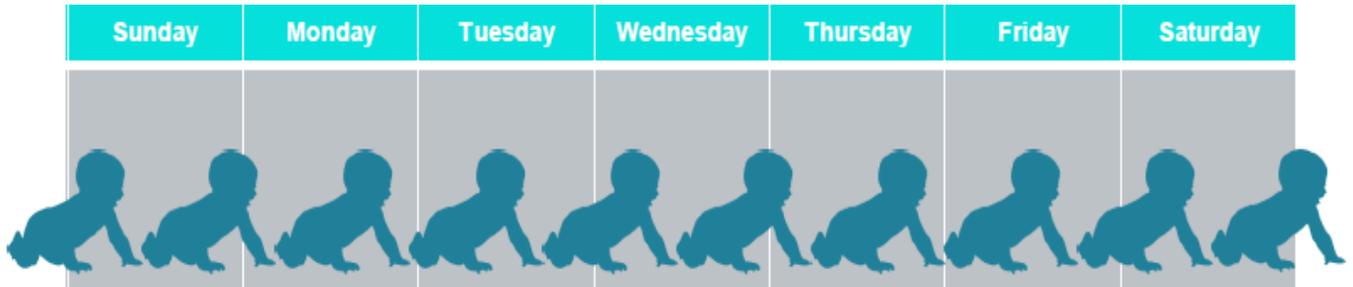


Infant Mortality in Louisiana

Despite improvement in recent years, Louisiana continues to have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the United States, ranking 49th in 2013.¹



In 2013, 549 babies in Louisiana died before their 1st birthday. That's an average of about 10 per week.²

What is infant mortality rate?

It represents the number of babies who die before their 1st birthday and is expressed per 1,000 live births.

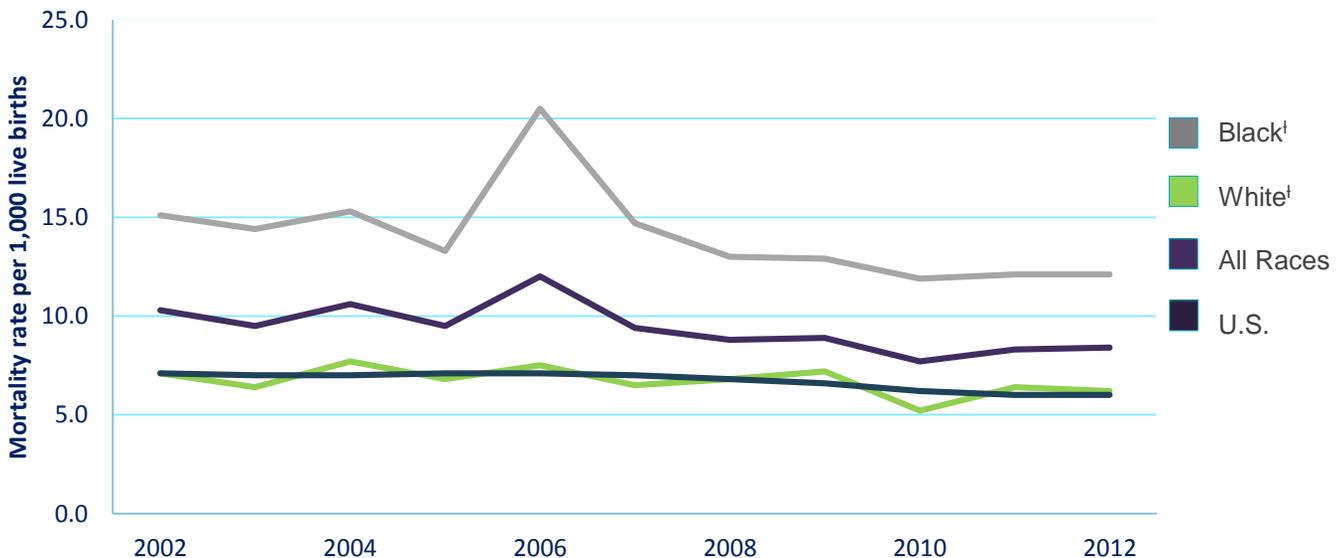
The infant mortality rate measures the overall well-being of a population.

Did you know?

Infant mortality varies by race and disproportionately affects infants of color.

In Louisiana, the rate of infant mortality among non-Hispanic black infants is more than double the rate of non-Hispanic white infants.

Trend in Infant Mortality by Race/Ethnicity, Louisiana, 2002-2012²



Source: ¹National Center for Health Statistics 2015 Volume 64, ²Louisiana Vital Records, 2002-2013

† Black indicates non-Hispanic black and white indicates non-Hispanic white