

Infant Mortality Fact Sheet

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Warren City Health District

What is Infant Mortality?

Infant mortality is the death of an infant before their first birthday. The toll of infant mortality on a community is measured using the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR). IMR is calculated as the number of deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births. The IMR is used as to indicate the overall health of a community.

Infant Mortality is caused by a variety of factors. Most infant deaths occur when babies are:

- Born too early
- Born too small
- Born with a serious birth defect
- Victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Affected by maternal complications of pregnancy
- Victims of injuries

Warren City Infant Mortality

Warren City, which is the County seat and the urban core of Trumbull County, has one of the highest Infant Mortality Rates in the State of Ohio. Trumbull County ranks among the highest (85th among 88 counties in Ohio), according to the University of Wisconsin's County Health Rankings with an infant mortality rate of 8.1 per 1,000 live births. In comparison, the State of Ohio has the eleventh highest infant mortality rate in the country at 7.4 deaths per 1,000 live births. While Ohio has been improving since 1990, infant mortality has not decreased at the same rate as the United States overall.

Warren City Health District Resources

Reducing Infant Mortality one of the goals identified in our 2016 Community Health Improvement Plan. The goal was to reduce the infant mortality rate from 8.1% to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 6.0% or lower. The Warren City Health District supports decreasing the Infant Mortality Rate and improving access to child health, prenatal, and reproductive care through the following programs:

- Infant Safe Sleep Program
- Cribs for Kids Program
- Health education and outreach, including hosting Project KISS (Keeping Infants Sleeping Safe) for parents and care givers

The Warren City Health District has leveraged its partnerships with community organizations and the medical community to lower the Infant Mortality Rate and the causes of infant mortality by working to implement pre/postnatal programs with Mercy Health. Tobacco cessations programs are available through the Trumbull County Combined Health District.

What You Can Do - Create Safe Sleeping Environments

If you are a parent or caregiver, make sure you create a safe sleep environment by following the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations and evidence-based practice that baby sleeps Alone, on their Back, and in a Crib (ABCs).

Infant Safe Sleep



Baby sleeps safest alone, on their back, in a crib.

Want to Know More?

Visit our website at http://warren.org/city_departments/health or call our office at (330) 841-2596.

• Sources: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Ohio Department of Health, 2017 Infant Mortality Report. Robert Johnson Foundation, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings, accessed on June 5, 2019 at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/measures-data-sources>.

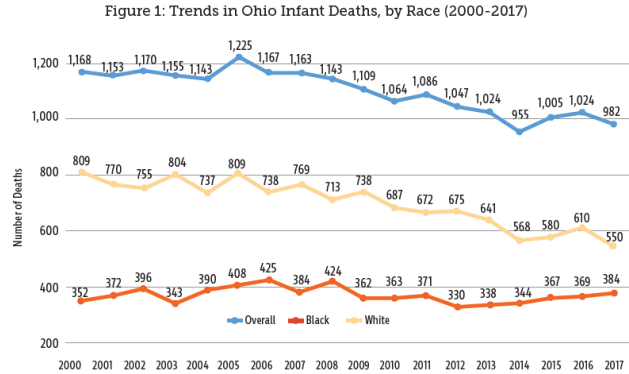
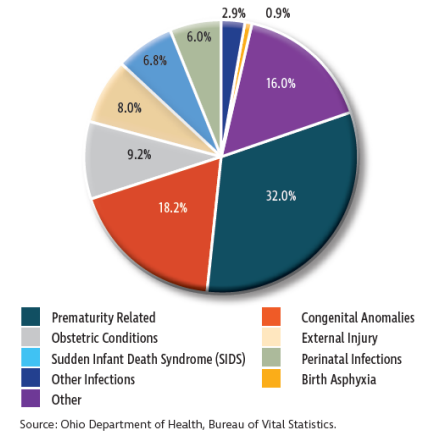


Figure 4: Proportion of Cause of Infant Death in Ohio (2017)



Source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

