

**TABLE 1-11. BIRTHS, PERINATAL AND INFANT DEATHS, AND DEATH RATES BY METHOD OF DELIVERY, CALIFORNIA, 2004  
(By Place of Residence) (Based on 2004 Birth Cohort File)**

METHOD OF DELIVERY	BIRTHS		INFANT DEATHS									
	Total Births	Live Births	PERINATAL DEATHS									
			Total Perinatal Deaths	Total Perinatal Death Rate	Fetal Deaths	Fetal Death Rate	Neonatal Deaths	Neonatal Death Rate	Post-Neonatal Deaths	Post-Neonatal Death Rate	Total Infant Deaths	Total Infant Death Rate
<b>TOTAL</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>547,592</b>	<b>544,758</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>5.3</b>
CESAREAN	159,849	159,409	1,191	7.5	440	2.8	751	4.7	406	2.5	1,157	7.3
VAGINAL AFTER C-SECTION	3,071	3,030	55	17.9	41	13.4	14	4.6	4	1.3	18	5.9
VAGINAL OTHER	384,563	382,238	3,476	9.0	2,325	6.0	1,151	3.0	505	1.3	1,656	4.3
UNKNOWN	109	81	92		28		64		17		81	

<sup>1</sup> Includes unknown method of delivery.

Note: Total births are live births plus fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation.

Neonatal deaths are deaths under 28 days of age.

Perinatal deaths are neonatal deaths plus fetal deaths of 20 weeks or more gestation.

Postneonatal deaths are deaths occurring on the 28th day and up to one year of age.

Infant deaths are under one year of age.

Perinatal and fetal death rates are per 1,000 total births.

Neonatal, postneonatal, and infant death rates are per 1,000 live births.

Death rates based on small numbers are highly unreliable.

Rates are not shown for unknown categories.

Source: State of California, Department of Public Health, Birth Cohort Files.