

Reference Information on Preliminary Indiana Birth Outcomes and Infant Mortality



The Indiana Preliminary Birth Outcomes and Infant Mortality page has three views. These allow users to access preliminary and finalized birth and infant death data at various levels and time periods. The first view, called **"Indiana Preliminary Infant Mortality by Quarter,"** displays infant mortality, preterm births, and low birthweight births at the state level for the previous eight quarters (with a one-quarter delay). When available, finalized data is used in this view and is marked in the graph. The view also shows stratification by district and race/ethnicity for the most recent 12-month rolling period.

The next view is titled **"Indiana Preliminary Birth Outcomes by County."** It contains infant mortality as well as five birth outcomes stratified by county. These use 12-month rolling periods. The final view, **"Indiana Preliminary Infant Mortality and Birth Outcomes,"** allows users to stratify infant mortality and three birth outcomes by race, ethnicity, and Health First Indiana District. These use 12-month rolling periods. The 12-month rolling periods were chosen to increase the stability of rates and percentages shown in the dashboard and to limit suppression of low counts.

All three views on this page contain preliminary data and are subject to change. The timeline for a birth or death record to be completed many vary, impacting the preliminary rates shown. For a look at these metrics with finalized data only, please visit our [Birth Outcomes and Infant Mortality Dashboard](#). Data is provided by the Indiana Department of Health Vital Records Division with assistance from the Office of Data and Analytics. Data is analyzed by the Division of Family Health Data and Fatality Prevention Epidemiology Team.

Definitions

Infant Mortality – The number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births in each time period.

Preterm Births – The percentage of babies that were born at less than 37 weeks.

Low Birthweight Births – The percentage of babies that were born at a weight of less than 2500 grams.

Mothers on Medicaid – The percentage of births covered by Medicaid.

Breastfeeding – The percentage of babies that were being breastfed at the time of hospital discharge.

Early Prenatal Care – The percentage of mothers that accessed prenatal care in the first trimester.

