

Table 3
Hospitals Generally Started Fetal Death Certificates Faster Than Did Funeral Homes
From 2017 Through 2021

LOCAL REGISTRATION DISTRICT	HOSPITAL STARTED CERTIFICATE		FUNERAL HOME STARTED CERTIFICATE	
	PERCENTAGE OF CERTIFICATES STARTED BY A HOSPITAL	AVERAGE DAYS TO START A RECORD IN FDRS	PERCENTAGE OF CERTIFICATES STARTED BY A FUNERAL HOME	AVERAGE DAYS TO START A RECORD IN FDRS
Contra Costa	89%	3	8%	9
Los Angeles	24	11	70	15
Placer	69	3	30	12
Sacramento	40	10	53	16
Averages	33%	8	61%	15

Source: Analysis of FDRS data.

Note: In rare cases, a certificate may be started by a government entity, such as a coroner. Percentages shown therefore do not add to 100 percent.