Infant Mortality
Health First Indiana, District 4 - 2025

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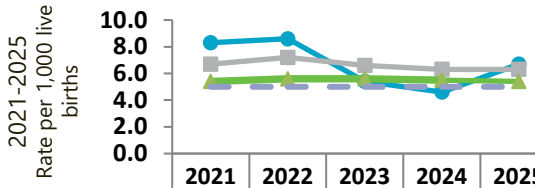
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Infant Mortality Facts

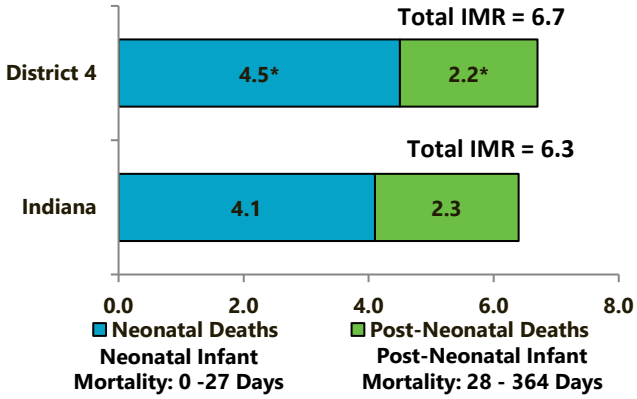
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life per 1,000 live births.
- In 2025, there were 506 infant deaths across the state, making the infant mortality rate 6.3.
- Of the 506 Indiana infant deaths in 2025, 27 occurred in District 4.
- Non-Hispanic (NH) 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



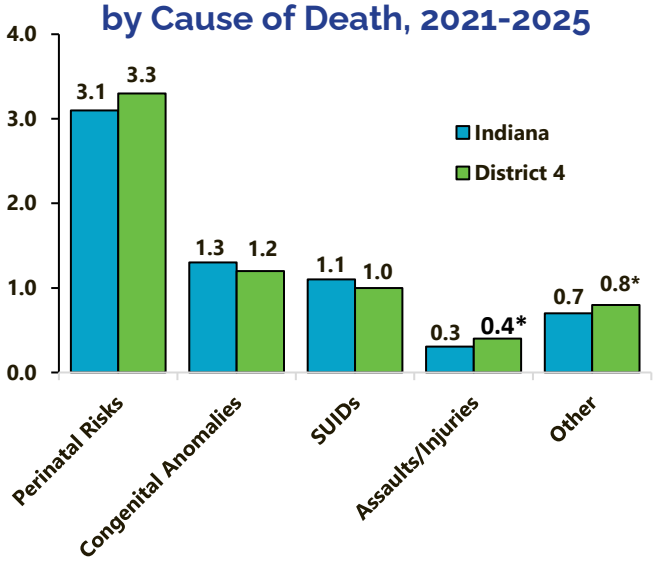
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
District 4	8.3	8.6	5.4	4.6*	6.7
Indiana	6.7	7.2	6.6	6.3	6.3
U.S.	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4
HP 2030 Goal	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

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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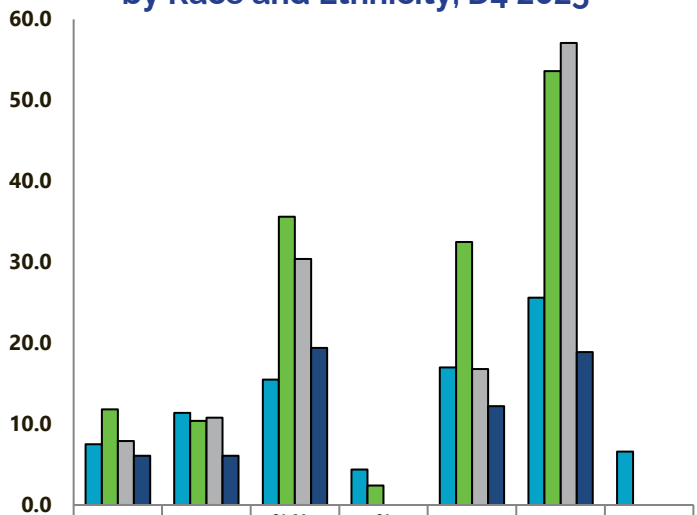
Indiana Quick Facts

- 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 4 Quick Facts

- 4,029 live births in 2025
- Lower percentages of preterm and low birth weight births compared to the state of Indiana
- Higher percentage of women receiving early PNC compared to Indiana
- Higher 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, D4 2025



	% LBW	% Preterm	% No Early PNC	% Smoking **	% Not BF	% Medicaid	IMR^
NH White	7.5	11.4	15.5	4.4	17.0	25.6	6.6 *
NH Black	11.8	10.4	35.6	2.4 *	32.5	53.6	* *
Hispanic	7.9	10.8	30.4	* *	16.8	57.1	* *
A/U	6.1 *	6.1 *	19.4	* *	12.2	18.9	* *

^ = 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
BENTON	7.3*	7.3*	17.3*	**	17.3*	30.0	**
CARROLL	11.1	12.3	14.5S	3.8*	20.4	22.1	**
CASS	10.5	14.5	24.8	3.1*	25.4S	45.5	12.4*
CLINTON	6.2	9.4	22.3	3.4*	17.7	41.8	**
FOUNTAIN	3.9*	6.9*	22.5	2.9*	14.7	29.4	**
MONTGOMERY	7.1	11.8	24.4	6.2S	17.8	40.1	11.4*
TIPPECANOE	7.6	10.2	18.4S	2.8	16.5	28.6	4.5*
WARREN	**	10.6*	10.6*	**	**	15.2*	**
WHITE	9.4	14.0	18.7	3.6*	16.9	39.6	**
DISTRICT 4	**7.8**	**10.9**	**20.1**	**3.4**	**17.8**	**33.5**	**6.7**
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.