

Table A

Local Registration Districts’ Average Processing Times for Completing Fetal Death Registrations From 2017 Through 2022

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Alameda	351	5.69	2.48	0.581	8.28	1.04	0.0094	17.89		2.28
Amador	5	2.94	2.78	0.005	0.45	0.04	0.1400	7.92		1.35
Berkeley	165	3.08	1.56	0.123	8.58	8.44	0.0282	22.21		0.61
Butte	79	4.06	4.89	0.673	3.11	0.52	0.0323	13.22		0.82
Contra Costa	245	3.63	1.55	1.297	4.94	1.02	0.1403	12.50	10.49	0.97
Del Norte	12	10.15	18.94	*	*	0.18	0.0029	15.94		1.13
El Dorado	20	9.84	5.57	1.035	1.41	0.80	0.0067	18.45		1.24
Fresno	576	18.29	3.44	0.803	5.31	1.52	0.2694	28.32		0.86
Humboldt	53	5.81	2.66	0.708	4.02	0.53	0.0378	12.97		1.04
Imperial	86	30.41	18.40	0.840	17.89	0.37	0.0181	44.31		0.61
Inyo	11	3.86	1.28	0.287	0.06	0.11	0.0057	6.47		0.84
Kern	472	26.05	3.00	1.374	6.98	2.46	0.0679	39.20		0.76
Kings	67	8.51	7.84	2.258	2.78	0.41	0.0002	21.00		1.03
Lake	20	2.61	2.54	0.741	2.35	2.01	1.2450	14.03		1.06
Lassen	5	3.62	0.86	0.135	0.88	0.15	0.0016	4.92		0.25
Long Beach	396	11.03	3.44	0.687	6.39	1.28	0.0031	22.82		0.86
Los Angeles	3,144	18.11	3.62	1.870	7.01	1.66	0.0267	30.99	16.61	0.55
Madera	47	10.49	2.67	1.394	2.84	0.49	0.0156	17.76		0.61
Marin	32	8.22	3.52	2.445	2.29	1.28	0.0032	16.31		1.59
Mariposa	<5	6.53	7.16	0.005	0.68	4.02	2.1934	20.58		0.11
Mendocino	23	7.53	3.43	0.602	1.71	0.41	0.0007	14.24		0.33
Merced	86	8.91	2.78	0.609	2.64	0.85	0.0577	15.93		0.66
Mono	6	2.49	1.96	0.017	*	0.31	0.0015	5.36		0.46
Monterey	184	5.57	1.68	4.008	6.69	1.38	0.0016	12.54		1.48
Napa	16	6.87	4.10	0.972	2.51	0.43	0.0112	14.66		0.88
Nevada	19	6.18	7.71	4.107	31.13	0.09	0.1019	29.59		0.31
Orange	987	11.17	2.66	1.169	3.86	1.02	0.0922	18.62		0.66
Pasadena	90	10.55	10.80	1.341	5.20	1.34	0.0289	28.75		0.65
Placer	248	6.31	0.64	1.310	10.78	2.29	0.0151	21.15	13.65	2.30
Plumas	<5	9.86	13.86	*	*	0.01	0.3062	18.54		0.31
Riverside	761	16.83	3.79	1.559	3.36	1.82	0.0004	24.69		1.90
Sacramento	597	19.86	1.94	0.672	13.93	1.37	0.0659	36.95	17.50	0.78

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San Benito	15	5.68	1.41	0.015	1.95	2.04	0.0015	9.42		0.56
San Bernardino	1,059	14.97	3.74	2.053	11.34	2.23	0.0306	34.90		1.09
San Diego	950	8.03	2.24	0.906	10.77	1.14	0.0314	23.13		0.84
San Francisco	351	10.67	1.69	0.828	4.52	1.63	0.0141	19.11		0.57
San Joaquin	337	13.23	7.69	0.852	5.44	1.01	0.0382	30.37		0.92
San Luis Obispo	51	6.20	3.29	0.500	3.40	0.42	0.0026	13.75		0.90
San Mateo	70	9.11	2.31	1.818	5.14	1.22	0.0002	19.49		0.45
Santa Barbara	134	11.02	1.31	0.932	1.80	0.43	0.0015	13.41		0.45
Santa Clara	559	11.27	2.97	1.223	6.28	1.10	0.0015	23.00		2.42
Santa Cruz	59	5.89	3.47	1.222	2.66	0.81	0.0145	14.48		1.44
Shasta	49	35.69	10.66	1.131	18.18	1.50	0.0337	67.03		0.73
Siskiyou	18	5.33	11.53	0.991	3.40	0.06	0.0017	20.94		0.60
Solano	151	11.88	2.43	0.562	4.25	0.94	0.0003	19.54		0.76
Sonoma	114	9.74	1.90	1.220	3.60	0.83	0.0110	17.26		0.62
Stanislaus	337	7.61	1.98	0.856	3.13	0.63	0.0065	14.14		1.25
Sutter	<5	3.45	0.92	0.057	0.17	0.03	0.0005	4.62		0.92
Tehama	16	12.13	2.34	0.480	3.07	0.54	0.0032	19.15		0.44
Tulare	248	8.47	5.36	2.238	2.81	1.16	0.0131	18.56		0.71
Tuolumne	20	3.87	2.34	0.491	3.92	0.38	0.1861	11.54		1.60
Ventura	220	11.31	3.41	1.912	3.07	0.93	0.1296	16.49		0.65
Yolo	45	10.95	2.01	1.430	3.36	0.98	0.0005	16.82		0.62
Yuba	60	12.94	2.91	0.488	2.55	0.89	0.1256	18.30		0.91
Alpine		THESE LOCAL REGISTRATION DISTRICTS DID NOT RECORD ANY FETAL DEATHS DURING THE AUDIT PERIOD.								
Calaveras										
Colusa										
Glenn										
Modoc										
Sierra										
Trinity										

Source: CDPH's Fetal Death Registration System and interviews with local registrars.

Note: Some FDRS records lack data in one or more of the above steps, which can lead to a different overall average. As a result, the sum of steps one through six in the above bars do not exactly match those in the average. For instance, it took 37 days on average to register a fetal death in the Sacramento district. However, because data are absent in one or more steps, the sum of steps one through six indicates an average of nearly 38 days. Finally, some FDRS records have data points that are significantly different from the majority of records. For instance, one FDRS record in the Nevada district significantly skewed the average of step 4 to 31 days, making it larger than the average suggested by most of the data.

* Records do not contain data.