

Report of Maternal Deaths, Pennsylvania Occurrences 2017

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The Abortion Control Act requires that deaths occurring in Pennsylvania arising from pregnancy, childbirth or intentional abortion be reported to the Department of Health (Department). The official maternal death definition that is used in the Abortion Control Act comes from the World Health Organization (WHO), which defines maternal deaths to be the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes. To be in compliance with the Abortion Control Act, the Department annually compiles a statistical report based upon the data gathered in reports of maternal death. The statistical report is to be available for public inspection and copying.

This is the Department's annual statistical report. The following tables are based on the data submitted in reports required by the Abortion Control Act. Another source of information on maternal deaths is death certificates, also filed with the Department.

Questions on the reporting of maternal deaths should be addressed to the Division of Health Informatics, Pennsylvania Department of Health at ra-DHContactUs@pa.gov or 717-782-2448.

TABLE 1. Maternal Deaths by Underlying Cause of Death

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
Pregnancy with abortive outcome	0	0	1
Induced abortion	0	0	0
Spontaneous abortion	0	0	0
Ectopic pregnancy	0	0	1
Disorders related to pregnancy	4	5	3
Complications related to delivery	3	6	9
Other conditions	5	5	3

TABLE 2. Maternal Deaths by Length of Gestation (Weeks)

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
Less than 25 weeks	2	3	6
25 - 29	1	0	0
30 - 34	2	3	2
35 - 39	3	5	0
40 or more	0	1	2
Unknown	4	4	6

TABLE 3. Maternal Deaths by Pregnancy Disposition

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
Live births	7	10	8
Ectopic pregnancies	0	1	1
Induced abortions	0	1	0
Spontaneous abortions	3	3	4
Unknown	2	1	3

TABLE 4. Maternal Deaths by Age at Death (Years)

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
Under 20 years of age	0	1	2
20 - 29	5	8	6
30 years of age and over	7	7	8

TABLE 5. Maternal Deaths by Race of Mother

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
White	10	7	8
Black or African American	1	7	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	1	2
Multi-Race	0	0	0
Other race	1	1	1

TABLE 6. Maternal Deaths by Whether Mother Was Under a Physician's Care

	2017	2016	2015
Total	12	16	16
Yes	6	11	8
No	2	0	1
Unknown	4	5	7

TABLE 7. Maternal Deaths by Mother's Residence

	2017	2016	2015
Total Occurrences	12	16	16
Pennsylvania	10	16	16
Adams County	0	0	0
Allegheny County	1	1	0
Armstrong County	0	0	0
Beaver County	1	0	0
Bedford County	0	0	0
Berks County	0	0	1
Blair County	0	1	0
Bradford County	0	0	0
Bucks County	1	0	0
Butler County	0	0	0
Cambria County	0	0	0
Cameron County	0	0	0
Carbon County	0	0	0
Centre County	2	0	0
Chester County	0	1	1
Clarion County	0	0	0
Clearfield County	0	0	0
Clinton County	0	0	0
Columbia County	0	0	0
Crawford County	0	0	0
Cumberland County	0	1	0
Dauphin County	0	0	2
Delaware County	0	1	1
Elk County	0	0	0
Erie County	0	0	1
Fayette County	0	0	0
Forest County	0	0	0
Franklin County	0	0	0
Fulton County	0	0	0
Greene County	0	0	0
Huntingdon County	0	0	0
Indiana County	0	0	0
Jefferson County	0	0	0
Juniata County	0	0	0
Lackawanna County	0	0	1
Lancaster County	0	1	1
Lawrence County	0	0	0
Lebanon County	0	0	0
Lehigh County	1	2	1
Luzerne County	0	0	1
Lycoming County	0	0	0
McKean County	0	0	0
Mercer County	0	0	1
Mifflin County	0	0	0
Monroe County	0	1	1
Montgomery County	1	1	0
Montour County	0	0	0
Northampton County	0	0	0
Northumberland County	0	0	0
Perry County	0	0	0
Philadelphia County	2	3	2
Pike County	0	0	0
Potter County	0	0	0
Schuylkill County	0	0	0
Snyder County	0	0	0
Somerset County	0	0	1
Sullivan County	0	0	0
Susquehanna County	0	0	0
Tioga County	0	0	0
Union County	0	0	0
Venango County	0	0	0
Warren County	0	0	0
Washington County	0	0	0
Wayne County	0	0	0
Westmoreland County	0	0	0
Wyoming County	0	0	0
York County	1	3	1
New Jersey	2	0	0