

# Prowers County Births and Deaths 2009

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## Selected birth characteristics: Prowers County residents, 2009

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	180	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	12	6.7
18-19	13	7.2
20-29	102	56.7
30+	53	29.4
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	18	10.0
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	*	*
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	8	4.5
No Prenatal Care	0	0.0
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	18	10.1
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	52	28.9
Live Births to Unmarried Women	86	47.8
Smoking During Pregnancy	20	11.1

*"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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*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: Prowers County residents, 2009

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>	180	100.0	12	100.0	13	100.0	102	100.0	53	100.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity of Mother</b>										
White, Non-Hispanic	102	58.6	*	*	7	53.8	60	60.0	34	66.7
White, Hispanic	66	37.9	8	80.0	6	46.2	36	36.0	16	31.4
Black	*	*	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	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	3	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	3.0	0	0.0
Unknown	6		*	*	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	18	10.0	3	25.0	*	*	6	5.9	7	13.2
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	8	4.5	*	*	0	0.0	5	4.9	*	*
No Prenatal Care	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	18	10.1	*	*	4	30.8	6	5.9	6	11.3
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	52	28.9	12	100.0	6	46.2	21	20.6	13	24.5
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	86	47.8	11	91.7	11	84.6	49	48.0	15	28.3
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	20	11.1	0	0.0	*	*	11	10.8	7	13.2

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*Percentages are of total births, excluding cases with specific characteristics unknown.*

*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: Prowers 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
<b>Total Live Births</b>	102	100.0	66	100.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Age of Mother</b>										
<b>10-17</b>	*	*	8	12.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>18-19</b>	7	6.9	6	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>20-29</b>	60	58.8	36	54.5	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>30+</b>	34	33.3	16	24.2	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	9	8.8	7	10.6	*	*	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	0	0.0
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	5	5.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	8	7.9	8	12.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	11	10.8	37	56.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	41	40.2	40	60.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	17	16.7	3	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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*Sums may not add to total due to cases with age or race/ethnicity 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.*

**Live births and fertility rates with 95% confidence limits by age group of mother: Prowers County residents, 2009**

Age Group	Births	Population	Fertility Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Ages	180	2,178	82.6	70.9	94.4
<b>Teen Age Groups</b>					
13-14	*	212	*	*	*
15-17	10	276	36.2	12.4	60.1
18-19	13	191	68.1	29.7	106.4
10-17	12	772	15.5	6.2	24.9
10-19	25	963	26.0	15.4	36.5
<b>All Age Groups</b>					
10-14	*	496	*	*	*
15-19	23	467	49.3	28.6	69.9
20-24	54	388	139.2	103.4	174.9
25-29	48	360	133.3	96.8	169.8
30-34	37	283	130.7	89.7	171.8
35-39	15	324	46.3	21.9	70.7
40-49	*	821	*	*	*

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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: Prowers County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
<b>Total Population</b>	14,372	13,871	13,638	13,259	13,228	13,180	13,435
<b>Total Births</b>							
Number	227	204	190	198	197	180	194
Birth Rate	15.8	14.7	13.9	14.9	14.9	13.7	14.4
General Fertility Rate	77.3	81.4	79.1	88.6	90.3	82.6	84.3
<b>Age of Mother 10-17</b>							
Number	23	14	9	14	14	12	13
Percent of Total Births	10.1	6.9	4.7	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.5
Fertility Rate	23.6	16.0	10.5	17.1	17.2	15.5	15.2
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>							
Number	28	21	18	20	18	18	19
Percent	12.3	10.3	9.5	10.1	9.1	10.0	9.8
<b>Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>							
Number	79	58	31	59	44	8	40
Percent	34.8	28.7	16.4	30.4	22.8	4.5	21.0
<b>Births to Unmarried Women</b>							
Number	81	96	91	85	91	86	
Percent	35.7	47.1	47.9	42.9	46.2	47.8	
<b>Mother's Education &lt;12 Years</b>							
Number	90	84	56	73	71	52	
Percent	39.8	41.8	29.6	37.1	36.0	28.9	
<b>Infant Deaths</b>							
Number	*	*	*	3	*	0	*
Rate	*	*	*	15.2	*	0.0	*
<b>Neonatal Deaths</b>							
Number	*	*	*	*	*	0	*
Rate	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>							
Number	139	105	106	128	142	135	123
Crude Rate	967.2	757.0	777.2	965.4	1073.5	1024.3	917.0
Age-Adjusted Rate	952.9	712.3	705.7	861.9	920.5	899.3	819.3
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>							
Number	56	33	27	38	49	27	35
Age-Adjusted Rate	381.6	221.6	174.2	250.0	309.2	171.4	225.8
<b>Heart Disease</b>							
Number	46	26	22	28	40	19	27
Age-Adjusted Rate	315.0	175.8	141.3	178.5	255.4	120.1	174.8

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

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## Vital statistics summary: Prowers County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>							
Number	7	6	5	7	5	5	6
Age-Adjusted Rate	46.7	39.9	32.9	48.4	30.8	32.9	37.0
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>							
Number	22	24	27	26	30	25	26
Age-Adjusted Rate	154.7	164.2	182.5	174.0	193.8	165.7	176.2
<b>Lung Cancer</b>							
Number	4	6	5	7	6	4	6
Age-Adjusted Rate	30.3	40.2	31.9	46.9	35.3	26.4	35.9
<b>Breast Cancer</b>							
Number	*	*	4	*	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	*	29.9	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	6	*	7	12	6	15	8
Age-Adjusted Rate	40.7	*	46.5	92.0	45.4	117.2	60.7
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>							
Number	*	*	4	3	3	4	3
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	*	27.8	26.7	23.8	31.6	22.9
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	4	0	3	9	3	11	5
Age-Adjusted Rate	27.6	0.0	18.7	65.3	21.5	85.6	37.8
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>							
Number	14	8	10	11	19	17	13
Age-Adjusted Rate	96.0	54.2	68.1	71.6	123.3	105.8	85.1
<b>Suicide</b>							
Number	4	3	*	0	*	4	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	27.1	23.5	*	0.0	*	35.1	*
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>							
Number	*	0	0	*	0	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	*
<b>Work-Related Injury</b>							
Number	*	0	4	0	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	0.0	27.6	0.0	*	*	*

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## Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Prowers 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	%
<b>Total</b>	135	100.0	107	100.0	26	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	27	20.0	22	20.6	4	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Heart Disease	19	14.1	15	14.0	3	11.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	3.7	4	3.7	*	*	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	18.5	22	20.6	3	11.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	4	3.0	4	3.7	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
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease</b>	17	12.6	15	14.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	15	11.1	11	10.3	4	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	4	3.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	11	8.1	9	8.4	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Pneumonia and Influenza</b>	3	2.2	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Suicide</b>	4	3.0	3	2.8	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	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>	3	2.2	0	0.0	3	11.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	4	3.0	4	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome</b>	6	4.4	5	4.7	*	*	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
<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>	28	20.7	22	20.6	5	19.2	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
<b>Drug-Induced Deaths</b>	3	2.2	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alcohol-Induced Deaths</b>	7	5.2	4	3.7	3	11.5	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: Prowers County residents, 2009

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	135	13,180	10.2
Infant	0	180	0.0
Neonatal	0	180	0.0
1-4	0	795	0.0
5-9	*	1,153	*
10-14	0	1,027	0.0
15-19	*	958	*
20-24	*	784	*
25-29	3	765	3.9
30-34	*	637	*
35-39	*	720	*
40-44	*	723	*
45-49	6	931	6.4
50-54	9	978	9.2
55-59	3	895	3.4
60-64	12	750	16.0
65-69	7	481	14.6
70-74	15	462	32.5
75-79	17	362	47.0
80-84	22	299	73.6
85+	33	271	121.8
1-14	*	2,975	*
15-24	*	1,742	*
25-64	38	6,399	5.9
65+	94	1,875	50.1

\* 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: Prowers 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	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	8	2.8	30	8.4	94	50.1
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.4	22	11.7
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.4	14	7.5
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.7
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	1.1	21	11.2
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	1.6
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	*	*	15	8.0
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	5	1.8	4	1.1	4	2.1
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	4	1.4	*	*	4	2.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.6
Suicide	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	*	*
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	4	2.1
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	5	2.7
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
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	0	0.0	8	2.3	19	10.1
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	3	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	6	1.7	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.

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:  
Prowers County residents, 2009**

<b>Cause of Death</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Age-Adjusted Rate</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>	<b>Upper Limit</b>
<b>All Causes</b>	135	1,024.3	899.3	748.7	1,049.9
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	27	204.9	171.4	106.8	236.0
<b>Heart Disease</b>	19	144.2	120.1	65.9	174.3
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>	5	37.9	32.9	9.2	71.1
<b>Atherosclerosis</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>	25	189.7	165.7	101.0	230.4
<b>Lung Cancer</b>	4	30.3	26.4	5.9	61.3
<b>Breast Cancer</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>	17	129.0	105.8	55.5	156.1
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	15	113.8	117.2	56.1	178.3
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	4	30.3	31.6	8.5	69.2
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>	11	83.5	85.6	43.0	142.8
<b>Pneumonia and Influenza</b>	3	22.8	18.2	2.5	48.6
<b>Suicide</b>	4	30.3	35.1	10.4	74.3
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>HIV Infection</b>	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis</b>	3	22.8	25.4	5.5	59.9
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	4	30.3	25.5	5.5	60.0
<b>Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome</b>	6	45.5	37.8	11.9	78.3
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Septicemia</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Congenital Anomalies</b>	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>	28	212.4	179.2	112.8	245.5
<b>Injury by Firearm</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Drug-Induced Deaths</b>	3	22.8	30.6	7.9	68.1
<b>Alcohol-Induced Deaths</b>	7	53.1	50.3	19.1	96.2
<b>Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)</b>	*	*	*	*	*

*\* 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 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](mailto:health.statistics@state.co.us).

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