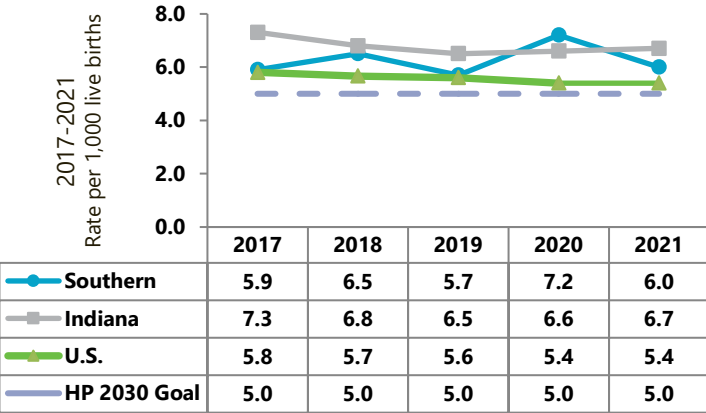


# Infant Mortality

## Southern Hospital Region 2021

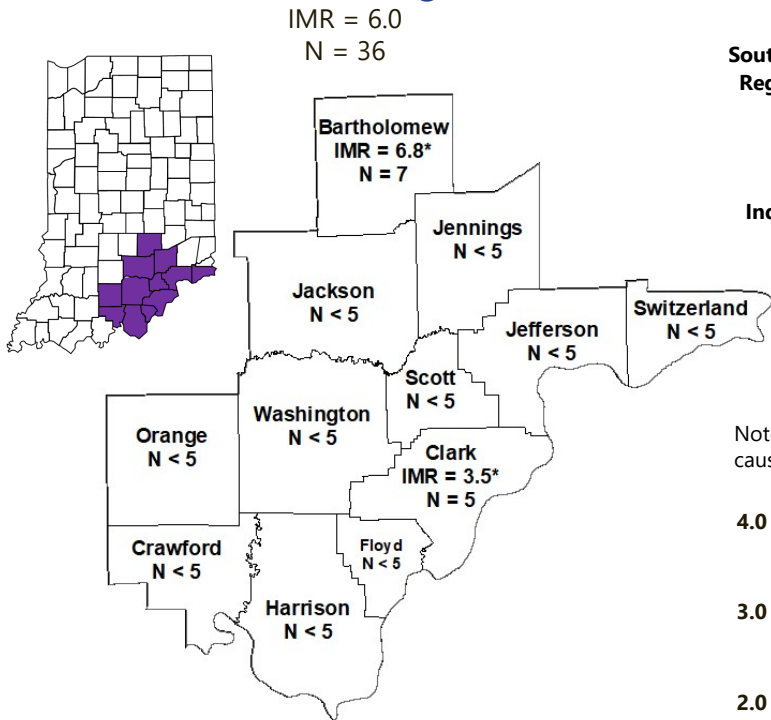
### Infant Mortality Rates



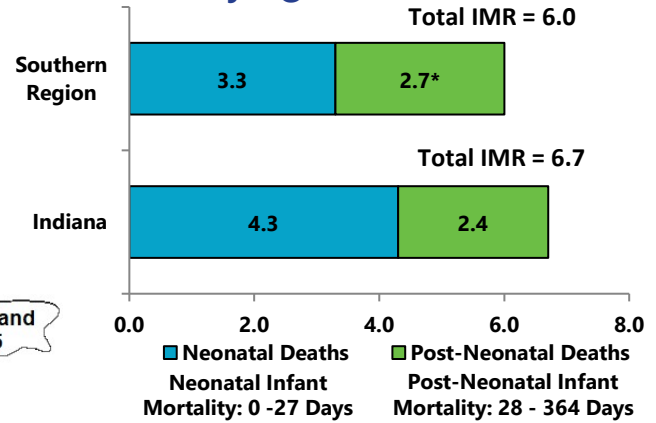
### Infant Mortality Facts

- 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.
- In 2021, there were 536 infant deaths across the state, making the infant mortality rate 6.7.
- Of the 536 Indiana infant deaths in 2021, 36 occurred in the Southern Hospital Region.
- Non-Hispanic Black infants are 2.4 times more likely to die than Non-Hispanic White infants in Indiana.

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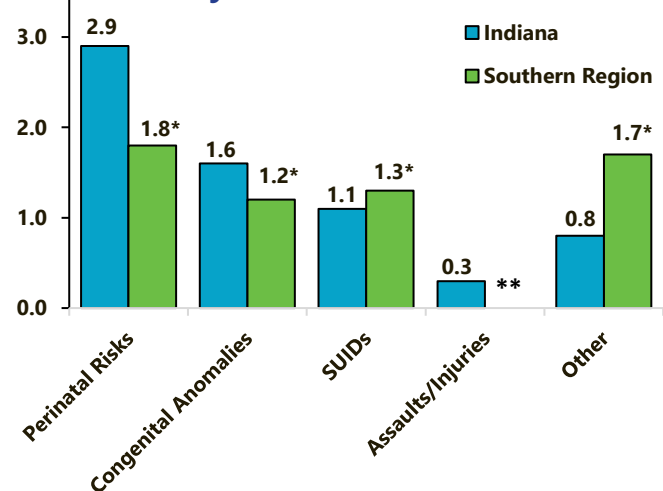


### Infant Mortality Rates by Age at Death



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



\* Numerator fewer than 20, rate unstable  
\*\* Rate suppressed due to low counts

### 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 interconception wellness
- 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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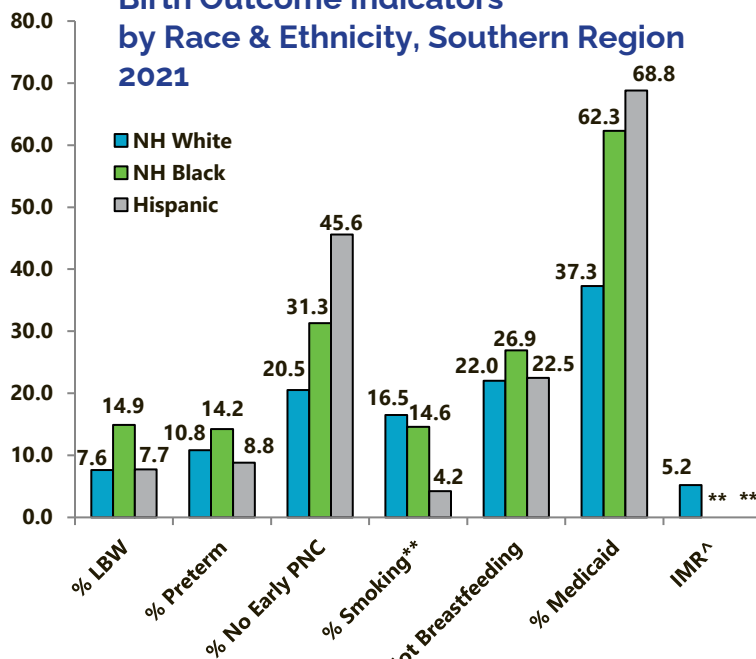
### Indiana Quick Facts

- Smoking rates among pregnant women continue to be much higher than the national rate
- Nearly 1/3 of pregnant women do not receive early prenatal care (PNC)
- NH Black infants in Indiana are more likely to be 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

### Southern Region Quick Facts

- 5,985 live births in 2021
- Lower percentage of low birthweight 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 & Ethnicity, Southern Region 2021



^ = Rate per 1,000 live births  
\* Numerator fewer than 20, rate unstable  
\*\* Numerator fewer than 5, rate suppressed

LBW = Low Birthweight PNC = Prenatal Care IMR = Infant Mortality Rate NH = Non-Hispanic

	% LBW ( < 2,500 G )	% PRETERM ( < 37 WKS GESTATION )	% NO EARLY PNC ( 1 <sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER )	% SMOKING**	% NOT BREASTFEEDING	% MOTHER ON MEDICAID
<b>BARTHOLOMEW</b>	8.6	10.4	20.4 <sup>S</sup>	11.9	14.4	35.8
<b>CLARK</b>	7.9	11.2	22.4 <sup>S</sup>	13.0 <sup>S</sup>	19.8	40.2
<b>CRAWFORD</b>	9.9*	17.8*	29.7	26.7 <sup>S</sup>	35.6 <sup>S</sup>	41.6
<b>FLOYD</b>	6.9	10.9	19.2 <sup>S</sup>	12.9	19.7	36.4
<b>HARRISON</b>	9.8	12.7	19.4 <sup>S</sup>	14.9 <sup>S</sup>	20.1	33.6
<b>JACKSON</b>	6.9	10.2	34.7 <sup>S</sup>	15.3 <sup>S</sup>	31.4 <sup>S</sup>	52.5 <sup>S</sup>
<b>JEFFERSON</b>	9.6	11.6	19.1 <sup>S</sup>	19.7 <sup>S</sup>	28.7 <sup>S</sup>	48.4
<b>JENNINGS</b>	6.0*	10.3	26.5	22.5 <sup>S</sup>	28.8 <sup>S</sup>	45.4
<b>ORANGE</b>	12.4	10.7	31.6	16.0	24.0	38.2
<b>SCOTT</b>	8.2	9.3	20.8	20.8 <sup>S</sup>	30.1 <sup>S</sup>	57.3 <sup>S</sup>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	6.3*	7.8*	36.7	14.8*	31.3 <sup>S</sup>	37.5
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	8.1	10.2	26.4	16.5 <sup>S</sup>	20.5	36.6
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	8.1	10.9	23.6	15.0	22.2	40.9
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>39.9</b>

\* = Fewer than 20 birth outcomes, percentage unstable  
S = County significantly different from state

\*\*Smoking during pregnancy is being collected through new metrics and should not be compared to previous years or to U.S. data

For more information on infant mortality, visit:  
[www.in.gov/health/mch/data/infant-mortality](http://www.in.gov/health/mch/data/infant-mortality)

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