

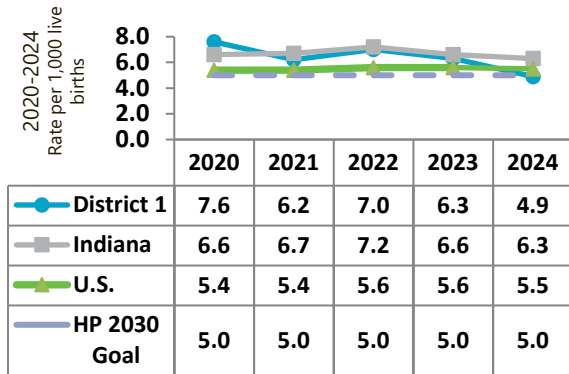
Infant Mortality

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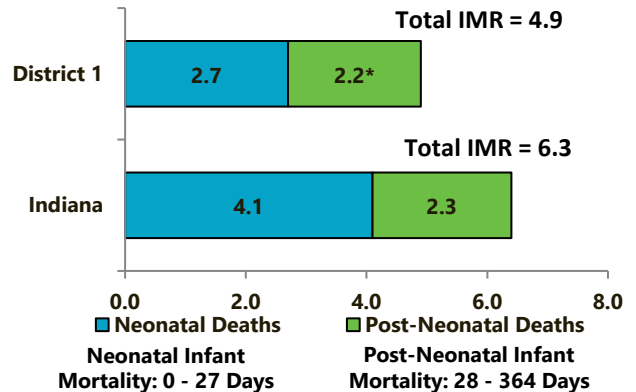
Infant Mortality Rates



Infant Mortality Facts

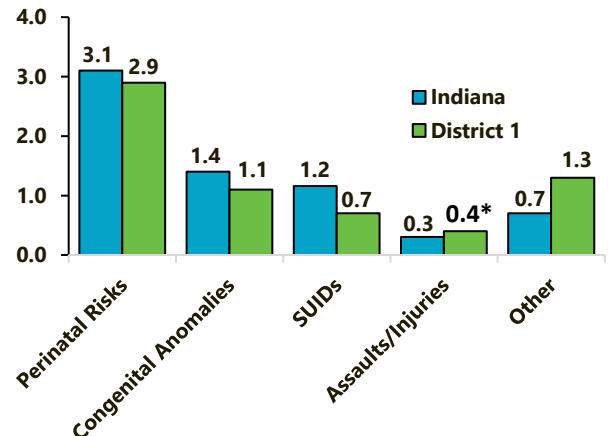
- Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life per 1,000 live births
- In 2024, there were 509 infant deaths across the state, making the infant mortality rate 6.3
- Of the 509 Indiana infant deaths in 2024, 40 occurred in District 1
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Black infants are 2.4 times more likely to die than NH White infants in Indiana

Infant Mortality Rates by Age at Death, 2024



Note: Age-specific mortality rates may not sum to the overall IMR and cause-specific percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Infant Mortality Rates by Cause of Death, 2020-2024



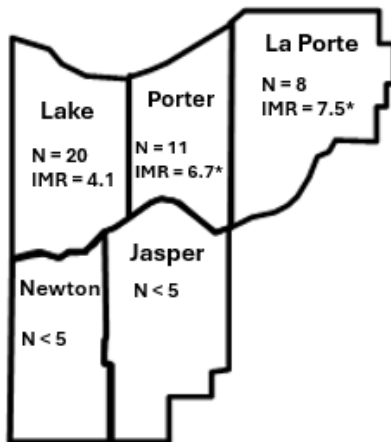
How to Reduce Infant Mortality

- Improve overall health for women of child-bearing age
- Promote early and adequate prenatal care
- Decrease early elective deliveries before 39 weeks
- Decrease prenatal smoking and substance use
- Increase breastfeeding duration and exclusivity
- Support birth spacing and interconception wellness
- Promote the ABCs of safe sleep: place baby to sleep alone, on his or her back, in a crib



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IMR = 4.9
N = 40



Birth Outcome Indicators

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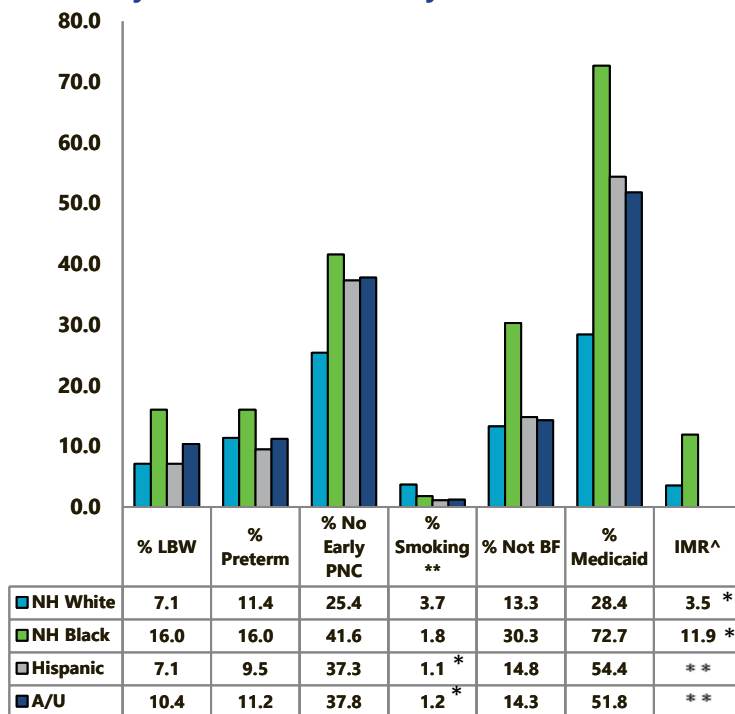
Indiana Quick Facts

- Smoking rates among pregnant women continue to be higher than the national rate
- Just over 1/4 of pregnant women do not receive early prenatal care (PNC)
- NH Black infants in Indiana are more likely to be LBW or preterm
- NH Black and Hispanic women in Indiana are more likely to not receive early prenatal care (1st trimester)
- NH White women in Indiana are more likely to smoke during pregnancy

District 1 Quick Facts

- 8,141 live births in 2024
- Higher percentages of preterm and low birthweight births compared to the state of Indiana
- Lower percentage of women receiving early PNC compared to Indiana
- Lower percentage of women smoking during pregnancy compared to Indiana
- Lower percentage of breastfeeding at hospital discharge compared to Indiana

Birth Outcome Indicators by Race and Ethnicity, D1 2024



[^] = Rate per 1,000 live births
 *Numerator fewer than 20, rate unstable
 **Numerator fewer than 5, rate suppressed
 A/U = Additional/Unknown
 NH = Non-Hispanic

LBW = Low Birthweight PNC = Prenatal Care BF=Breastfeeding IMR = Infant Mortality Rate

	% LBW (< 2,500 G)	% PRETERM (< 37 WKS GESTATION)	% NO EARLY PNC (1 ST TRIMESTER)	% SMOKING**	% NOT BREASTFEEDING	% MOTHER ON MEDICAID
JASPER	6.9	10.8	23.6	4.4*	11.4	31.9
LAKE	9.3	11.2	32.4 ^S	1.8 ^S	19.3 ^S	46.1
LAPORTE	8.8	13.5	36.7 ^S	7.0 ^S	15.3	52.3
NEWTON	7.8*	11.0*	28.6	4.5*	16.9	37.7
PORTER	8.4	13.1	26.5	2.1 ^S	10.7 ^S	29.0
DISTRICT 1	8.9	11.8	31.3	2.7	16.7	42.7
INDIANA	8.5	10.9	27.3	3.8	15.6	40.4

* = Fewer than 20 birth outcomes, percentage unstable

S = County significantly different from state (**significance not calculated for Mothers on Medicaid**).

**Due to a change in reporting methods, smoking during pregnancy should not be compared to previous years data.