

TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES

INDICATOR: Adequacy of prenatal care

DEFINITION: The percent of live born infants whose mothers received adequate prenatal care as defined by the Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index developed (APNCU) by Milton Kottlechuck
This index does not assess the quality of the prenatal care that is delivered.

NUMERATOR: The number of live births to women who received adequate care, as defined by the APNCU criteria, by place of residence, in a calendar year

DENOMINATOR: The total number of live births, by place of residence, in a calendar year

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVE: None

RISK FACTORS: Inadequate Prenatal Care

Low income; young maternal age/teen pregnancy; low maternal education level; race/ethnicity (African American, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native); high parity; maternal substance abuse; lack of health insurance; lack of obstetrical providers

Year	California				LA County				DENOMINATOR: Live Births	
	Adequate Prenatal Care		95% Confidence Interval		Adequate Prenatal Care		95% Confidence Interval		California	LA County
	Number	Percent	Lower	Upper	Number	Percent	Lower	Upper		
1993	401,698	68.73%	68.61%	68.85%	123,741	65.23%	65.01%	65.44%	584,483	189,706
1994	401,965	70.89%	70.77%	71.01%	125,820	69.75%	69.54%	69.96%	567,034	180,394
1995	393,989	71.48%	71.36%	71.59%	124,668	71.30%	71.08%	71.51%	551,226	174,862
1996	393,280	73.02%	72.90%	73.13%	125,129	74.05%	73.84%	74.26%	538,628	168,973
1997	377,072	71.94%	71.81%	72.06%	119,305	73.63%	73.41%	73.84%	524,174	162,036
1998	377,649	72.45%	72.33%	72.57%	118,837	74.93%	74.71%	75.14%	521,265	158,604
1999	379,000	73.16%	73.04%	73.28%	118,302	75.76%	75.55%	75.97%	518,073	156,153

Source: 1993 to 1999 birth records from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics

Notes: The APNCU Index attempts to characterize prenatal care utilization on two independent and distinctive dimensions: Adequacy of Initiation of Prenatal Care and Adequacy of Received Services (once prenatal care has begun). The initial dimension, Adequacy of Initiation of Prenatal Care, characterizes the adequacy of the timing of initiation of care (month prenatal care began). The second dimension, Adequacy of Received Services, characterizes the adequacy of prenatal care visits (number of visits) received during the time the mother is actually in prenatal care (from initiation until the delivery). The adequacy of prenatal visits is based on the recommendations established by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.