

Stats of the State of North Carolina

North Carolina Birth Data 2013

STATE

RANK*

U.S.**

Percent of Births to Unmarried Mothers (2013) ¹	41.5	22 nd	40.6
Cesarean Delivery Rate (2013)	30.4	30 th	32.7
Preterm Birth Rate (2013)	12.0	17 th	11.4
Teen Birth Rate (2012) ‡	31.8	21 st	29.4
Low Birthweight Rate (2013) ¹	8.8	9 th (tie)	8.0

¹ Unpublished data.

‡Number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19.

U.S. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2012

TOTAL DEATHS

DEATH RATE***

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1. Heart Disease	17,348	166.1	25 th	170.5
2. Cancer	18,405	170.2	18 th	166.5
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	4,844	46.3	19 th (tie)	41.5
4. Stroke	4,410	42.8	10 th	36.9
5. Accidents	4,281	43.0	26 th	39.1
6. Alzheimer's Disease	2,850	28.4	13 th (tie)	23.8
7. Diabetes	2,409	22.6	17 th (tie)	21.2
8. Influenza/Pneumonia	1,899	18.5	7 th	14.4
9. Kidney Disease	1,656	15.9	14 th	13.1
10. Suicide	1,286	12.7	32 nd (tie)	12.6

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Other North Carolina Mortality Data (2012)

	STATE DEATHS	STATE RATE**	U.S. DEATHS	U.S. RATE***
Firearm Deaths	1,175	11.8	33,563	10.5
Homicide	567	5.9	16,688	5.4
Drug Poisoning Deaths	1,298	13.3	41,502	13.1

Other North Carolina Data

	STATE	U.S.
Infant Mortality Rate (2012, deaths per 1,000 live births)	7.39	5.98
People Without Health Insurance Percentage (2013)	11.4	14.4
Marriage Rate (2011)	5.9	6.8
Divorce Rate (2011)	3.4	3.6†

* Rankings are from highest to lowest.

** Rates for the U.S. include the District of Columbia and (for births) U.S. territories. Refer to notes in publication tables for more detail.

*** Death rates are age-adjusted. Refer to source notes below for more detail.

†Excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

n/a - Data not available

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Sources:

Health Insurance data come from [Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, 2013](#); 2013 birth data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 63, No. 2, Supplemental Tables](#); leading cause of death data, including firearm, homicide, and drug poisoning mortality data, and infant mortality data come from *National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 63, No. 9*; and **rankings and rates are based on 2012 age-adjusted death rates**. States are categorized from highest rate to lowest rate. Although adjusted for differences in age-distribution and population size, rankings by state do not take into account other state specific population characteristics that may affect the level of mortality. When the number of deaths is small, rankings by state may be unreliable due to instability in death rates. For more information on age-adjustment, refer to [this report](#). Marriage and divorce data come from unpublished tables from the [Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC](#).