

**Very Low Birth Weight Rate**  
**National Performance Measure 15**

***Healthy People 2010 Goal: Reduce the very low birth weight rate to an incidence of no more than 0.9 percent of all births.***

***County rates are 1998-2000 three-year averages.***

***Counties categorized as close to the goal are within 20 percent of the goal; counties at some distance from the goal are more than 20 percent away but less than double the goal; and counties far from the goal are at least double the desired goal.***

**Counties Meeting the HP 2010 Goal (at or below 0.9%):**

Alamosa	Elbert	Rio Grande
Chaffee	Gunnison	
Delta	La Plata	
Eagle	Las Animas	

**Counties Close to the HP 2010 Goal (1.0% - 1.1%)**

Archuleta	Garfield	Pitkin
Boulder	Larimer	Routt
Conejos	Mesa	Summit
Douglas	Montezuma	

**Counties At Some Distance from the HP 2010 Goal (1.2% - 1.7%):**

Adams	Jefferson	Pueblo
Arapahoe	Logan	Saguache
Denver	Montrose	Teller
El Paso	Morgan	Weld
Fremont	Otero	Yuma
Huerfano	Park	

**Counties Far from the HP 2010 Goal (1.8% or higher):**

Gilpin	Lincoln	Prowers
Grand	Ouray	

**Too few LBW births to release rate (total LBW births in 3 years equal 0, 1, or 2):**

Baca	Dolores	Moffat
Bent	Hinsdale	Phillips
Cheyenne	Jackson	Rio Blanco
Clear Creek	Kiowa	San Juan
Costilla	Kit Carson	San Miguel
Crowley	Lake	Sedgwick
Custer	Mineral	Washington