

California Department of Health Services
Number of Live Births, Number of SIDS Deaths, SIDS Death Rates, and Annual Percent Change,
by Year and Race/Ethnicity, California, 2000 to 2004

		White/Other (non-Hispanic)	African American (non-Hispanic)	American Indian/Aleut/ Eskimo (non-Hispanic)	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multiple Race (non-Hispanic)	Total
2000	Births	171,544	32,302	1,975	61,252	257,958	6,254	531,285
	Deaths	75	38	1	18	80	10	222
	SIDS Death Rate (per 100,000 live births)	43.7	117.6	*	29.4*	31.0	159.9*	41.8

		White/Other (non-Hispanic)	African American (non-Hispanic)	American Indian/Aleut/ Eskimo (non-Hispanic)	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multiple Race (non-Hispanic)	Total
2001	Births	167,238	30,965	1,986	59,798	260,996	6,388	527,371
	Deaths	74	31	2	14	66	10	197
	SIDS Death Rate (per 100,000 live births)	44.2	100.1	*	23.4*	25.3	156.5*	37.4
	Percent Change in Rate from Previous Year	1.2	-14.9	-	-20.3	-18.5	-2.1	-10.6

		White/Other (non-Hispanic)	African American (non-Hispanic)	American Indian/Aleut/ Eskimo (non-Hispanic)	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multiple Race (non-Hispanic)	Total
2002	Births	165,849	29,807	1,966	61,787	263,023	6,813	529,245
	Deaths	74	28	0	9	50	7	168
	SIDS Death Rate (per 100,000 live births)	44.6	93.9	*	*	19.0	*	31.7
	Percent Change in Rate from Previous Year	0.8	-6.2	-	-	-24.8	-	-15.0

		White/Other (non-Hispanic)	African American (non-Hispanic)	American Indian/Aleut/ Eskimo (non-Hispanic)	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multiple Race (non-Hispanic)	Total
2003	Births	168,875	29,211	2,004	63,934	269,691	7,112	540,827
	Deaths	60	29	2	6	69	9	175
	SIDS Death Rate (per 100,000 live births)	35.5	99.3	*	*	25.6	*	32.4
	Percent Change in Rate from Previous Year	-20.4	5.7	-	-	34.6	-	1.9

		White/Other (non-Hispanic)	African American (non-Hispanic)	American Indian/Aleut/ Eskimo (non-Hispanic)	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	Multiple Race (non-Hispanic)	Total
2004	Births	166,918	28,679	2,073	64,665	275,188	7,162	544,685
	Deaths	64	24	0	11	65	7	171
	SIDS Death Rate (per 100,000 live births)	38.3	83.7	*	17.0*	23.6	*	31.4
	Percent Change in Rate from Previous Year	7.9	-15.7	-	-	-7.7	-	-3.0

*Rates based on fewer than 20 events are considered unstable and should be interpreted with caution. Rates not computed for fewer than 10 events.

Number of live births were derived from the California Birth Statistical Master Files, 2000-2004. Number of SIDS deaths were derived from the California Death Statistical Master Files, 2000-2004. SIDS deaths were identified by ICD-10 code R95.

Beginning in 1999, cause of death is reported using the 10th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10). Cause of death for 1979-1998 used the 9th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9). The number and rate for total deaths are comparable between the ICD-9 and ICD-10. However, cause specific death counts and rates are not comparable between ICD-9 and ICD-10. Therefore, analyses should involve only ICD-9 data (1979-1998) or only ICD-10 data (1999 and later) and not include both ICD-9 and ICD-10 data.

Beginning in 2000, up to three races could be indicated on birth and death certificates, allowing for persons to be identified as "Multiple Race". Race/ethnicity tabulations that include "Multiple Race" categories are not compatible with or easily comparable to data in the old, single race format prior to 2000.