INFANT MORTALITY
NORTHEASTERN HOSPITAL REGION 2012

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.

• Of the 556 Indiana infant deaths in 2012, 57 occurred in the Northeastern Region.

• Black infants are 2.7 times more likely to die than white infants in Indiana & 4.9 times more likely in the Northeastern Region.

For more information on infant mortality in your area, please see the Indiana State Department of Health Mortality Report, Tables 2 and 8 (http://www.in.gov/isdh/reports/mortality/2012/toc.htm).

PRACTICES TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY

• Improve overall health for women of childbearing age

• Promote early & adequate prenatal care

• Decrease early elective deliveries before 39 weeks

• Decrease prenatal smoking & substance abuse

• Promote safe sleep practices

• Increase breastfeeding duration & exclusivity

• Support birth spacing & interconception wellness

Note: U.S. 2012 rate is PROVISIONAL.

Causes of Infant Mortality

- Congenital Malformations
- Perinatal Risks
- SUIDs
- Assaults/Accidents
- Other

INFANT MORTALITY RATES 2007 - 2012

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## Indiana Quick Facts
- Smoking rates among pregnant women are always one of the nation’s worst.
- Almost 1/3 of pregnant women do not receive early PNC.
- Black women in Indiana are more likely to have a LBW or preterm baby & not get early PNC.
- White women in Indiana are more likely to smoke during pregnancy.

## Northeastern Region Quick Facts
- Lower % of LBW and preterm babies than Indiana.
- Fewer women receiving early PNC.
- Lower % of women smoking during pregnancy.
- Higher rate of women breastfeeding at hospital discharge.

## Birth Outcome Indicators

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*Bottom number is percent difference from State.

For more information on birth outcomes in your area, please see the Indiana State Department of Health Natality Report, Table 32 (http://www.in.gov/isdh/reports/natality/2012/toc.htm)

**Notes:**
- LBW = Low Birthweight
- PNC = Prenatal Care
- IMR = Infant Mortality Rate
- Whites
- Blacks
- % LBW = % Low Birthweight
- % Preterm = % Preterm Birth
- % No Early PNC (1st Trimester) = % No Early Prenatal Care
- % Smoking = % Smokers
- % Not Breastfeeding (1st Year) = % Not Breastfeeding
- $^*$ = Numerator less than 20, rate unstable.
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