Primary Cesarean Delivery in Texas, 2007

Cesarean section (C-section) is the birth of a baby through surgical incisions (cuts) made in the abdomen and uterus of the mother. C-section rates vary significantly from region to region. Institutions that serve as referral centers may experience larger numbers of high-risk deliveries which require C-section, but other less-well defined factors also produce variation in the utilization of this procedure.

Source: *Texas Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data, 2007*. Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Austin, Texas. 2009.