

## Hispanic American Health Facts

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### Agencies and Information Sources

#### **Santa Cruz County (SCC) Health Services Agency** - <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/>

The Health Services Agency (HSA) exists to protect and improve the health of the people in Santa Cruz County. The Agency provides programs in Environmental Health, Public Health, Medical Care, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and Mental Health.

#### **California Department of Health Services** - <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/default.htm>

To Protect and Improve the Health of All Californians

#### **California Health Interview Survey** - <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/index.html>

The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state health survey conducted in the United States. Every two years, CHIS plans to collect information on the health and health care needs of California's diverse population.

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** - <http://www.cdc.gov/default.htm>

CDC's Mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability.

#### **Office of Minority Health** <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/AboutUs/aboutUs.htm>

Vision for the 21st Century "Health Equality for All"

#### **Mission**

Promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling the disproportionate burden of disease, injury and disability among racial and ethnic minority populations.

#### **Minority Populations**

Racial and ethnic minority populations are defined as American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. [Click here](#) for the full Office of Management and Budget (OMB) report.

## Santa Cruz County 2003 Health Almanac

### Overall

(All figures are for U.S.)

Births Annually: **815,868 (2000)**

Birth Rate: **105.9** births per 1,000 women ages 15-44 (2000)

Percent of Births to Teenagers: **16.2 (2000)**

Percent of Births to Unmarried Mothers: **42.7 (2000)**

Percent Low Birthweight: **6.4 (2000)**

Percent of Births by Cesarean Delivery: **22.1 (2000)**

Percent of Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in First Trimester: **74.4 (2000)**

Deaths Annually: **107,254 (2000)**

Age-Adjusted Death Rate: **585.6** deaths per 100,000 population (2000)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/hisfacts.htm>

**Heart Disease is Leading Killer of Hispanic and Latino Americans with Diabetes July 22, 2002**

<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/jul2002/niddk-22.htm>

**Hispanic Women in Border States Less Likely to Receive Screening for Breast and Cervical Cancers March 19, 2003** <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r030319.htm>

**What Are U.S. Latinos' HIV Prevention Needs? revised 4/02**

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/Latinorev.html>

**Increased Risk of Dying from Pregnancy among Hispanic Women in the United States**

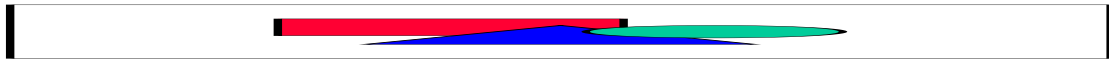
[http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/drh/surv\\_hispwus.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/drh/surv_hispwus.htm)

**Prevalence of Glaucoma in Mexican-Americans**

<http://www.nei.nih.gov/news/statements/glauc-mexamer.htm>

**Diabetes in Hispanic Americans (National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse)**

<http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm/pubs/hispanicamerican/index.htm>



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[Mexican Immigrants are Generally Healthier, but Have Less Access to Needed Health Care](#)

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This health policy fact sheet presents information on selected indicators of the health status and access to health care of Mexican immigrants in California. Their situation is compared to that of U.S.-born persons of Mexican ancestry and U.S.-born non-Latino whites, based on data from the 2001 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS 2001). This fact sheet was produced to commemorate Binational Health Week, October 12-19, 2003.

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