



PRIVACY POLICY NOTICE

Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and Protected Health Information (PHI)

Birth & Death Records

The Laredo Vital Statistics Office (LVSO) maintains paper and digital copies of births and deaths occurring within the city limits of Laredo. LVSO is under contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services to provide state abstract birth certificates for persons born in Texas but does not hold or maintain state records.

Confidentiality per the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code Section 552.115.

Birth certificates are confidential records that contain PII with restricted access until 75 years after the file date. Death certificates are confidential records that contain PII and PHI with restricted access until 25 years after the file date. Restricted access records can only be issued to qualified applicants. Proof of relationship or legal interest must be presented. A list of qualified applicants can be found at [Persons Qualified to Request Records | Texas DSHS](#)

LVSO complies with **Title 3 of The Texas Health and Safety Code**. The section of the birth certificate entitled "For Medical and Health Use Only" is not part of the legal birth certificate. Information held by LVSO under that section of the certificate is confidential and will not be released, or made public by subpoena or otherwise, even to a qualified applicant. Requests for statistical purposes should be addressed to the Texas Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics Section (VSS) as LVSO does not maintain statistical data.