

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REPORT OF MATERNAL DEATHS, PENNSYLVANIA OCCURRENCES
2010

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	20
Pregnancy with abortive outcome	1
Induced abortion	0
Spontaneous abortion	0
Ectopic pregnancy	1
Disorders related to pregnancy	6
Complications related to delivery	9
Other conditions	4

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

TOTAL	20
Less than 25 weeks	8
25 - 29	2
30 - 34	1
35 - 39	5
40 or more	2
Unknown	2

TABLE 3. MATERNAL DEATHS BY PREGNANCY DISPOSITION

TOTAL	20
Live births	9
Ectopic pregnancies	1
Induced abortions	0
Spontaneous abortions	9
Unknown	1

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

TOTAL	20
Under 20 years	1
20 - 29	8
30 and over	11

TABLE 5. MATERNAL DEATHS BY RACE OF MOTHER

TOTAL	20
White	12
Black	8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0

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

TOTAL	20
Yes	13
No	1
Unknown	6

TABLE 7. MATERNAL DEATHS BY MOTHER'S RESIDENCE

TOTAL	20
Adams	1
Allegheny	2
Berks	1
Bucks	1
Butler	1
Cumberland	2
Delaware	1
Lancaster	1
Mercer	1
Montgomery	1
Northampton	1
Philadelphia	7