

Maternal and Infant Health Data Sources

Washington State and Snohomish County

Birth Certificate Data: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. 1990-2005
Population Estimates: Population Estimates for Public Health Assessment, Washington State Department of Health, Vista Partnership, and Krupski Consulting. November 2006.

United States Data

Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Sutton PD, et al. Births: Final Data for 2004. National vital statistics reports; vol 55 no 1. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2006.

Clarification of key terms

Low birth weight: A live born infant weighing less than 2500 grams. Because multiple birth infants are more likely to be low birth weight the present analysis was limited to singleton births.

Crude birth rate: The number of births per 1000 population. This includes the entire population (men, older women and children) in the denominator of the estimated rate.

General fertility rate: The number of births to women of all ages per 1000 women in the population of age 15-44. The denominator only includes women who are between 15-44 years old.

Age-specific rates (teen birth rate): The number of births to women in a specified age range per 1000 women in that age range. For teen births, the rate is the number of births to women age 15-17 per 1000 women in the 15-17 age range.