

# Maternal Health and Childbirth

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# Maternal Mortality

## explained by the World Health Organization



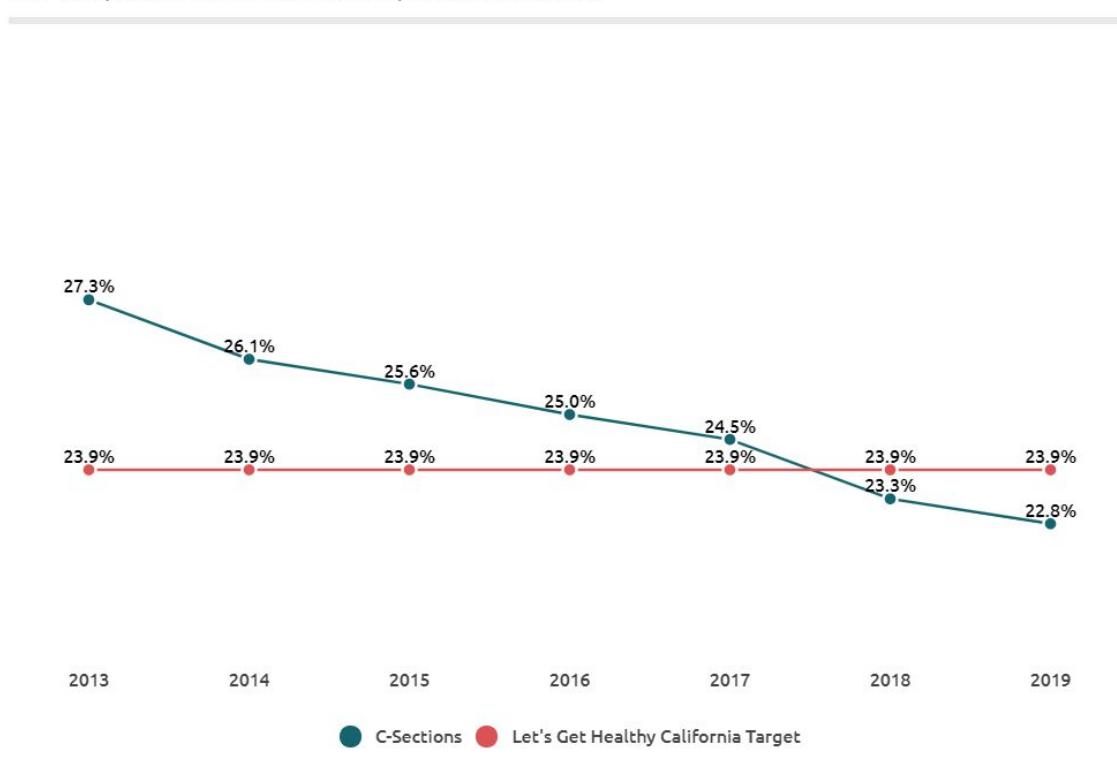
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### Key facts

- Every day in 2017, approximately 810 women died from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.
- Between 2000 and 2017, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR, number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births) dropped by about 38% worldwide.
- 94% of all maternal deaths occur in low and lower middle-income countries.
- Young adolescents (ages 10-14) face a higher risk of complications and death as a result of pregnancy than other women.
- Skilled care before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborns.

“The high number of maternal deaths in some areas of the world reflects inequalities in access to quality health services and highlights the gap between rich and poor. The MMR in low income countries in 2017 is **462 per 100,000 live births** versus **11 per 100,000 live births** in high income countries.”

### Low-Risk, First-Birth Cesarean Rates, California, 2013 to 2019



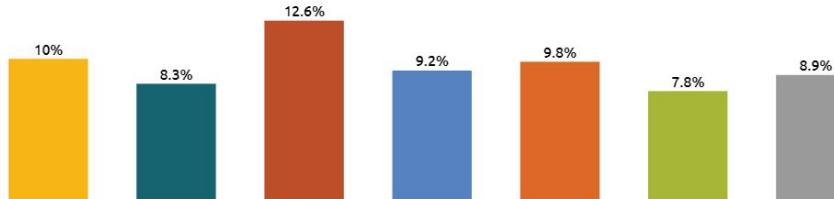
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# Preterm and Low Birthweight Births (California 2019)

Preterm and Low Birthweight Births, by Race/Ethnicity, California, 2019

Preterm Births

Low Birthweight Births

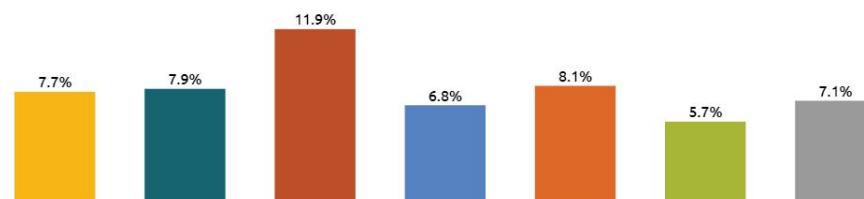


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