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Winter 2006
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2. The 5-year rate refers to total live births per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age during the 2000-2004 period.
3. Percentages for births to single mothers are based on total births for the race-group.
4. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The percentage is based on total resident births for 2004.
5. The 5-year pregnancy rate represents the number of reported pregnancies per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age for 2000-2004.
6. The 5-year (2000-2004) infant mortality rates represent the number of deaths to children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.
7. The 2004 mortality rates (deaths per 100,000 population) for Delaware and counties are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. population.

### Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center
PREFACE

I am pleased to present the 2004 Vital Statistics Annual Report, issued by the Division of Public Health's Delaware Health Statistics Center.

This report features statistics that are essential to identify and understand the challenges facing Delaware as it strives to improve the health of its residents. Our challenges are significant, and include the reduction of infant mortality, lowering our high rates of cancer, and closing the health disparities gap that exists when we compare racial and ethnic groups. In order to meet these challenges, we must gain insight from, and track our progress through, health indicators. The 2004 Delaware Vital Statistics Annual Report is a key report issued by the Division of Public Health for this purpose.

To assist users of this report, an introductory section describes Delaware's vital statistics system and defines terms used in the report. In addition, we can provide all data, tables, and graphs in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, or the entire report in electronic format. To make such requests, or to ask questions about the report in general, please contact the Delaware Health Statistics Center at 302-744-4541. The report is also available at http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dph/hp/annrepvs.html.

The primary sources of data used in preparing this report are certificates of marriage, divorce, live birth, death, fetal death, and reports of induced termination of pregnancy. We are indebted to the hard work and dedication of the professionals who provide these certificates.

Jaime H. Rivera, MD, FAAP

Director
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