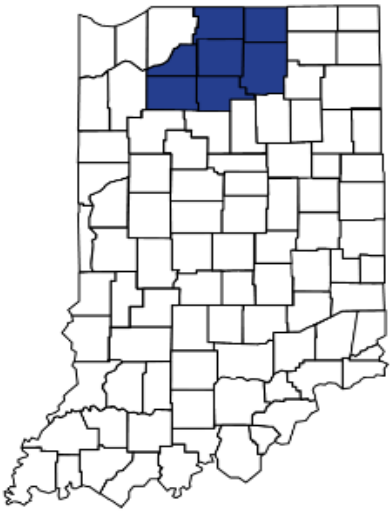
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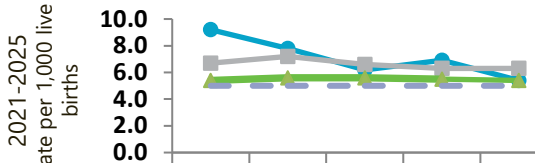
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Infant Mortality Facts

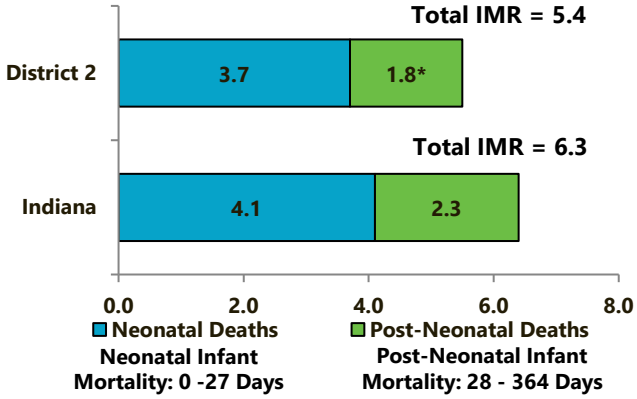
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life per 1,000 live births.
- In 2025, there were 506 infant deaths across the state, making the infant mortality rate 6.3.
- Of the 506 Indiana infant deaths in 2025, 43 occurred in District 2.
- Non-Hispanic (NH) Black infants are 2.1 times more likely to die than NH White infants in Indiana.
- For more information about infant mortality and birth outcomes in Indiana, visit our dashboard.

Infant Mortality Rates



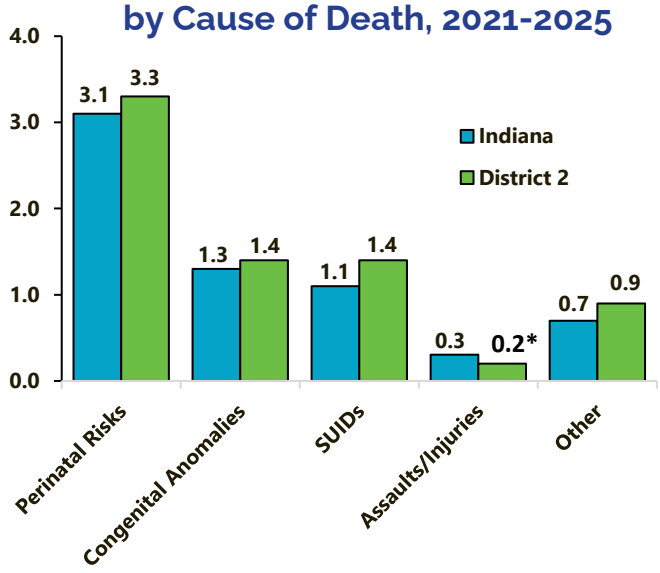
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
District 2	9.2	7.8	6.2	6.9	5.4
Indiana	6.7	7.2	6.6	6.3	6.3
U.S.	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4
HP 2030 Goal	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Infant Mortality Rates by Age at Death, 2025



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, 2021-2025



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 wellness between pregnancies
- Promote the ABCs of safe sleep: place baby to sleep alone, on his or her back, in a crib

Birth Outcome Indicators
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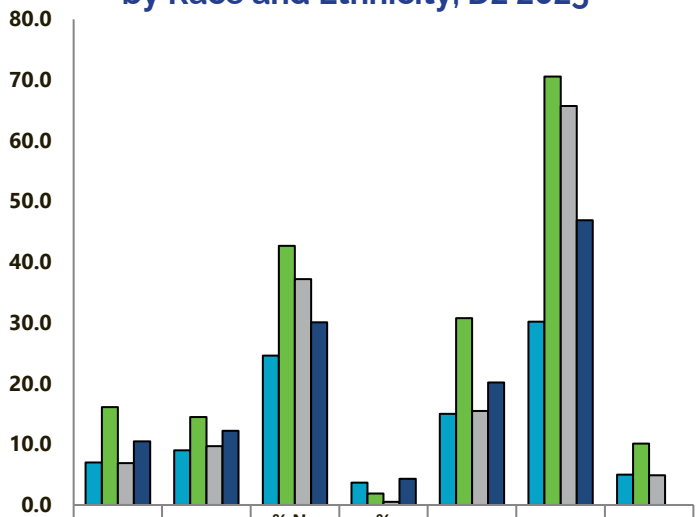
Indiana Quick Facts

- 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 low birth weight (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 2 Quick Facts

- 7,913 live births in 2025
- Lower percentages of preterm and low birth weight 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, D2 2025



	% LBW	% Preterm	% No Early PNC	% Smoking **	% Not BF	% Medicaid	IMR^
NH White	7.0	9.0	24.6	3.7	15.0	30.2	5.0
NH Black	16.1	14.5	42.7	1.9*	30.8	70.6	10.1*
Hispanic	6.9	9.7	37.2	0.5*	15.5	65.7	4.9*
A/U	10.5	12.2	30.1	4.3*	20.2	46.9	**

^ = 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 Birth Weight PNC = Prenatal Care BF=Breastfeeding IMR = Infant Mortality Rate

	% LBW (< 2,500 G)	% PRETERM (< 37 WKS GESTATION)	% NO EARLY PNC (1ST TRIMESTER)	% SMOKING~	% NOT BF	% MOTHER ON MEDICAID	IMR
ELKHART	6.9	8.9S	31.2S	2.5	11.3S	43.0	4.6*
FULTON	5.1*	8.8*	27.3	5.1*	22.2	39.4	**
KOSCIUSKO	6.3	8.9	25.6	3.8	16.2	36.3	5.3*
MARSHALL	8.9	8.9	30.6	2.4*	20.8S	36.6	8.7*
PULASKI	10.2*	8.6*	26.6	**	21.9	42.2	**
ST. JOSEPH	9.4	11.1	28.5	2.3	20.6S	43.3	5.4*
STARKE	8.4	12.2	25.3	9.7S	17.3	50.6	**
DISTRICT 2	**7.9**	**9.8**	**29.1**	**2.9**	**16.7**	**42.0**	**5.4**
INDIANA	**8.4**	**11.1**	**26.7**	**3.0**	**15.0**	**38.4**	**6.3**

* = Fewer than 20 birth outcomes, percentage unstable
** = Fewer than 5 birth outcomes/infant deaths, percentage/rate suppressed
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.