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*Epidemiologic Notes and Reports*

**Unexplained CD4+ T-Lymphocyte Depletion  
in Persons Without Evident HIV Infection — United States**

Since 1989, 21 persons with unexplained CD4+ T-lymphocyte depletion, but without evident human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, have been described (1–12). These reports included persons who have resided in the United States and six other countries and who sought medical care for conditions often associated with immune deficiency. Some of these cases were also described at the VIII International Conference on AIDS/III STD World Congress in Amsterdam. In addition, CDC has received reports of five persons from three states who have had persistently low CD4+ T-cell levels but who have had no evidence of HIV infection or underlying disease processes or therapies known to be associated with T-cell depletion. In some of these five patients, opportunistic infections were diagnosed that frequently occur in persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). This report describes preliminary clinical and laboratory findings from an ongoing investigation by CDC of these five patients.\*

**Patient 1**

In March 1991, a 70-year-old man developed *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia that was successfully treated with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. Although serology for HIV antibody was negative, his CD4 count was 50 cells/ $\mu$ L. After this hospitalization, he developed a fungal infection of the groin that was treated with oral ketoconazole and topical antifungal medications. In April 1992, transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder, grade II, was diagnosed. As of July 1992, he was asymptomatic.

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His family history and personal history were negative for immunodeficiency disease and for recurrent or unusual infections. His wife, who has remained healthy, is HIV seronegative and has a normal CD4 count. He did not report sexual contact with men or injecting-drug use. In 1987, he received 3 units of whole blood for a bleeding duodenal ulcer; follow-up investigation in 1992 indicated that all three blood donors were HIV type 1 (HIV-1) and HIV type 2 (HIV-2) seronegative, had normal CD4 counts, and were in good health.

**Patient 2**

In October 1984, a 38-year-old male health-care worker developed cryptococcal meningitis that was treated with a full course of amphotericin B and 5-fluorocytosine. In January 1985, he had an episode of localized herpes zoster. In July 1985, symptoms of meningitis recurred. A cryptococcoma was excised from his brain, and he was treated with another course of antifungal therapy. Since this hospitalization, he has been in generally good health except for a nonspecific skin rash that resolved, mild hypertension, and a grand mal seizure for which he takes phenytoin. In December 1987 and December 1988, his CD4 counts were 152 and 84 cells/ $\mu$ L, respectively. An enzyme immunoassay (EIA) test for HIV antibody was negative in April 1989. As of July 1992, he was asymptomatic.

There was no family history or personal history of immunodeficiency or unusual infections. He did not report sexual contact with men or injecting-drug use. He had not received blood transfusions, did not perform invasive procedures, and had no known parenteral or mucous membrane exposure to blood. He reported his spouse was in good health.

**Patient 3**

In October 1989, a 58-year-old woman developed acute cholecystitis and underwent cholecystectomy. She had a prolonged postoperative course complicated by nosocomial pneumonia of undetermined etiology and vaginal candidiasis and recovered with antibiotic therapy. An HIV EIA test was reported as positive during this hospitalization. In December 1989, although HIV serology by EIA was negative, a single p24 band on Western blot was observed; her CD4 count was 86 cells/ $\mu$ L. She remained asymptomatic; when reevaluated in January 1991, HIV serology was negative on two occasions, but her CD4 count remained low (103 cells/ $\mu$ L). As of July 1992, she was asymptomatic.

She had received multiple transfusions for hemorrhage during pregnancy during the 1950s and for menorrhagia in the late 1970s and early 1980s. There was no family history of immunodeficiency or unusual infections. She did not report injecting-drug use. She reported her spouse was in good health.

**Patient 4**

In November 1986, a 45-year-old man received treatment for disseminated molluscum contagiosum. In April 1989, a lung biopsy was performed for evaluation of a mass on chest radiograph. The lesion was consistent with a plaque secondary to asbestosis, although the man had no known history of asbestos exposure. In February and August 1989, HIV EIA serologies were negative; however, CD4 counts were 96 and 68 cells/ $\mu$ L, respectively. As of July 1992, he was asymptomatic.

His family and personal history were negative for immunodeficiency or for recurrent or unusual infections. He did not report sexual contact with men or injecting-drug use; he had not received blood transfusions. His spouse was in good health and had a normal CD4 count.

*CD4 + T-Lymphocyte Depletion – Continued***Patient 5**

In December 1983, a 70-year-old woman was hospitalized with disseminated cutaneous herpes zoster. In December 1988, she developed fever, cough, and pleurisy. On evaluation, mediastinal lymphadenopathy was found, and histoplasmosis was diagnosed by open lung biopsy. She was treated with amphotericin B and ketoconazole with resolution of both symptoms and lymphadenopathy. Although HIV serology was negative during this hospitalization, a CD4 count was 275 cells/ $\mu$ L. In February 1989, the count was 499 cells/ $\mu$ L.

In April 1991, she developed fever and cough, and a pulmonary infiltrate was indicated on chest radiograph; her CD4 count at that time was 199 cells/ $\mu$ L. Although her symptoms responded to ciprofloxacin, sputum cultures subsequently grew *Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare* (MAI). In September 1991, her pulmonary symptoms recurred, and a new pulmonary infiltrate was present on chest radiograph; MAI was again cultured from bronchial washings. Her symptoms resolved during treatment with ciprofloxacin, rifampin, and ethambutol. In January 1992, epigastric pain prompted a gastrointestinal evaluation and detection of an ulcerated mass lesion in the stomach. Histoplasmosis was found on biopsy, and *Helicobacter pylori* was cultured from the lesion. Fluconazole therapy was initiated with good response. As of July 1992, she was asymptomatic.

She had been in excellent health with no family history or personal history of immunodeficiency or unusual infections. She did not report injecting-drug use and had not received a transfusion. Her spouse died in 1984 with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and carcinoma of the kidney.

**Laboratory Findings**

Blood samples from each of the five patients have been tested at CDC, and low CD4 counts ( $<300$  cells/ $\mu$ L) and negative HIV-1 and HIV-2 serologies (by EIA and Western blot) have been confirmed. Cocultures of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) from patients 1–4 with normal PBMC and/or lymphoid cell lines were negative for cytopathicity, syncytia, and the generation of reverse transcriptase activity as measured by standard methods. Human T-cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV)-I and HTLV-II serologies were negative. Neither HIV-1– nor HIV-2–related DNA sequences were detected in blood of patients 1–4 by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Results of studies of specimens from patient 5 are pending.

*Reported by: Div of HIV/AIDS, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.*

**Editorial Note:** The clinical conditions of the patients described in this report vary considerably; however, these cases share three features: 1) persistently low CD4 + T-cell levels; 2) no evidence of HIV infection by serology, culture, or PCR analysis; and 3) infections that prompted physicians to consider HIV infection.

Review of available data on the 26 case-patients (including the five described in this report and 21 reported elsewhere) (1–12) does not indicate an epidemiologic linkage among the cases. Cases of unexplained CD4 + T-cell depletion have been reported from Australia (1), Denmark (2), England (3,4), France (5–7), Germany (8), Spain (9), and the United States (10–12). Of the 26 case-patients, five had received transfusions before onset of illness, five were homosexual men, and the remaining 16 had no known risk factors for HIV infection. In this report, follow-up investigation of the blood donors for patient 1 found that they were HIV-seronegative, immunologi-

*CD4 + T-Lymphocyte Depletion — Continued*

cally normal, and in good health. Two additional cases reported to CDC have been excluded because CD4+ T-cell depletion may have been related to chemotherapy.

Although infections with HIV-1 or HIV-2 have been associated with immunodeficiency of the type described in these patients, no evidence for infection with either virus has been documented. The cause of CD4+ T-lymphocyte depletion in the patients described in this report and in other reports is unknown; moreover, it is unknown whether these cases represent a single syndrome. However, there are at least two possible hypotheses to explain this abnormality. Persistent CD4+ T-cell depletion may occur in some patients as a response to certain infections or other exposures. Transient CD4+ T-cell depletion has been reported following some infections; whether this persists in some patients is unknown (13,14). Therefore, one possibility is that some or all of these case reports of unexplained CD4+ T-lymphocyte depletion are part of background occurrence that may only now be recognized because of the increased availability of T-cell phenotyping. A second possibility is that some of these cases may represent a different syndrome of immunodeficiency associated with CD4+ T-cell depletion.

Two of the recent preliminary reports of CD4+ T-cell depletion in patients who were HIV-1 and HIV-2 seronegative have suggested the presence of a retrovirus (11,12). The relation of these reports to the immunodeficiency detected in patients described in this and other reports is not known.

CDC and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are collaborating with physicians, scientists, and public health officials to identify other cases and investigate this problem. NIH will assist in the characterization of the clinical, immunologic, and virologic features by collaborating with investigators and working through its network of grantees and contractors to collect, process, and distribute specimens and reference materials. CDC, in collaboration with NIH, will convene a meeting of investigators and public health officials in mid-August to discuss these cases and epidemiologic and laboratory investigations in progress.

Additional CDC epidemiologic and laboratory investigations regarding these cases are in progress. **Health-care providers are requested to report to CDC through the AIDS surveillance section of their local or state health department patients who have 1) CD4+ T-lymphocyte depletion (absolute CD4+ T-cell level  $<300$  cells/ $\mu$ L or  $<20\%$  on more than one determination), 2) no serologic evidence of HIV infection, and 3) no defined immunodeficiency or therapy associated with T-cell depletion. Although no cases have been reported in children, HIV-negative pediatric cases with unexplained depletion of CD4 cells (as defined by age-adjusted normal CD4 counts) should also be reported.**

Additional information on case reporting is available from the Surveillance Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC (telephone [404] 639-2981). Reports of these cases will assist CDC and other public health agencies in developing a more precise case definition to examine this problem and providing a resource for investigators who are conducting etiologic studies. General inquiries about the cases described here as well as on HIV and AIDS should be directed to the CDC National AIDS Hotline, (800) 342-2437.

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*Current Trends***Arboviral Disease — United States, 1991**

During 1991, state and local health departments reported 122 cases of human arboviral encephalitis to CDC. More than half (69) of the cases resulted from outbreaks of St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) in Arkansas and Texas. In addition, an epizootic of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) extending from the Atlantic and Gulf coasts into the upper midwest caused sporadic human cases and a substantial loss of livestock. This report summarizes the reported cases of arboviral encephalitis in the United States during 1991 and underscores the continuing need for arbovirus surveillance and control.

**St. Louis encephalitis.** SLE activity in the United States during 1990–1991 was at the highest level since 1976 (Figure 1). From July through September 1991, 25 laboratory-confirmed SLE cases occurred in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and 41 SLE cases occurred in Harris County (Houston), Texas, resulting in annual incidence rates of 44 and 1.5 cases per 100,000 population, respectively. Additional sporadic SLE cases were confirmed from Arkansas (three), California (three), Florida (one), Louisiana (one), North Carolina (one), Texas (two) and Washington (one). Travel histories suggest that two of the three California patients and the Washington patient contracted SLE during visits to Arizona and New Mexico.

*Arboviral Disease — Continued*

**LaCrosse encephalitis.** In 1991, 38 laboratory-confirmed cases of LaCrosse encephalitis (LAC) were reported from Illinois (13), Minnesota (four), North Carolina (one), Pennsylvania (one), and Wisconsin (19). Although LAC is generally the predominant cause of arboviral encephalitis in the United States, it is often undiagnosed and underreported.

**Eastern equine encephalitis.** In 1991, an EEE epizootic occurred among horses in states along the southeastern seaboard, with intense transmission occurring in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. The epizootic also extended into the midwestern states, causing deaths among horses in Ohio and Michigan. A cluster of five laboratory-confirmed human EEE cases occurred in northeastern Florida in June and July 1991, resulting in two deaths (1). Six additional human cases occurred in Georgia (two), Michigan (two), Louisiana (one), and South Carolina (one). For the first time, EEE virus was isolated from *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes collected at a tire depot in central Florida (2,3).

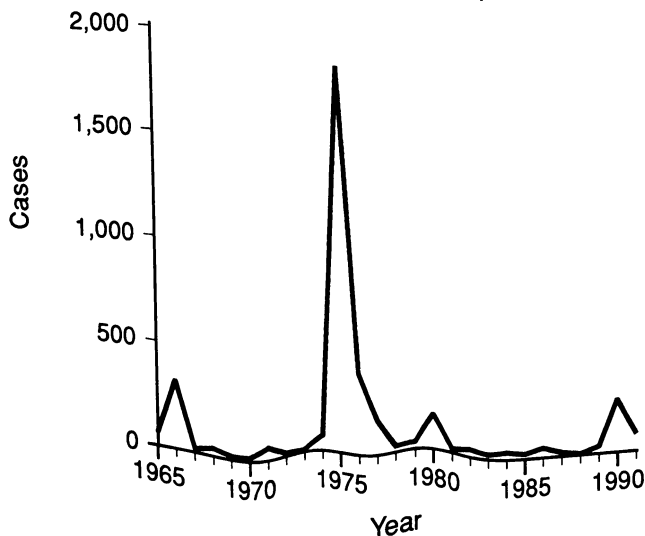
**Western equine encephalitis.** In 1991, one laboratory-confirmed human case of western equine encephalitis (WEE) occurred in Colorado. Since 1980, zero to 40 human cases of WEE have been reported annually, primarily from the western United States.

*Reported by: Participating state epidemiologists, veterinarians, and vector-control directors. Div of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.*

**Editorial Note:** The isolation of EEE from a potential new mosquito vector (*Ae. albopictus*) and the increasing trend in human SLE cases that began in 1990 indicate the continuing need for arboviral surveillance and control in 1992 (2-4).

The last nationwide SLE epidemic in 1975 resulted in 1815 human cases in 31 states. This epidemic was preceded by an increase in cases in 1974, particularly in the southeastern United States. SLE virus is transmitted by the mosquito *Culex quinquefasciatus* in the south-central and southeastern United States, except in Florida, where it is transmitted by *Cx. nigripalpus*. Virus activity generally peaks in August and

**FIGURE 1. St. Louis encephalitis cases — United States, 1965–1991**



*Arboviral Disease – Continued*

September. The 1991 SLE outbreak in Pine Bluff was the first reported from that community but was similar to outbreaks occurring in the Midwest in 1975 (5). During 1991, seroepidemiologic studies indicated that 10% of residents in Pine Bluff had anti-flaviviral IgG (CDC, unpublished data, 1991), indicating unrecognized SLE transmission in this area.

Control measures that may reduce the risk for SLE infection include targeting vector-control efforts at open storm drains near housing developments, eliminating water-holding containers on premises, and reducing exposure to the vector mosquito at dusk and during the evening hours by staying indoors and using insect repellents. For those who must be outdoors in the evening, long-sleeved shirts and long pants reduce exposure to mosquito bites. Light-colored clothing is less attractive than dark clothes to most mosquitoes. Residents of areas where SLE is epizootic should repair window and door screens and avoid sitting on unscreened porches at dusk. In particular, prevention efforts should be aimed at elderly persons (>60 years old), who have the highest age-specific SLE attack rates during outbreaks (6). Although precise prediction of SLE epidemics is not possible, the increased level of SLE activity in the southern and southeastern United States during 1990–1991 suggests that continued SLE activity is likely in 1992.

LAC encephalitis, caused by an arbovirus of the California serogroup transmitted by *Ae. triseriatus*, is most common among young children. LAC virus is prevalent primarily in midwestern states; however, serosurveys and active surveillance programs have demonstrated this virus has a wide geographic distribution in the United States. LAC may be underreported in many areas and should be considered in the differential diagnosis of pediatric viral encephalitis in states where hardwood forests and woodlots are common.

Although fewer than 10 human cases of EEE are reported annually in the United States, this virus is associated with a high case-fatality rate. An effective equine vaccine is licensed in the United States and is recommended for livestock in areas where EEE transmission is known to occur. However, revaccination during a single transmission season may be necessary. Specific control measures to prevent human EEE cases are difficult to implement because the disease is rare, even during a major equine epizootic.

The recent detection of *Ae. albopictus* in the United States has prompted concern because of its potential for transmission of EEE virus. This mosquito was imported from Asia to Texas, where it was discovered in 1985, and has since become widespread in the central and southern United States (7). *Ae. albopictus* is an aggressive biter that thrives in both forest and suburban habitats. This species, therefore, potentially could serve as an important bridging vector for EEE virus from swamp habitats into populated areas, although there is no evidence to indicate this has occurred.

Clinicians should be encouraged to obtain acute and convalescent arboviral antibody titers on all suspected cases of arboviral encephalitis. Patients with arboviral encephalitis should be reported promptly to state and local public health authorities.

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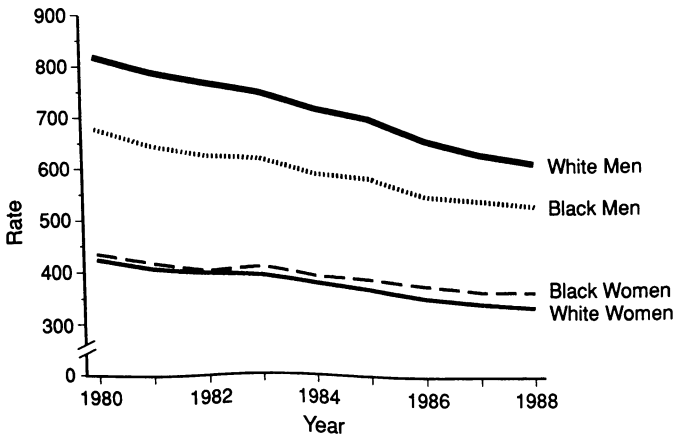
## Trends in Ischemic Heart Disease Mortality — United States, 1980–1988

In 1989, approximately 500,000 persons died from ischemic heart disease (IHD), the leading cause of death in the United States (1). This report summarizes an analysis by CDC to characterize trends in IHD mortality in the United States from 1980 through 1988 (the latest year for which data are available), and emphasizes comparisons by race and sex, region, and state.

Public-use mortality data tapes compiled by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics and population estimates from the Bureau of the Census were used to calculate age-adjusted IHD death rates for persons aged  $\geq 35$  years, standardized to the 1980 U.S. population. Race-specific denominator data were available only for blacks and whites. IHD deaths were defined as those with the underlying cause of death listed on the death certificate as *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision*, codes 410–414.

Age-adjusted IHD death rates for the U.S. population aged  $\geq 35$  years declined 24%—from 588.3 per 100,000 in 1980 to 448.8 per 100,000 in 1988. Although IHD death rates declined more rapidly for men than for women and for whites than for blacks, they declined for each of the four race-sex groups (Figure 1). The average annual decline (as estimated with a log linear model [2]) was 3.7% for white men, 3.1% for black men, 2.9% for white women, and 2.2% for black women.

**FIGURE 1. Age-adjusted death rates\* for ischemic heart disease among adults aged  $\geq 35$  years, by race and sex — United States, 1980–1988**



\*Per 100,000 population, adjusted to the 1980 U.S. standard population.



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During the 9-year period, overall rates of IHD mortality were highest in the Northeast, followed by the Midwest, the South, and the West. IHD death rates declined steadily in each of the four regions of the United States; the average annual decline was 3.9% in the Northeast, 3.2% in the Midwest, 3.1% in the West, and 2.9% in the South. Regional patterns in IHD mortality were similar by race and sex.

IHD death rates for the states varied substantially (Table 1, page 555). For both women and men, there was a more than twofold difference in the 1988 IHD death rate in the state with the highest rate compared with the state with the lowest (women: Hawaii, 184.0 per 100,000 compared with New York, 462.6; men: Hawaii, 316.4 per 100,000 compared with New York, 755.1). To determine whether state-to-state variation in IHD mortality was similar for men and women, the Spearman correlation coefficient was calculated between state-specific rates for women and men. The correlation coefficient was 0.93, indicating that the rank order of states by IHD mortality was similar for women and men.

Throughout the 9-year period, IHD death rates declined in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia for both women and men (Table 1, page 555). The annual median rate of decline among the states was 3.0% for women and 3.8% for men. However, the percent change in IHD death rates varied widely from state to state for women (range: -7.5% to -1.3%) and men (range: -10.0% to -1.9%).

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**Editorial Note:** The findings in this report indicate that, for persons aged  $\geq 35$  years, age-adjusted IHD death rates declined from 1980 through 1988; however, since 1976, the IHD death rates for white men have declined more rapidly (3). The factors contributing to the differential rates of decline are unclear but could include differences in 1) the incidence of coronary heart disease, 2) trends in risk factors for IHD, and 3) access to quality health care.

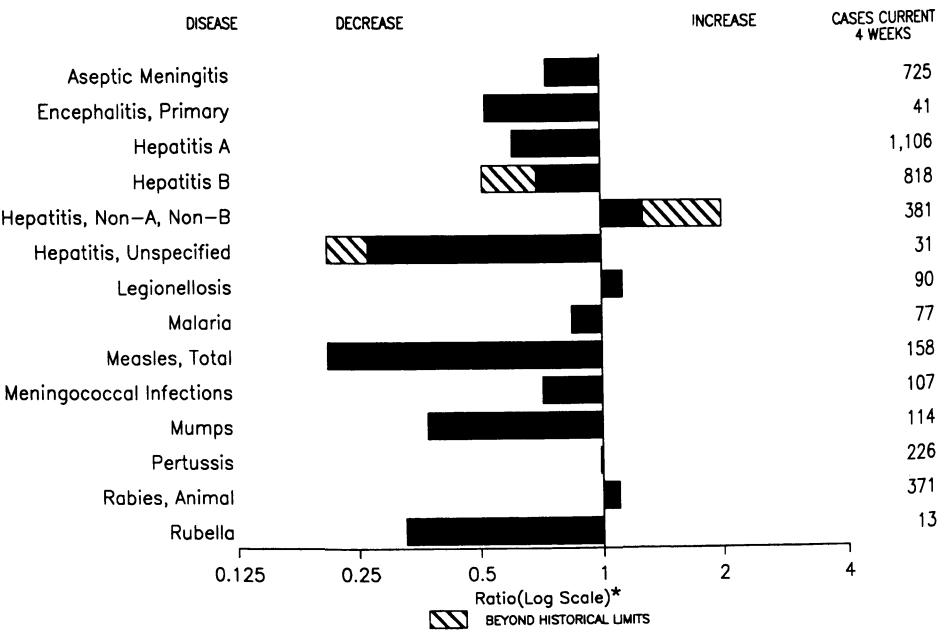
Although age-adjusted IHD death rates declined faster for men than for women, rates were consistently higher for men. In 1988, the IHD death rate for black men was 1.5 times greater than for black women, and the rate for white men was 1.8 times greater than for white women. These findings are consistent with previous reports noting excess IHD mortality among men and variations in the male-to-female ratio of IHD mortality by race, time period (4), country (5), and age group (6).

The declines in IHD mortality that occurred in all regions and states during 1980–1988 contrast dramatically with increases that occurred from the 1920s through the 1950s (7). The earliest declines in IHD mortality were observed in metropolitan areas, especially in the Northeast and Pacific West, and among communities with the most social and economic resources (8,9). Subsequently, the declines in IHD mortality occurred in nonmetropolitan areas, communities with fewer economic resources, and the southern region. Despite the declines in IHD mortality, death rates still varied substantially by region and state. The strong correlation of state-specific IHD death rates between women and men suggests that there is geographic variation in socioenvironmental conditions that influence the risk for IHD mortality similarly for women and men.

To improve strategies for reducing the burden of IHD mortality among all subgroups of the U.S. population, state-level factors that contribute to the geographic variations in IHD mortality should be identified. For example, the variations may

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**FIGURE 1. Notifiable disease reports, comparison of 4-week totals ending July 25, 1992, with historical data — United States**



\*Ratio of current 4-week total to the mean of 15 4-week totals (from previous, comparable, and subsequent 4-week periods for the past 5 years). The point where the hatched area begins is based on the mean and two standard deviations of these 4-week totals.

**TABLE 1. Summary — cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending July 25, 1992 (30th Week)**

	Cum. 1992		Cum. 1992
AIDS*	23,872	Measles: imported	96
Anthrax	-	indigenous	1,264
Botulism: Foodborne	9	Plague	3
Infant	32	Poliomyelitis, Paralytic†	-
Other	1	Psittacosis	49
Brucellosis	42	Rabies, human	-
Cholera	42	Syphilis, primary & secondary	19,349
Congenital rubella syndrome	7	Syphilis, congenital, age < 1 year‡	697
Diphtheria	3	Tetanus	9
Encephalitis, post-infectious	86	Toxic shock syndrome	143
Gonorrhea	272,618	Trichinosis	17
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	861	Tuberculosis	12,142
Hansen Disease	97	Tularemia	79
Leptospirosis	18	Typhoid fever	189
Lyme Disease	2,895	Typhus fever, tickborne (RMSF)	185

\*Updated monthly; last update July 4, 1992.

†Two cases of suspected poliomyelitis have been reported in 1992; six of the nine suspected cases with onset in 1991 were confirmed and 5 of the 8 suspected cases with onset in 1990 were confirmed, and all were vaccine associated.

§Updates for first quarter 1992.

TABLE II. Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1992, and July 27, 1991 (30th Week)

Reporting Area	AIDS*	Aseptic Mening- itis	Encephalitis		Gonorrhea		Hepatitis (Viral), by type				Legionel- losis	Lyme Disease
			Primary	Post-in- fectious			A	B	NA,NB	Unspeci- fied		
			Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992		
UNITED STATES	23,872	3,517	300	86	272,618	333,432	11,134	8,854	4,203	377	721	2,895
NEW ENGLAND	755	155	17	-	5,812	8,172	332	335	41	15	35	424
Maine	27	14	1	-	48	95	23	17	5	-	1	4
N.H.	25	7	2	-	73	154	25	24	12	1	3	17
Vt.	11	8	2	-	15	30	5	8	6	-	2	3
Mass.	431	64	9	-	2,130	3,534	167	256	15	14	19	63
R.I.	61	62	3	-	422	670	76	17	3	-	10	96
Conn.	200	-	-	-	3,124	3,689	36	13	-	-	-	241
MID. ATLANTIC	6,001	356	16	7	28,437	40,066	843	1,152	204	13	212	1,829
Upstate N.Y.	736	162	-	-	5,654	6,958	203	277	129	6	85	1,228
N.Y. City	3,309	70	4	1	9,320	15,441	328	202	3	-	3	5
N.J.	1,214	-	-	-	4,013	6,612	122	288	52	-	24	193
Pa.	742	124	12	6	9,450	11,055	190	385	20	7	100	403
E.N. CENTRAL	2,192	492	79	26	50,515	61,202	1,609	1,334	735	24	160	65
Ohio	414	135	24	2	15,632	18,730	255	134	59	4	74	30
Ind.	222	77	8	11	4,747	5,997	479	461	347	8	17	21
Ill.	979	104	26	6	16,323	18,463	285	134	39	4	11	6
Mich.	457	168	19	7	11,748	13,653	83	357	247	8	38	8
Wis.	120	8	2	-	2,065	4,359	507	248	43	-	20	-
W.N. CENTRAL	675	185	18	6	12,023	16,097	1,297	359	147	18	46	125
Minn.	120	15	2	-	1,652	1,618	391	44	12	2	2	49
Iowa	50	27	-	3	892	1,147	22	22	4	2	14	10
Mo.	347	78	8	-	6,377	9,958	441	235	113	13	15	44
N. Dak.	1	1	1	-	39	34	69	1	3	1	1	1
S. Dak.	6	6	-	1	99	197	179	3	-	-	-	-
Nebr.	29	10	2	2	8	1,104	101	13	5	-	12	10
Kans.	122	48	5	-	2,956	2,039	94	41	10	-	2	11
S. ATLANTIC	5,678	678	61	35	87,265	101,716	695	1,482	585	56	106	220
Del.	64	26	6	-	989	1,449	24	141	119	1	16	95
Md.	669	85	10	-	8,539	10,538	132	225	21	5	20	29
D.C.	417	14	1	-	3,829	5,623	12	47	233	-	7	1
Va.	322	105	19	9	10,073	9,915	61	105	23	20	10	52
W. Va.	29	7	4	-	514	681	4	33	1	12	-	3
N.C.	370	79	17	-	14,463	20,259	58	247	58	-	18	22
S.C.	166	7	-	-	6,331	7,890	15	31	-	-	16	-
Ga.	759	87	2	-	26,750	24,643	94	173	57	-	5	2
Fla.	2,882	268	2	26	15,777	20,718	295	480	73	18	14	16
E.S. CENTRAL	739	225	10	-	26,291	31,660	175	762	1,318	2	38	42
Ky.	105	73	7	-	2,732	3,347	47	46	3	-	16	14
Tenn.	227	49	1	-	8,218	11,338	80	638	1,303	-	16	23
Ala.	272	62	1	-	8,805	8,908	27	75	11	1	6	5
Miss.	135	41	1	-	6,536	8,067	21	3	1	1	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL	2,174	447	30	4	30,921	38,183	1,071	1,146	75	93	11	68
Ark.	112	5	7	-	4,453	4,420	52	47	6	4	-	10
La.	390	35	3	1	8,586	8,857	95	90	29	2	1	3
Okla.	147	-	2	2	3,127	3,869	121	114	24	3	5	16
Tex.	1,525	407	18	1	14,755	21,037	803	895	16	84	5	39
MOUNTAIN	686	125	13	4	6,859	7,101	1,612	401	156	33	57	4
Mont.	12	2	1	1	60	64	48	23	25	-	9	-
Idaho	15	19	-	-	64	84	35	54	2	-	4	2
Wyo.	2	-	1	-	31	55	3	2	10	-	1	1
Colo.	236	39	6	1	2,482	2,062	463	64	55	17	10	-
N. Mex.	58	8	3	1	522	656	162	107	15	7	2	-
Ariz.	203	37	1	-	2,400	2,644	660	80	18	4	17	-
Utah	54	1	1	1	158	184	190	10	19	5	2	1
Nev.	106	19	-	-	1,142	1,352	51	61	12	-	12	-
PACIFIC	4,972	854	56	4	24,495	29,235	3,500	1,883	942	123	56	118
Wash.	255	-	1	-	2,128	2,600	388	186	76	7	8	3
Oreg.	146	-	-	-	920	1,193	200	167	44	7	-	-
Calif.	4,484	795	52	3	20,761	24,561	2,742	1,510	663	101	47	115
Alaska	8	8	3	-	410	437	32	8	2	1	-	-
Hawaii	79	51	-	1	276	444	138	12	157	7	1	-
Guam	-	2	-	-	45	5	5	1	-	6	-	1
P.R.	876	103	1	-	109	366	21	252	78	16	1	-
V.I.	2	-	-	-	61	259	2	5	-	-	-	-
Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	-	24	28	1	1	-	-	-	-
C.N.M.I.	-	-	-	-	45	37	1	-	-	-	-	-

N: Not notifiable

U: Unavailable

C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1992, and July 27, 1991 (30th Week)

Reporting Area	Malaria	Measles (Rubeola)					Menin- gococcal Infections	Mumps		Pertussis			Rubella		
		Indigenous		Imported*		Total									
		Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	1992	Cum. 1992
UNITED STATES	478	7	1,264	5	96	7,950	1,378	25	1,654	53	969	1,314	2	119	1,050
NEW ENGLAND	28	3	48	-	7	59	86	-	10	5	86	200	-	6	4
Maine	-	2	2	-	-	2	7	-	-	1	4	45	-	1	-
N.H.	3	-	15	-	-	-	5	-	2	2	26	17	-	-	1
Vt.	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
Mass.	14	-	11	-	3	27	35	-	2	-	36	116	-	-	2
R.I.	4	1	20	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Conn.	7	-	-	-	4	23	35	-	6	2	19	19	-	1	1
MID. ATLANTIC	130	-	170	-	12	4,416	154	4	115	1	85	131	-	15	561
Upstate N.Y.	21	-	79	-	3	380	75	2	48	-	25	74	-	11	536
N.Y. City	69	-	42	-	8	1,575	14	-	18	-	11	17	-	-	2
N.J.	20	-	44	-	1	1,017	18	-	11	-	14	10	-	3	2
Pa.	20	-	5	-	-	1,444	47	2	38	1	35	30	-	1	21
E.N. CENTRAL	31	-	23	1	13	77	213	-	214	2	71	254	-	7	174
Ohio	4	-	-	1†	6	3	55	-	82	1	32	68	-	-	147
Ind.	9	-	20	-	-	1	32	-	7	-	14	47	-	-	2
Ill.	8	-	1	-	4	25	57	-	61	1	9	51	-	7	4
Mich.	8	-	2	-	2	39	53	-	56	-	5	23	-	-	20
Wis.	2	-	-	-	1	9	16	-	8	-	11	65	-	-	1
W.N. CENTRAL	27	-	6	3	8	40	65	1	58	10	87	91	-	4	16
Minn.	13	-	5	15	5	10	9	-	19	2	29	35	-	-	6
Iowa	2	-	-	2†	3	15	7	1	10	-	3	9	-	-	5
Mo.	8	-	-	-	-	1	20	-	21	6	32	31	-	-	5
N. Dak.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	8	2	-	-	-
S. Dak.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-
Nebr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kans.	3	-	1	-	-	1	13	-	4	2	6	5	-	-	-
S. ATLANTIC	91	-	114	-	11	431	252	2	622	-	74	129	1	14	7
Del.	4	-	3	-	-	21	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
Md.	27	-	9	-	7	165	26	1	60	-	16	30	-	5	1
D.C.	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-
Va.	20	-	10	-	4	28	38	-	38	-	6	16	-	-	-
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	22	-	2	7	1	1	2
N.C.	7	-	25	-	-	38	53	-	126	-	13	19	-	-	-
S.C.	-	-	29	-	-	12	18	1	47	-	9	9	-	2	-
Ga.	3	-	-	-	-	14	37	-	56	-	8	22	-	-	3
Fla.	23	-	38	-	-	153	62	-	264	-	19	26	-	5	-
E.S. CENTRAL	12	3	444	-	18	2	91	-	40	1	18	40	-	1	100
Ky.	1	3	442	-	1	1	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenn.	7	-	-	-	-	1	27	-	13	-	5	16	-	1	100
Ala.	4	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	7	1	12	23	-	-	-
Miss.	-	-	2	-	17	-	9	-	20	-	1	1	-	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL	17	-	366	-	-	127	102	3	288	1	35	33	-	-	5
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	-	6	-	9	3	-	-	1
La.	1	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	15	1	2	9	-	-	-
Okla.	4	-	11	-	-	-	13	-	15	-	24	15	-	-	4
Tex.	12	-	355	-	-	122	56	3	252	-	-	6	-	-	-
MOUNTAIN	11	-	4	-	7	949	69	7	101	11	193	139	-	5	-
Mont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	385	8	-	3	2	23	20	-	1	-
Wyo.	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1
Colo.	5	-	3	-	7	5	12	1	14	-	24	70	-	-	1
N. Mex.	1	-	-	-	-	98	7	N	N	5	41	16	-	-	-
Ariz.	4	-	-	-	-	312	15	-	52	4	79	8	-	2	-
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	129	4	6	23	-	24	18	-	1	3
Nev.	1	-	-	-	-	17	9	-	7	-	1	2	-	-	-
PACIFIC	131	1	89	1	20	1,849	346	8	206	22	320	297	1	67	178
Wash.	7	-	-	-	10	4	46	1	9	9	92	71	-	6	2
Oreg.	10	-	4	-	1	62	46	N	N	2	16	38	-	2	169
Calif.	106	-	46	1†	2	1,765	243	5	183	11	195	139	1	39	-
Alaska	1	-	8	-	1	1	6	-	1	-	3	12	-	-	7
Hawaii	7	1	31	-	6	17	5	2	13	-	14	37	-	20	-
Guam	1	U	10	U	-	-	-	U	7	U	-	-	U	1	1
P.R.	-	40	293	-	-	88	3	-	1	-	8	27	-	-	-
V.I.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
C.N.M.I.	-	U	-	U	-	-	-	U	-	U	1	-	U	-	-

\*For measles only, imported cases includes both out-of-state and international importations.

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable †International ‡Out-of-state

**TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending July 25, 1992, and July 27, 1991 (30th Week)**

Reporting Area	Syphilis (Primary & Secondary)		Toxic- shock Syndrome	Tuberculosis		Tula- remia	Typhoid Fever	Typhus Fever (Tick-borne) (RMSF)	Rabies, Animal
	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1991	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1992
UNITED STATES	19,349	24,337	143	12,142	12,671	79	189	185	4,488
NEW ENGLAND	382	641	10	194	342	-	20	7	434
Maine	2	-	-	14	27	-	-	-	-
N.H.	33	12	6	3	5	-	1	-	1
Vt.	1	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	17
Mass.	182	300	3	74	167	-	12	4	4
R.I.	20	35	1	24	33	-	-	2	-
Conn.	144	293	-	76	106	-	7	1	412
MID. ATLANTIC	2,899	4,370	19	2,851	2,989	-	51	13	1,272
Upstate N.Y.	191	395	8	200	287	-	7	3	673
N.Y. City	1,570	2,147	-	1,765	1,811	-	22	3	-
N.J.	376	750	-	524	493	-	15	4	418
Pa.	762	1,078	11	362	398	-	7	3	181
E.N. CENTRAL	2,745	2,774	40	1,231	1,268	1	21	18	79
Ohio	461	363	12	190	189	-	3	11	7
Ind.	159	84	9	99	106	-	-	3	9
Ill.	1,232	1,341	5	624	662	1	15	-	12
Mich.	557	668	14	271	255	-	1	1	8
Wis.	336	318	-	47	56	-	-	3	43
W.N. CENTRAL	664	418	23	278	304	35	2	15	751
Minn.	47	45	5	71	59	-	1	-	108
Iowa	28	37	5	22	44	-	-	-	132
Mo.	506	290	3	126	127	27	1	13	7
N. Dak.	1	1	1	2	6	-	-	-	102
S. Dak.	-	1	-	15	24	6	-	1	75
Nebr.	1	9	3	13	11	1	-	-	8
Kans.	81	35	6	29	33	1	-	1	319
S. ATLANTIC	5,414	7,178	14	2,246	2,384	3	14	39	1,026
Del.	130	91	3	25	16	-	-	3	130
Md.	400	597	2	152	216	1	3	4	304
D.C.	249	448	-	77	117	-	1	1	11
Va.	410	536	1	154	209	2	-	2	175
W. Va.	9	19	1	48	41	-	1	3	23
N.C.	1,383	1,094	3	283	325	-	-	19	13
S.C.	723	890	1	234	234	-	1	2	89
Ga.	1,090	1,761	1	498	482	-	-	3	211
Fla.	1,020	1,742	2	775	744	-	8	2	70
E.S. CENTRAL	2,517	2,640	1	853	840	5	3	33	86
Ky.	83	48	-	222	193	1	-	4	48
Tenn.	678	900	1	236	230	4	-	26	-
Ala.	966	981	-	231	236	-	-	3	38
Miss.	790	711	-	164	181	-	3	-	-
W.S. CENTRAL	3,550	4,385	1	1,231	1,446	17	6	51	465
Ark.	488	386	-	106	121	9	-	8	19
La.	1,482	1,442	-	108	119	-	-	-	-
Okla.	166	110	-	87	104	8	-	43	227
Tex.	1,414	2,447	1	930	1,102	-	6	-	219
MOUNTAIN	227	339	11	319	345	17	2	5	94
Mont.	7	5	-	-	3	8	-	2	12
Idaho	1	3	1	12	4	-	1	1	-
Wyo.	1	4	-	-	3	2	-	-	23
Colo.	32	54	4	29	35	3	1	-	7
N. Mex.	24	21	2	47	45	4	-	1	5
Ariz.	115	216	2	144	185	-	-	-	44
Utah	6	5	2	46	30	-	-	1	1
Nev.	41	31	-	41	40	-	-	-	2
PACIFIC	951	1,592	24	2,939	2,753	1	70	4	281
Wash.	49	108	-	175	173	-	4	-	-
Oreg.	26	45	1	77	62	-	-	1	-
Calif.	867	1,431	23	2,520	2,357	1	63	3	269
Alaska	4	4	-	31	43	-	-	-	12
Hawaii	5	4	-	136	118	-	3	-	-
Guam	2	-	-	34	6	-	3	-	-
P.R.	181	275	-	135	109	-	1	-	31
V.I.	37	72	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
C.N.M.I.	4	2	-	38	8	-	1	-	-

U: Unavailable

TABLE III. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,\* week ending  
July 25, 1992 (30th Week)

Reporting Area	All Causes, By Age (Years)						P&I†	Total	Reporting Area	All Causes, By Age (Years)						P&I†	Total
	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1				All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1		
NEW ENGLAND	532	375	91	49	10	7	31		S. ATLANTIC	1,288	790	246	149	44	56	51	
Boston, Mass.	172	113	30	24	2	3	14		Atlanta, Ga.	182	97	42	22	7	14	5	
Bridgeport, Conn.	36	24	8	3	-	-	2		Baltimore, Md.	218	130	39	29	9	11	16	
Cambridge, Mass.	20	17	1	2	-	-	1		Charlotte, N.C.	99	63	18	11	5	2	1	
Fall River, Mass.	24	19	3	1	-	-	1		Jacksonville, Fla.	111	72	24	9	1	2	4	
Hartford, Conn.	35	26	7	1	1	-	2		Miami, Fla.	99	67	18	8	6	-	1	
Lowell, Mass.	19	16	2	1	-	-	1		Norfolk, Va.	68	33	19	7	3	6	-	
Lynn, Mass.	9	6	1	2	-	-	1		Richmond, Va.	92	66	13	8	2	3	3	
New Bedford, Mass.	19	17	-	2	-	-	1		Savannah, Ga.	46	33	8	5	-	-	2	
New Haven, Conn.	30	16	11	-	2	1	3		St. Petersburg, Fla.	67	55	8	1	1	2	-	
Providence, R.I.	33	24	4	4	1	-	-		Tampa, Fla.	152	96	28	17	2	9	13	
Somerville, Mass.	6	2	3	-	1	-	-		Washington, D.C.	138	67	25	31	8	7	6	
Springfield, Mass.	36	24	9	1	-	2	3		Wilmington, Del.	16	11	4	1	-	-	-	
Waterbury, Conn.	36	28	3	3	2	-	1		E.S. CENTRAL	757	500	161	54	28	14	45	
Worcester, Mass.	57	43	9	5	-	-	3		Birmingham, Ala.	96	67	16	8	3	2	2	
MID. ATLANTIC	2,482	1,530	499	320	71	62	113		Chattanooga, Tenn.	88	59	20	7	2	-	3	
Albany, N.Y.	53	40	4	7	-	2	2		Knoxville, Tenn.	87	62	16	5	3	1	7	
Allentown, Pa.	20	14	5	1	-	-	-		Lexington, Ky.	48	32	11	2	2	1	4	
Buffalo, N.Y.	101	69	25	2	2	3	4		Memphis, Tenn.	177	114	38	13	10	2	15	
Camden, N.J.	33	17	7	6	3	-	2		Mobile, Ala.	66	49	12	4	1	-	2	
Elizabeth, N.J.	16	9	2	4	-	1	-		Montgomery, Ala.	52	28	17	5	1	1	-	
Erie, Pa.‡	41	32	6	1	1	1	2		Nashville, Tenn.	143	89	31	10	6	7	12	
Jersey City, N.J.	61	43	12	6	-	-	-		W.S. CENTRAL	1,487	890	319	154	65	58	85	
New York City, N.Y.	1,272	759	262	179	34	38	46		Austin, Tex.	60	43	11	3	2	1	6	
Newark, N.J.	76	27	17	23	4	5	4		Baton Rouge, La.	59	29	12	6	5	7	1	
Paterson, N.J.	25	12	7	5	-	1	-		Corpus Christi, Tex.	51	34	8	4	5	-	4	
Philadelphia, Pa.	394	235	88	51	13	7	24		Dallas, Tex.	205	105	46	35	9	10	4	
Pittsburgh, Pa.‡	62	40	12	6	2	2	4		El Paso, Tex.	64	39	18	3	3	1	3	
Reading, Pa.	13	10	2	1	-	-	1		Ft. Worth, Tex.	100	67	18	5	8	2	4	
Rochester, N.Y.	119	85	16	11	7	-	9		Houston, Tex.	304	169	64	43	11	17	34	
Schenectady, N.Y.	25	20	3	2	-	-	-		Little Rock, Ark.	80	44	24	4	3	5	3	
Scranton, Pa.‡	23	20	2	1	-	-	3		New Orleans, La.	176	111	35	19	9	1	-	
Syracuse, N.Y.	79	53	16	5	4	1	6		San Antonio, Tex.	233	153	45	20	9	6	12	
Trenton, N.J.	30	17	6	5	1	1	3		Shreveport, La.	51	37	8	4	-	2	8	
Utica, N.Y.	13	8	2	3	-	-	1		Tulsa, Okla.	104	59	30	8	1	6	6	
Yonkers, N.Y.	26	20	5	1	-	-	2		MOUNTAIN	848	544	165	84	31	24	54	
E.N. CENTRAL	2,129	1,258	439	236	111	83	102		Albuquerque, N.M.	83	54	17	6	3	3	3	
Akron, Ohio	87	62	11	10	1	3	-		Colo. Springs, Colo.	32	22	5	1	2	2	5	
Canton, Ohio	38	27	8	3	-	-	4		Denver, Colo.	122	65	28	18	7	4	5	
Chicago, Ill.	438	171	100	90	60	17	15		Las Vegas, Nev.	169	107	40	17	2	3	12	
Cincinnati, Ohio	126	81	29	4	6	6	11		Ogden, Utah	21	14	4	1	1	1	2	
Cleveland, Ohio	144	82	33	14	7	8	4		Phoenix, Ariz.	161	108	25	16	6	6	20	
Columbus, Ohio	165	84	47	25	7	2	8		Pueblo, Colo.	20	16	2	1	1	-	-	
Dayton, Ohio	117	74	24	16	-	3	6		Salt Lake City, Utah	102	57	18	18	6	3	2	
Detroit, Mich.	236	136	49	23	8	18	4		Tucson, Ariz.	138	101	26	6	3	2	10	
Evansville, Ind.	43	36	7	-	-	-	1		PACIFIC	1,302	856	254	131	38	22	77	
Fort Wayne, Ind.	52	41	6	1	3	1	2		Berkeley, Calif.	23	16	4	1	1	1	1	
Gary, Ind.	22	11	4	2	5	-	6		Fresno, Calif.	77	46	19	9	1	2	9	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	45	29	8	2	2	4	5		Glendale, Calif.	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Indianapolis, Ind.	176	103	48	19	1	5	9		Honolulu, Hawaii	57	37	11	7	2	-	7	
Madison, Wis.	51	37	9	4	1	-	10		Long Beach, Calif.	83	53	18	6	4	2	7	
Milwaukee, Wis.	126	93	20	6	3	4	6		Los Angeles, Calif.	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Peoria, Ill.	42	23	9	3	2	5	-		Pasadena, Calif.	22	12	5	3	2	-	-	
Rockford, Ill.	40	32	5	2	-	1	2		Portland, Ore.	118	85	27	4	1	1	3	
South Bend, Ind.	46	32	5	2	3	4	4		Sacramento, Calif.	147	107	25	11	4	-	10	
Toledo, Ohio	85	60	14	7	2	2	5		San Diego, Calif.	140	79	26	20	7	7	5	
Youngstown, Ohio	50	44	3	3	-	-	-		San Francisco, Calif.	158	84	30	36	4	4	2	
W.N. CENTRAL	753	554	111	54	15	19	34		San Jose, Calif.	158	102	44	8	2	2	17	
Des Moines, Iowa	69	55	9	4	-	1	4		Santa Cruz, Calif.	31	25	3	-	3	-	3	
Duluth, Minn.	36	27	5	3	1	-	1		Seattle, Wash.	143	100	25	12	4	2	2	
Kansas City, Kans.	28	21	3	1	3	-	-		Spokane, Wash.	49	38	5	5	1	-	5	
Kansas City, Mo.	123	86	14	19	2	2	7		Tacoma, Wash.	96	72	12	9	2	1	6	
Lincoln, Neb.	31	26	4	-	1	-	4		TOTAL	11,578†	7,297	2,285	1,231	413	345	592	
Minneapolis, Minn.	148	107	19	9	4	9	7										
Omaha, Neb.	71	49	15	5	1	1	-										
St. Louis, Mo.	122	93	13	8	2	6	1										
St. Paul, Minn.	65	51	11	2	1	-	6										
Wichita, Kans.	60	39	18	3	-	-	3										

\*Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.

†Pneumonia and influenza.

‡Because of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks.

§Total includes unknown ages.

U: Unavailable

*Ischemic Heart Disease — Continued***TABLE 1. Age-adjusted death rates\* for ischemic heart disease among adults aged ≥35 years and average annual percentage change in rates, by sex and state — United States, 1980–1988**

State	Women			Men		
	1980	1988	% Change	1980	1988	% Change
Alabama	366.5	308.3	-2.5	719.1	553.4	-3.4
Alaska	236.5	214.7	-1.8	690.6	500.4	-2.7
Arizona	357.9	297.7	-2.7	695.6	548.4	-3.1
Arkansas	371.3	330.6	-1.5	741.2	593.7	-2.8
California	373.8	319.2	-1.9	688.8	531.3	-3.1
Colorado	314.3	291.2	-1.8	660.2	544.1	-2.7
Connecticut	410.7	310.2	-3.7	785.7	536.2	-4.7
Delaware	333.0	280.1	-1.5	688.1	502.6	-3.8
District of Columbia	385.0	217.8	-7.5	716.3	356.9	-10.0
Florida	359.6	311.2	-1.9	726.6	551.9	-3.3
Georgia	385.2	327.9	-2.1	793.3	596.3	-3.5
Hawaii	257.4	184.0	-4.3	513.0	316.4	-5.3
Idaho	340.8	268.3	-2.9	703.9	504.8	-4.1
Illinois	500.6	390.7	-3.0	861.1	652.2	-3.5
Indiana	437.3	356.5	-2.6	239.3	684.6	-2.7
Iowa	375.5	284.2	-3.6	792.7	567.4	-4.5
Kansas	372.7	294.8	-3.0	778.1	558.3	-3.9
Kentucky	447.8	363.1	-2.7	908.5	683.4	-3.4
Louisiana	437.8	353.1	-3.3	812.2	635.0	-3.4
Maine	441.6	328.0	-3.1	843.2	623.0	-3.4
Maryland	340.3	251.2	-3.4	613.1	427.7	-4.2
Massachusetts	477.0	329.0	-4.4	906.2	603.9	-5.0
Michigan	472.7	402.0	-1.8	861.9	671.9	-3.1
Minnesota	354.4	265.0	-3.2	743.5	540.8	-4.1
Mississippi	370.8	320.6	-2.6	725.8	589.7	-3.5
Missouri	444.2	352.5	-2.6	827.6	628.8	-3.4
Montana	353.8	250.6	-3.9	686.5	487.6	-4.3
Nebraska	364.5	281.6	-3.3	740.4	550.0	-3.8
Nevada	356.1	233.4	-4.7	668.3	409.4	-6.3
New Hampshire	416.3	322.1	-2.8	851.9	591.8	-4.5
New Jersey	528.1	396.3	-3.4	949.3	688.9	-4.0
New Mexico	279.3	190.8	-3.9	518.3	330.5	-5.3
New York	604.2	462.6	-3.4	1039.7	755.1	-4.1
North Carolina	379.5	339.5	-1.3	828.7	693.4	-2.5
North Dakota	349.1	286.2	-2.9	782.2	558.2	-4.0
Ohio	475.2	370.4	-3.0	913.5	665.8	-4.0
Oklahoma	399.2	364.9	-1.6	835.2	678.7	-2.7
Oregon	355.6	292.6	-2.3	777.3	566.9	-3.5
Pennsylvania	466.2	345.3	-3.6	852.2	603.3	-4.0
Rhode Island	490.3	336.2	-3.8	947.6	613.2	-4.6
South Carolina	400.8	361.8	-1.4	786.6	657.9	-1.9
South Dakota	358.4	286.4	-3.0	824.9	630.6	-3.7
Tennessee	413.5	341.1	-2.4	806.9	645.1	-3.3
Texas	341.9	270.9	-3.1	654.7	488.5	-3.7
Utah	289.5	233.2	-3.5	649.1	425.1	-5.3
Vermont	391.0	277.9	-2.9	771.6	544.8	-4.1
Virginia	398.4	307.5	-3.2	805.4	601.3	-3.9
Washington	338.7	248.5	-4.1	666.4	498.3	-3.9
West Virginia	472.8	382.1	-2.5	883.7	623.8	-4.2
Wisconsin	436.4	331.5	-2.9	819.8	633.9	-3.0
Wyoming	351.6	234.7	-4.6	757.4	498.1	-4.4
<b>Median</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>310.2</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>782.2</b>	<b>567.4</b>	<b>-3.8</b>

\*Per 100,000 population, adjusted to the 1980 U.S. standard population.

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reflect state-to-state differences in factors such as the socioeconomic resources (10), quality and availability of health-care services, and prevalence of risk factors for IHD (e.g., cigarette smoking, dietary patterns, physical activity, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia).

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## **Pregnancy Risks Determined from Birth Certificate Data – United States, 1989**

The 1989 revision of the “U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth” includes new items of information about medical and lifestyle risk factors related to pregnancy, birth, and method of delivery (1,2). This report presents data about three of these new items: maternal weight gain during pregnancy, smoking during pregnancy, and method of delivery. For this analysis, to allow for more in-depth comparisons, data were limited to the two largest racial groups (black and white) in the United States.

During 1989, information for approximately 3.9 million live-birth certificates was recorded; however, because the District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Texas, and Virginia did not implement the revised certificates until March or April 1989, data on the new topics for the first three or four months of that year for those areas were not available. Overall, 17% of the birth certificates did not report maternal weight gain, 8% did not report data on smoking and 5% did not report on method of delivery (among areas reporting these items).

**Maternal Weight Gain**

From 1974 through 1989, the guideline for weight gain during a normal pregnancy was 22–27 pounds (3); in 1990, the National Institute of Medicine set guidelines for maternal weight gain at 25–35 pounds for average-sized women (4). Analysis of 1989



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birth-certificate data indicated that approximately 17% of white mothers and 27% of black mothers with gestations  $\geq 40$  weeks gained  $\leq 20$  pounds; white mothers gained, on average, one half pound more than black mothers (Table 1). The risk for insufficient weight gain was highest among women aged  $\geq 35$  years, those with less than a high school education, unmarried women, and women whose attendant at delivery was not a physician or a midwife. For each variable examined, black mothers were more likely to have low weight gain than white mothers (Table 1).

Among infants with gestations  $\geq 40$  weeks, the percentage of low birthweight (LBW) (i.e.,  $< 2500$  g [ $< 5.5$  lbs]) declined as maternal weight gain during pregnancy increased from  $< 16$  pounds to  $\geq 40$  pounds (2.8%–0.8% for white infants and 6.8%–1.8% for black infants). The percentage of infants weighing at least 3500 g (7 lbs 12 oz) increased with maternal weight gain (for white infants, 44%–67%, and for black infants, 25%–50%) (Table 2).

**Smoking**

Data from the 1989 birth certificates were used to identify maternal characteristics (e.g., educational attainment of mother and adequacy of prenatal care\*) that predict variations in smoking practices. To ensure the validity of educational attainment as an analytic variable, this analysis was confined to mothers aged  $\geq 20$  years.

During 1989, 19% of women who gave birth reported tobacco use during pregnancy<sup>†</sup>. However, smoking levels varied substantially by mother's educational attainment and adequacy of prenatal care. During 1989, 73% of births to women aged  $\geq 20$  years were to mothers who had adequate care, 20% to those who had intermediate care, and 7% to those who had inadequate care. Mothers whose care was inadequate were twice as likely to have smoked as those who had adequate care (32% versus 16%).

The differences by adequacy of care persisted for mothers with  $\geq 12$  years of education. Among comparably educated mothers, those who had inadequate prenatal care were considerably more likely to smoke than mothers who had adequate care (Table 3). However, among women with 9–11 years of education, 41%–46% were smokers, regardless of level of prenatal care. In addition, among mothers receiving adequate care, those with 9–11 years of education were eight times as likely to have smoked as were college graduates (41% versus 5%).

Among mothers aged  $\geq 20$  years, reported prevalences of smoking varied by educational attainment and race. At most levels of care and education, white mothers were more likely to smoke than were black mothers. White mothers with 9–11 years of education were more likely than any other group to smoke (44%–48%), regardless of care. Among black mothers with 9–11 years of education, 36% smoked overall; however, smoking prevalences were substantially higher for those with inadequate care (46%) than for those with intermediate (35%) or adequate care (30%).

Regardless of race, adequacy of prenatal care, or mother's educational level, babies born to mothers who smoked were at substantially elevated risk for LBW (Table 3). In addition, babies born to black women were substantially more likely to have LBW than were babies born to white women. For example, even among women with low risk for having LBW infants (i.e., nonsmoking mothers who were college

\*Adequacy of care as measured by the Kessner index provides a multidimensional measure that incorporates when prenatal care began, the total number of prenatal visits made by the mother, and the gestational age of the baby.

<sup>†</sup>Question as it appeared on 1989 live-birth certificate: "Tobacco use during pregnancy: yes/no."

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**TABLE 1. Percent distribution of live-born infants with gestations  $\geq 40$  weeks, by maternal weight gain and selected characteristics of mothers — reporting areas, 1989**

Characteristic of mother	No. births	Maternal weight gain (pounds)							Median
		<16	16–20	21–25	26–30	31–35	36–40	>40	
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>1,335,840</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Age (yrs)*									
<20	146,811	6.6	9.5	13.5	17.7	14.4	13.7	24.7	32.3
20–24	359,336	7.5	9.9	14.8	19.7	15.3	13.5	19.2	30.9
25–29	446,607	6.7	9.5	15.6	22.3	16.7	13.6	15.6	30.7
30–34	282,475	6.6	9.7	16.0	23.3	17.1	13.4	13.9	30.6
35–39	88,290	7.9	10.4	16.6	23.0	16.2	12.8	13.1	30.4
40–49	12,321	10.4	12.1	17.2	22.0	14.5	11.5	12.4	30.1
Education (yrs) <sup>†</sup>									
0–11	223,884	10.2	11.7	14.8	18.1	13.5	12.2	19.5	30.5
12	473,530	7.8	10.0	15.1	20.4	15.5	13.3	18.0	30.7
13–15	249,118	6.2	9.2	15.5	22.1	16.7	14.0	16.3	30.8
$\geq 16$	235,540	3.9	8.2	16.3	25.4	18.9	14.3	12.9	30.8
Marital status*									
Married	1,100,592	6.7	9.5	15.5	22.0	16.5	13.6	16.1	30.7
Unmarried	235,248	8.5	10.7	14.4	18.4	14.0	12.8	21.2	30.8
Attendant at delivery*									
Physician	1,231,671	7.0	9.7	15.4	21.5	16.1	13.5	16.9	30.7
Osteopathic physician	45,672	7.8	9.9	15.0	20.4	15.4	13.4	18.1	30.7
Certified nurse-midwife	41,357	6.7	8.6	13.4	19.9	17.1	14.8	19.5	31.6
Other midwife	7,367	5.9	9.8	15.1	19.1	17.2	14.3	18.7	31.1
Other	6,983	8.5	11.4	15.7	20.8	14.7	12.6	16.3	30.5
<b>BLACK</b>	<b>229,110</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>30.1</b>
Age (yrs)*									
<20	54,089	12.6	14.6	15.5	18.2	11.6	11.0	16.7	29.7
20–24	75,845	12.8	13.5	14.6	18.6	11.8	11.3	17.4	30.2
25–29	57,036	12.7	12.5	14.3	18.5	12.5	11.8	17.5	30.3
30–34	30,483	13.4	13.2	14.7	18.4	12.5	11.1	16.6	30.2
35–39	10,047	15.5	14.1	14.6	18.9	11.6	10.4	14.8	28.7
40–49	1,610	18.5	14.0	15.9	18.4	10.6	9.9	12.6	26.8
Education (yrs) <sup>†</sup>									
0–11	64,410	15.8	15.4	15.3	17.6	10.6	10.2	15.1	27.9
12	92,688	13.0	13.5	14.6	18.5	12.0	11.3	17.1	30.2
13–15	40,830	10.4	11.3	14.8	19.0	13.0	12.4	19.2	30.6
$\geq 16$	15,375	9.0	10.9	14.3	20.7	15.2	12.4	17.5	30.6
Marital status*									
Married	80,921	11.6	11.9	14.8	19.2	13.0	11.9	17.6	30.4
Unmarried	148,189	13.7	14.4	14.8	18.0	11.4	11.0	16.7	29.7
Attendant at delivery*									
Physician	210,132	12.9	13.5	14.8	18.5	12.0	11.3	17.0	30.1
Osteopathic physician	5,280	11.5	12.8	14.6	17.6	12.8	12.1	18.5	30.4
Certified nurse-midwife	10,082	13.6	12.7	14.7	17.7	12.4	11.6	17.2	30.1
Other midwife	417	11.2	14.0	16.4	18.9	13.2	11.2	15.1	30.1
Other	2,084	17.5	14.9	13.8	17.1	11.3	10.3	15.1	28.8

\*Excludes data for California, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, which did not require reporting of weight gain during pregnancy.

<sup>†</sup>Excludes data for California, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York (except for New York City), Oklahoma, and Washington, which did not require reporting of weight gain during pregnancy or educational attainment.

**TABLE 2. Number and percent distribution of live-born infants with gestations  $\geq 40$  weeks, by birthweight according to maternal weight gain and race of mother – reporting areas, 1989\***

Race of mother/ Birthweight (grams)	Maternal weight gain (pounds)						
	<16	16–20	21–25	26–30	31–35	36–40	>40
	Number						
							Total
<b>White</b>	<b>79,818</b>	<b>111,120</b>	<b>175,045</b>	<b>243,986</b>	<b>183,977</b>	<b>154,168</b>	<b>1,335,840<sup>†</sup></b>
	Percent distribution						
<2500	2.8	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.3
2500–2999	14.7	13.3	11.1	8.9	7.5	6.4	9.1
3000–3499	38.5	39.4	39.2	36.1	33.5	30.6	34.5
3500–3999	31.8	33.4	35.6	38.6	40.4	40.9	37.9
$\geq 4000$	12.1	11.7	12.6	15.2	17.7	21.2	17.2
	Number						
							Total
<b>Black</b>	<b>23,026</b>	<b>23,938</b>	<b>26,254</b>	<b>32,758</b>	<b>21,306</b>	<b>20,063</b>	<b>229,110<sup>†</sup></b>
	Percent distribution						
<2500	6.8	5.4	3.7	3.0	2.4	2.3	3.8
2500–2999	25.5	23.4	20.8	17.7	15.7	13.4	18.3
3000–3499	42.4	43.8	44.6	44.2	42.9	40.9	42.1
3500–3999	20.6	22.3	25.1	27.8	30.6	33.0	27.6
$\geq 4000$	4.7	5.1	5.8	7.3	8.5	10.4	8.2

\*Excludes data for California, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, which did not require reporting of weight gain during pregnancy.

<sup>†</sup>Includes births with weight gain not stated.

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graduates and received adequate prenatal care), 8% of black infants and 4% of white infants had LBW.

**Method of Delivery**

In 1989, 23% of all births and 16% of births to mothers who had no previous cesarean were by cesarean delivery (Table 4). Overall and primary cesarean rates differed markedly by the mother's residence, age, parity, and educational attainment. Rates were highest for mothers who resided in the South, were in the oldest years of childbearing, were having their first child, and had  $\geq 13$  years of education. Rates were similar, however, by race.

At least half the infants were delivered by cesarean when eclampsia (52%), abruptio placenta (57%), fetal distress (63%), dysfunctional labor (64%), cord prolapse (68%), placenta previa (82%), malpresentation (84%), or cephalopelvic disproportion (98%) were diagnosed (1). The risk for cesarean increased with maternal weight gain during pregnancy, from approximately 21% for mothers who gained  $< 31$  pounds, to 29% for mothers who gained  $\geq 41$  pounds. Cesarean rates were highest for babies weighing  $< 2500$  g or  $\geq 4000$  g, for babies born prematurely, for twins, and for babies with certain abnormal conditions (e.g., hyaline membrane disease, meconium aspiration syndrome, or need for assisted ventilation).

**TABLE 3. Percentage of mothers aged  $\geq 20$  years who smoked during pregnancy and percentage of low birthweight (LBW)\* infants, by mother's smoking status, educational attainment, and race and adequacy of prenatal care<sup>†</sup> – reporting areas, 1989<sup>‡</sup>**

Adequacy of prenatal care/ Education of mother	% Mothers who smoked			% LBW					
				Smokers			Nonsmokers		
	All races	White	Black	All races	White	Black	All races	White	Black
<b>Adequate care<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>
9–11 yrs	40.5	43.6	30.3	10.7	9.3	19.5	6.6	5.2	11.5
12 yrs	20.7	21.7	15.4	8.8	7.9	17.3	5.0	4.2	9.9
13–15 yrs	12.4	12.7	11.0	8.4	7.5	16.3	4.7	4.0	9.7
$\geq 16$ yrs	4.8	4.9	5.4	6.8	6.3	14.2	4.2	3.9	8.4
<b>Intermediate care<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>
9–11 yrs	42.6	46.6	34.5	13.3	11.2	21.2	7.8	6.1	12.1
12 yrs	26.6	29.5	20.1	11.5	9.6	19.5	7.0	5.4	11.3
13–15 yrs	17.0	17.7	16.2	11.7	9.8	18.5	6.3	5.0	10.5
$\geq 16$ yrs	6.0	5.9	9.5	12.5	10.1	22.6	5.8	5.1	10.1
<b>Inadequate care<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>
9–11 yrs	46.3	47.6	46.1	20.6	14.9	30.9	11.5	7.8	18.2
12 yrs	32.4	35.7	29.5	20.0	14.8	29.8	10.7	7.1	16.1
13–15 yrs	24.4	24.5	25.8	19.3	13.7	28.8	9.4	6.6	14.5
$\geq 16$ yrs	10.1	8.9	18.0	18.9	12.7	31.4	6.5	5.3	11.7
<b>All levels of care<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>
9–11 yrs	42.2	45.1	36.2	13.7	11.0	24.3	7.9	5.9	13.3
12 yrs	22.8	23.9	19.3	10.9	9.0	21.4	5.9	4.6	11.3
13–15 yrs	13.7	13.8	13.9	10.1	8.3	19.4	5.3	4.3	10.4
$\geq 16$ yrs	5.0	5.0	6.0	8.1	7.0	18.2	4.5	4.1	9.0

\*Birthweight  $< 2500$  g.

<sup>†</sup>Adequacy of prenatal care measured by Kessner index.

<sup>‡</sup>Excludes data for California, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Washington, which did not require reporting of either tobacco use during pregnancy or educational attainment of mother.

<sup>§</sup>Includes births to mothers with 0–8 years of education.

*Pregnancy Risks — Continued***TABLE 4. Rates of cesarean delivery and vaginal birth after a previous cesarean (VBAC), by selected maternal and infant characteristics — reporting areas, 1989\***

Characteristic	Rate			Characteristic	Rate		
	Primary <sup>†</sup>	VBAC <sup>‡</sup>	Total <sup>§</sup>		Primary	VBAC	Total
<b>MATERNAL</b>				<b>Obstetric procedures</b>			
<b>Residence</b>				Electronic fetal monitoring	16.3	25.8	21.4
Northeast	16.4	21.0	23.2	Induction of labor	21.1	50.4	22.4
Midwest	15.0	19.2	22.0	Stimulation of labor	17.4	58.3	18.6
South	17.8	16.0	24.7	Tocolysis	24.6	22.0	30.5
West	14.9	20.1	21.2	Ultrasound**	19.2	18.1	27.2
<b>Race</b>				<b>Weight gain (lbs)</b>			
White	16.2	18.6	23.2	<21	13.8	19.0	21.6
Black	15.8	19.7	22.0	21-30	14.1	20.5	21.1
<b>Age (yrs)</b>				31-40	17.0	19.5	23.5
<20	15.0	24.0	16.9	≥41	23.2	16.5	29.1
20-29	15.7	19.3	22.2	<b>Total</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>22.8</b>
30-39	17.2	18.0	26.5	<b>INFANT</b>			
40-49	23.2	14.0	31.9	<b>Birthweight (g)</b>			
<b>Parity</b>				<1500	39.4	21.4	42.8
1st birth	24.8	26.0	24.9	<2500	29.4	18.6	34.2
2nd birth	8.9	18.6	22.9	2500-2999	14.8	19.0	21.3
≥3rd birth	8.6	19.1	19.7	3000-3999	14.0	19.3	21.0
<b>Education (yrs)**</b>				≥4000	21.9	16.8	29.1
0-11	13.0	19.3	18.8	<b>Weeks of gestation</b>			
12	16.1	17.3	23.2	<37	22.6	18.2	28.5
≥13	17.9	19.3	24.8	37-39	14.4	14.1	24.1
<b>Complications of labor and/or delivery</b>				40	14.1	26.1	19.0
Fever	34.3	38.8	36.4	41	17.2	28.5	21.0
Premature				≥42	18.6	23.7	23.2
rupture of membrane	26.3	28.5	29.7	<b>Plurality</b>			
Abruptio placenta	52.6	16.2	56.5	Singleton	15.3	19.2	22.1
Placenta previa	78.4	3.3	82.2	Twin	49.0	7.8	54.2
Prolonged labor	41.4	40.3	42.3	<b>Abnormal conditions</b>			
Dysfunctional labor	62.1	18.4	63.8	Hyaline membrane			
Breech/malpresentation	82.6	5.1	83.9	disease/respiratory			
Cephalopelvic				distress syndrome	41.5	10.0	48.7
disproportion††	97.5	0.9	97.7	Meconium aspiration			
Cord prolapse‡‡	66.2	10.8	68.0	syndrome***	33.4	20.4	37.4
Fetal distress	61.1	16.8	62.9	Assisted ventilation,			
				<30 minutes†††	30.1	15.3	37.1
				Assisted ventilation,			
				≥30 minutes†††	43.8	13.0	49.0

\*Excludes data for Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, and Oklahoma (except as noted), which did not require reporting of method of delivery.

†Number of primary cesareans per 100 live births to women who had not had a previous cesarean.

‡Number of VBAC per 100 live births to women with a previous cesarean.

§Percentage of all live infants delivered by cesarean.

\*\*In addition, excludes data for New York (except for New York City) and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment.

††In addition, excludes data for Texas.

‡‡In addition, excludes data for North Carolina.

\*\*\*In addition, excludes data for Illinois.

†††In addition, excludes data for New York (except for New York City).

†††In addition, excludes data for New York.

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Less than 20% of infants born to mothers who had a previous cesarean were delivered vaginally (VBAC). VBAC rates were generally lowest for women comprising the groups with highest overall and primary cesarean rates.

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**Editorial Note:** The findings in this report regarding maternal weight gain are consistent with a previous study, based on the 1980 National Natality Survey, that indicated substantial disparities in weight gain by race and sociodemographic status and that women with inadequate weight gain during pregnancy generally have lower weight live-born infants and a higher risk for a fetal death (5). Insufficient weight gain among high-risk women remains a public health concern because of its association with poor birth outcomes.

The large differences in maternal weight gain by race are consistent with the medical advice on weight gain reported by mothers (i.e., black women are more likely to report being advised to gain less weight than currently recommended, regardless of their age, education, or marital status) (6). Therefore, physicians and other health-care providers who advise on maternal weight gain during pregnancy should provide the recent guidelines of 28–40 pounds for women with low weight-for-height, 25–35 pounds for average weight-for-height women, and 15–25 pounds for women with high weight-for-height, for full-term pregnancies (4).

Results on smoking by women during pregnancy from this analysis are consistent with results from the 1988 National Maternal and Infant Health Survey, conducted by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Smoking by women during pregnancy is associated with a variety of poor pregnancy outcomes, including higher rates of miscarriage, LBW, intrauterine growth retardation, and preterm birth (7). In turn, LBW and preterm birth are major predictors of infant mortality and infant and childhood morbidity. Therefore, intense intervention efforts to curtail smoking should be directed toward the group of pregnant women having the highest prevalence of smoking (i.e., mothers with less than a high school education).

The racial disparity in the incidence of LBW persisted even when births to women of the same education, prenatal care, and smoking status were compared. Therefore, determination of reasons for this difference will require further assessment of other lifestyle, nutritional, and environmental factors.

Since 1965, the National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS), conducted by NCHS, has provided national data on cesarean delivery rates. In this report, the cesarean delivery rates based on data from live-birth certificates are consistent with rates derived from the 1989 NHDS (1,8). The addition of the question regarding method of delivery to the 1989 revised "U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth" has provided public-health practitioners and health researchers with a basis for determining cesarean rates for a wider range of maternal demographic and health characteristics, as well as for smaller geographic areas and by health characteristics of the infant.

Since the early 1980s, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has encouraged an expanded use of VBAC to reduce the overall cesarean rate (9). Information now available from birth certificates will permit health professionals to more closely monitor changes in cesarean and VBAC rates and compare their rates to international, state, or small-area rates.

The findings in this report have at least two limitations. First, reporting may not be as complete as it could be in subsequent years because 1989 was the first year of reporting with this revised birth certificate and three states and the District of

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Columbia did not begin reporting new data immediately. Second, for data on maternal weight gain, because prepregnancy weight and height are not recorded on the birth certificate, it was not possible to determine what proportion of women achieved the recommended levels for their weight-for-height; no other sources exist on maternal weight gain from health-care providers for comparison. Despite these limitations, the new data from the revised live birth certificates will facilitate tracking of results of public health initiatives designed to improve maternal health and pregnancy outcome.

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