

# PREFACE

This publication provides readers with the 2000 data on live births and infant deaths by census tract in Maricopa County, Arizona. Census tracts are relatively permanent subdivisions of a county, delineated by local census statistical areas committees following Census Bureau guidelines. Census tracts do not cross county boundaries.

Information on live births and deaths is compiled from the original documents (i.e., certificates of live births and certificates of death) filed with the Arizona Department of Health Services. The tabulated data include:

- ▶ Recommended by the CDC set of indicators for assessing health status and monitoring progress toward the Year 2000 objectives\* (incidence of low-birthweight births, births to teen mothers, prenatal care as measured by the percentage of women giving birth who receive care during the first trimester of pregnancy, and race/ethnicity-specific infant mortality;
- ▶ Supplementary indicators focused on socio-demographic and prenatal care characteristics (women giving birth who had no prenatal care during pregnancy, women giving birth who had 5 or more prenatal visits, births to unwed mothers).

Many percentages or rates calculated from the data shown in this report would be based on a small number of events. Caution must be exercised when interpreting data based on small numbers of events and/or events occurring in small population.

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\* Centers for Disease Control. Consensus set of health status indicators for the general assessment of community health status, United States. MMWR 40 (27): 449-51, 1991.