

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REPORT OF MATERNAL DEATHS, PENNSYLVANIA OCCURRENCES

2009

The Abortion Control Act requires that deaths occurring in Pennsylvania arising from pregnancy, childbirth, or intentional abortion be reported to the Department of Health. Annually, the Department is to compile a statistical report based upon the data gathered in reports of maternal death. The 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 Statistical Support, Pennsylvania Department of Health, 555 Walnut Street, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1914.

TABLE 1. MATERNAL DEATHS BY UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH

TOTAL	19
Pregnancy with abortive outcome	0
Induced abortion	0
Spontaneous abortion	0
Ectopic pregnancy	0
Disorders related to pregnancy	6
Complications related to delivery	12
Other conditions	1

TABLE 2. MATERNAL DEATHS BY LENGTH OF GESTATION (WEEKS)

TOTAL	19
Less than 25 weeks	0
25 - 29	2
30 - 34	1
35 - 39	6
40 or more	1
Unknown	9

TABLE 3. MATERNAL DEATHS BY PREGNANCY DISPOSITION

TOTAL	19
Live births	16
Ectopic pregnancies	0
Induced abortions	0
Spontaneous abortions	3
Unknown	0

TABLE 4. MATERNAL DEATHS BY AGE AT DEATH (YEARS)

TOTAL	19
Under 20 years	1
20 - 29	7
30 and over	11

TABLE 5. MATERNAL DEATHS BY RACE OF MOTHER

TOTAL	19
White	10
Black	8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Other	0

TABLE 6. MATERNAL DEATHS BY WHETHER MOTHER WAS UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S CARE

TOTAL	19
Yes	13
No	0
Unknown	6

TABLE 7. MATERNAL DEATHS BY MOTHER'S RESIDENCE

TOTAL	19
Adams	1
Allegheny	3
Bucks	2
Butler	1
Indiana	1
Lackawanna	1
Lancaster	1
Montgomery	1
Philadelphia	8