	39.6	84	26.8	23	16.3
No Prenatal Care	7	1.3	0	0.0	*	*	4	1.3	*	*
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	48	9.2	*	*	5	10.4	30	9.5	12	8.5
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	128	24.8	11	73.3	25	52.1	69	22.2	23	16.2
Live Births to Unmarried Women	143	27.4	12	75.0	30	62.5	81	25.7	20	14.1
Smoking During Pregnancy	74	14.2	0	0.0	10	20.8	49	15.6	15	10.6

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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: Montrose 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	340	100.0	153	100.0	*	*	4	100.0	4	100.0
Age of Mother										
10-17	7	2.1	8	5.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	28	8.2	18	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
20-29	203	59.7	98	64.1	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
30+	102	30.0	29	19.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	*	*
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	37	10.9	13	8.5	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	81	24.0	50	32.7	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
No Prenatal Care	6	1.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	36	10.6	11	7.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	43	12.8	75	49.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Live Births to Unmarried Women	88	25.9	49	32.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Smoking During Pregnancy	63	18.5	11	7.2	0	0.0	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: Montrose County residents, 2009

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Ages	521	7,965	65.4	59.9	70.9
Teen Age Groups					
13-14	0	574	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-17	16	878	18.2	8.8	27.6
18-19	48	577	83.2	59.8	106.6
10-17	16	2,312	6.9	3.3	10.5
10-19	64	2,889	22.2	16.6	27.7
All Age Groups					
10-14	0	1,434	0.0	0.0	0.0
15-19	64	1,455	44.0	33.1	54.9
20-24	147	1,284	114.5	96.7	132.3
25-29	168	1,280	131.3	112.4	150.1
30-34	92	1,280	71.9	57.3	86.4
35-39	45	1,363	33.0	23.2	42.9
40-49	5	2,754	1.8	0.0	3.6

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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: Montrose County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
Total Population	32,750	37,701	38,837	40,172	41,161	42,063	39,987
Total Births							
Number	429	521	493	556	568	521	532
Birth Rate	13.1	13.8	12.7	13.8	13.8	12.4	13.3
General Fertility Rate	69.0	74.0	67.8	73.3	73.2	65.4	70.7
Age of Mother 10-17							
Number	19	15	19	27	21	16	20
Percent of Total Births	4.4	2.9	3.9	4.9	3.7	3.1	3.7
Fertility Rate	9.5	6.9	8.6	11.8	9.1	6.9	8.7
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)							
Number	40	42	32	52	61	51	48
Percent	9.3	8.1	6.5	9.4	10.7	9.8	9.0
Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care							
Number	135	222	198	176	172	134	180
Percent	31.5	42.9	40.5	31.9	30.5	25.8	34.2
Births to Unmarried Women							
Number	115	133	141	150	144	143	
Percent	26.8	25.5	28.6	27.0	25.4	27.4	
Mother's Education <12 Years							
Number	116	131	120	165	150	128	
Percent	27.6	26.1	26.3	30.3	26.9	24.8	
Infant Deaths							
Number	*	*	3	6	4	4	4
Rate	*	*	6.1	10.8	7.0	7.7	7.1
Neonatal Deaths							
Number	*	0	3	4	*	*	*
Rate	*	0.0	6.1	7.2	*	*	*
Total Deaths							
Number	309	330	365	386	367	396	369
Crude Rate	943.5	875.3	939.8	960.9	891.6	941.4	922.3
Age-Adjusted Rate	784.7	730.1	766.1	792.3	731.3	759.4	755.9
Cardiovascular Disease							
Number	105	100	119	98	106	111	107
Age-Adjusted Rate	260.1	212.2	241.8	193.3	207.1	204.6	211.3
Heart Disease							
Number	80	77	87	75	79	81	80
Age-Adjusted Rate	198.1	164.2	175.7	148.6	152.7	150.2	157.8

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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: Montrose County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
Cerebrovascular Disease							
Number	20	16	23	19	22	21	20
Age-Adjusted Rate	49.2	33.2	48.0	36.6	44.5	38.1	40.1
Malignant Neoplasms							
Number	86	69	70	92	93	90	83
Age-Adjusted Rate	218.4	153.2	147.9	190.1	186.9	174.6	171.2
Lung Cancer							
Number	21	18	28	24	20	20	22
Age-Adjusted Rate	52.6	39.3	59.5	48.8	39.8	38.0	45.0
Breast Cancer							
Number	7	*	*	*	8	9	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	18.1	*	*	*	15.9	18.9	9.8
Total Unintentional Injuries							
Number	9	18	20	26	29	38	26
Age-Adjusted Rate	23.7	47.4	47.2	56.9	65.9	78.4	59.5
Motor Vehicle							
Number	*	5	5	3	11	9	7
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	13.4	12.5	7.8	26.3	19.0	16.0
Other Unintentional Injuries							
Number	7	13	15	23	18	29	20
Age-Adjusted Rate	18.7	34.0	34.7	49.0	39.6	59.4	43.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases							
Number	24	22	32	33	30	28	29
Age-Adjusted Rate	60.7	47.4	66.6	65.4	57.9	52.4	58.0
Suicide							
Number	3	11	6	11	6	11	9
Age-Adjusted Rate	10.0	29.5	13.8	27.7	13.9	23.9	21.8
Homicide and Legal Intervention							
Number	0	*	*	*	0	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	*	*	*	0.0	*	*
Work-Related Injury							
Number	0	0	*	3	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	0.0	*	6.9	*	*	*

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Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Montrose 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	396	100.0	368	100.0	24	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0
Cardiovascular Disease	111	28.0	107	29.1	3	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Heart Disease	81	20.5	78	21.2	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Cerebrovascular Disease	21	5.3	21	5.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	3	0.8	3	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Malignant Neoplasms	90	22.7	83	22.6	7	29.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	20	5.1	18	4.9	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Breast Cancer	9	2.3	8	2.2	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	28	7.1	27	7.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Unintentional Injuries	38	9.6	37	10.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	9	2.3	8	2.2	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	29	7.3	29	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	8	2.0	7	1.9	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suicide	11	2.8	9	2.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Diabetes Mellitus	9	2.3	7	1.9	*	*	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	4	1.0	3	0.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alzheimer's Disease	10	2.5	10	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	3	0.8	*	*	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	7	1.8	6	1.6	*	*	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
All Other	74	18.7	67	18.2	7	29.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Injury by Firearm	11	2.8	9	2.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Drug-Induced Deaths	7	1.8	7	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	9	2.3	9	2.4	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

* 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: Montrose County residents, 2009

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	396	42,063	9.4
Infant	4	521	7.7
Neonatal	*	521	*
1-4	0	2,217	0.0
5-9	*	2,878	*
10-14	0	2,930	0.0
15-19	0	2,956	0.0
20-24	*	2,628	*
25-29	3	2,631	1.1
30-34	3	2,531	1.2
35-39	5	2,674	1.9
40-44	3	2,665	1.1
45-49	12	2,904	4.1
50-54	17	2,965	5.7
55-59	19	2,637	7.2
60-64	29	2,325	12.5
65-69	31	1,782	17.4
70-74	39	1,538	25.4
75-79	50	1,388	36.0
80-84	51	956	53.3
85+	127	902	140.8
1-14	*	8,025	*
15-24	*	5,584	*
25-64	91	21,332	4.3
65+	298	6,566	45.4

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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: Montrose 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	4	7.7	*	*	*	*	14	1.3	77	7.1	298	45.4
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	1.9	90	13.7
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	19	1.8	62	9.4
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	20	3.0
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.5
Malignant Neoplasms	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.4	18	1.7	68	10.4
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.6	13	2.0
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	5	0.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	27	4.1
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	4	0.4	10	0.9	21	3.2
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	0.6
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.3	8	0.7	17	2.6
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	6	0.9
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	8	0.7	*	*
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	7	1.1
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	4	0.4	0	0.0
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	9	1.4
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.5
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	7	1.1
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	3	5.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3	9	0.8	59	9.0
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.3	7	0.6	*	*
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	5	0.5	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.4	5	0.5	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:
Montrose County residents, 2009**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	396	941.4	759.4	685.9	832.8
Cardiovascular Disease	111	263.9	204.6	166.8	242.3
Heart Disease	81	192.6	150.2	117.6	182.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	21	49.9	38.1	21.9	54.4
Atherosclerosis	3	7.1	5.4	0.6	14.6
Malignant Neoplasms	90	214.0	174.6	138.4	210.8
Lung Cancer	20	47.5	38.0	21.3	54.7
Breast Cancer	9	21.4	18.9	8.0	34.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	28	66.6	52.4	33.0	71.8
Unintentional Injuries	38	90.3	78.4	53.1	103.7
Motor Vehicle	9	21.4	19.0	8.1	34.5
Other Unintentional Injuries	29	68.9	59.4	37.4	81.4
Pneumonia and Influenza	8	19.0	15.1	5.7	29.2
Suicide	11	26.2	23.9	11.4	40.9
Diabetes Mellitus	9	21.4	16.9	6.8	31.7
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	4	9.5	8.1	1.8	19.0
Alzheimer's Disease	10	23.8	18.0	7.5	33.1
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	3	7.1	5.5	0.7	14.9
Homicide and Legal Intervention	*	*	*	*	*
Septicemia	7	16.6	13.5	4.7	26.9
Congenital Anomalies	*	*	*	*	*
Perinatal Period Conditions	*	*	*	*	*
All Other	74	175.9	140.9	108.8	173.1
Injury by Firearm	11	26.2	25.2	12.2	42.7
Drug-Induced Deaths	7	16.6	16.1	6.2	30.6
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	9	21.4	22.6	10.4	39.4
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)^{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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