

Race and Ethnicity

- The Indiana Birth Outcomes and Infant Mortality Dashboards allow all measures to be stratified by race and ethnicity.
 - o Birth Outcomes uses the recorded race and ethnicity of the mother from finalized birth records.
 - o Infant Mortality utilizes race information from finalized birth and finalized death records in its calculation.
- To be consistent with the CDC's data reporting, the Family Health Data and Fatality Prevention Division changed how they reported race and ethnicity data starting with 2018 births and infant deaths. Previously, race and ethnicity were reported independently of one another (White, Black, Other, Hispanic, Non-Hispanic) which allowed for overlap between groups. We now provide data on non-Hispanic single-race groups as well as Hispanic infants. Based on the population of Indiana, this means providing data for non-Hispanic Black, non-Hispanic White, and Hispanic infants with the remaining births and infant deaths (including Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI), American Indian or Alaskan Native (AIAN), multi-race, and 'unknown' race or ethnicity), grouped as 'Additional Races and Ethnicities.' The 'Additional Races and Ethnicities' group is typically highly variable and based on low counts which can limit the interpretation of changes over time. This includes the ability to select multiple races, an option added in 2022.

Race Categories:

- White
- Black
- Indian (North, Central, and South American, Eskimo and Aleut)
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Filipino
- Hawaiian
- Other Asian or Pacific Islander
- Other Non-White
- Unknown

Ethnicity Categories

- Non-Hispanic
- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Central or South American
- Other & Unknown Hispanic
- Unknown

It should also be noted here that the collection of race and ethnicity data is dependent on the individual filling out the birth or death record. Ideally, pregnant women and/or

the infant's family would have the opportunity to provide this information so that records are most accurate, but we recognize that this may not always be the case.