

Infant Mortality

Infant deaths are deaths occurring to individuals less than one year of age. The infant death rate is the number of resident infant deaths divided by total resident live births X 1,000.

After a period of decline, the three year average infant mortality rate during 2003-2005 increased from 7.3 to 7.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births but still remained below the state of Michigan's rate (8.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births).

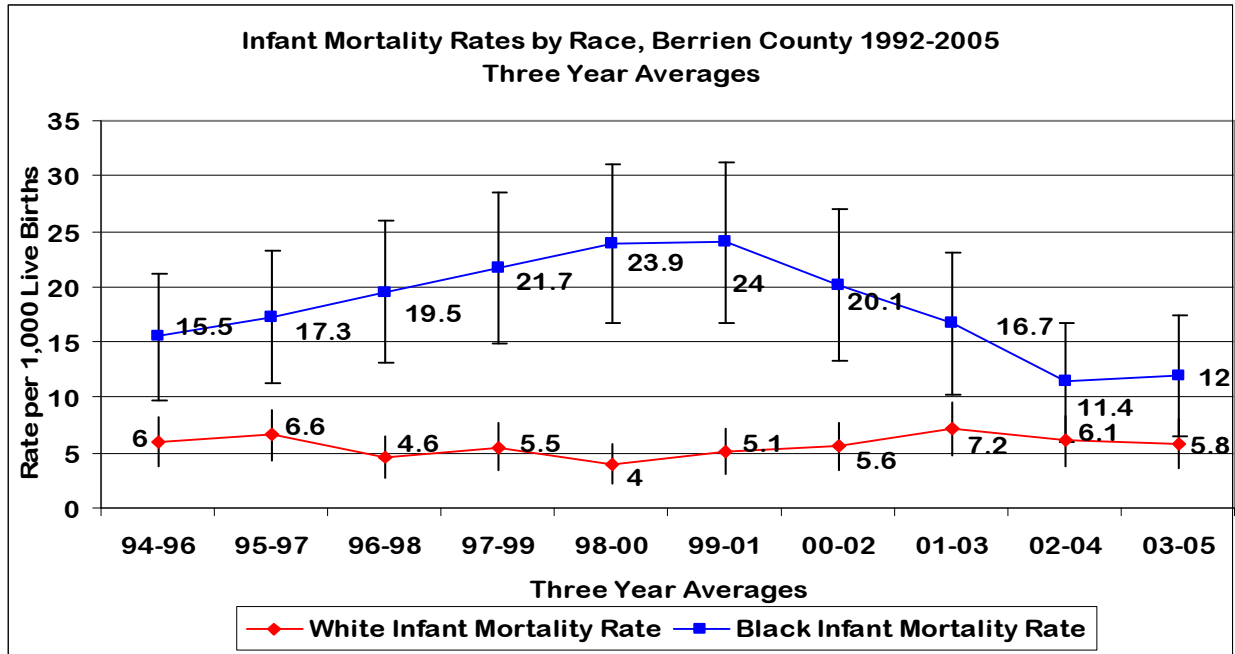
Blacks continue to have a higher infant mortality rate than whites, but the disparity between the two races is decreasing (12.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births versus 5.8 from 2003-05). Benton Harbor City had the highest three year moving average infant mortality rate of 10.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births from 2003-05.



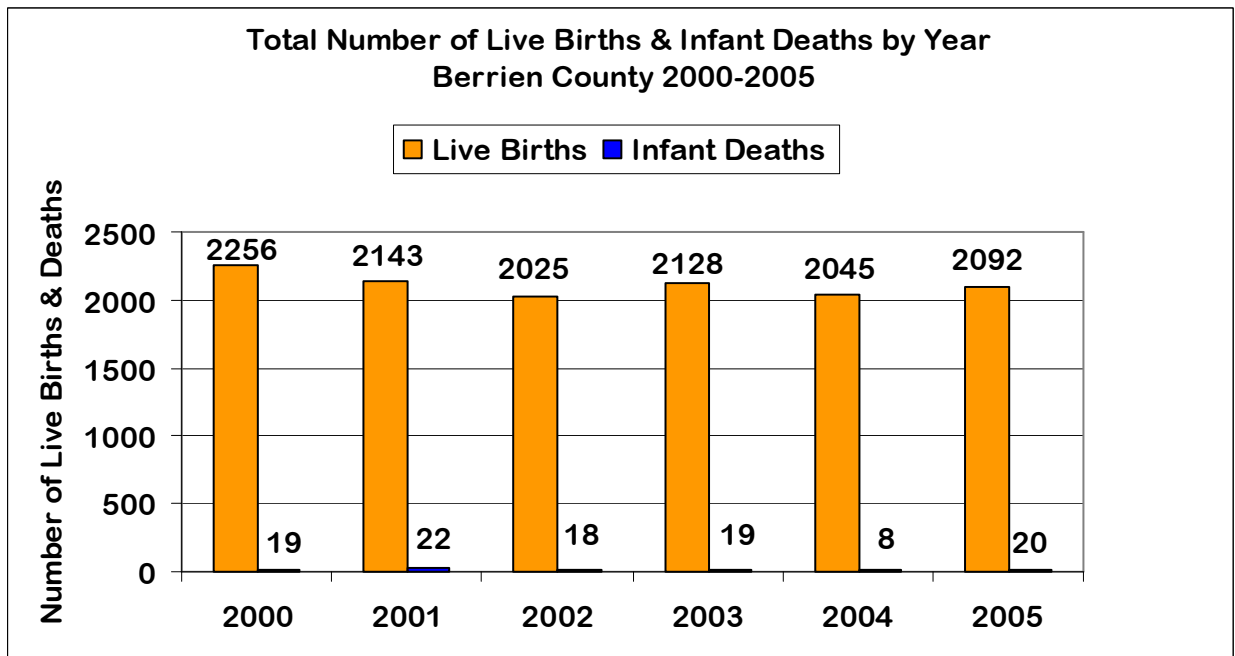
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Infant Mortality by Race & County, Michigan 2001-2005						
	2001-2003		2002-2004		2003-2005	
	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White
Healthy People 2010 Goal	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Michigan	17.6	6.2	17.7	6	17.5	5.8
Oakland	16.8	5	16.8	4.9	15.4	5.4
Genesee	21.5	7.6	22.5	8.6	20.3	7.5
Kalamazoo	19.4	8.5	20.8	6.4	17.9	5.4
Saginaw	19.0	5.6	17.8	5.3	18.9	5.4
Berrien	16.7	7.2	11.4	6.1	11.4	5.8
Macomb	18.6	5.1	15.8	4.9	15.2	5
Kent	19.4	7	19.1	6.6	17.6	6.2
Wayne	17.3	6.1	18.1	6.2	17.7	4.3
Washtenaw	16.8	5	14.3	5.2	16.1	4.3
Jackson	16.9	7.4	14.6	6	31.9	6

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