INFANT MORTALITY
NORTHERN 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, 64 occurred in the Northern Region.
- Black infants are 2.7 times more likely to die than white infants in Indiana & 4.1 times more likely in the Northern 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).

**Note:** U.S. 2012 rate is PROVISIONAL.

**PRACTICES TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY**
- Improve overall health for women of child-bearing 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.

**Causes of Infant Mortality**
- Congenital Malformations: 14.6%
- Perinatal Risks: 23.6%
- SUIDs: 15.6%
- Assaults/Accidents: 0.0%
- Other: 18.8%
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

NORTHERN REGION QUICK FACTS
• Lower percentage of LBW and Preterm babies than Indiana
• Fewer women receiving early PNC
• Similar % of women smoking during pregnancy
• More women breastfeeding at hospital discharge

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

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)

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*Bottom number is percent difference from State